

June 27, 2011; Agenda Item No. 10

Resolution No. 11-50

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT  
AND ADVANCE OF DEPOSITED MITIGATION FUNDS (WEST SYLMAR OVERHEAD ON  
INTERSTATE ROUTE 5/14 CORPS NO. SPL-2006-852-PHT) FROM THE SANTA  
MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FUND TO THE MOUNTAINS  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF A RIPARIAN HABITAT  
RESTORATION AND CREATION PROJECT IN  
THE LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204.2 (a) and 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Restoration mitigation funding is available in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund from ILF-Corps No. SPL-2006-852-PHT for habitat restoration and creation in the Los Angeles River watershed; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority owns and maintains the subject mitigation property; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has requested a grant in the amount of \$90,000 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to begin the restoration work defined in an agreement between the Conservancy, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated June 27, 2011 further describes the project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic

Objectives.

3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated June 27, 2011.
5. AUTHORIZES a grant of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 to implement a riparian restoration project associated with ILF-Corps No. SPL-2006-852-PHT in the Los Angeles River watershed.
6. AUTHORIZES an advance of funds in an amount not less than \$90,000 to allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to do the necessary design and mobilization to begin the project.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director