

October 29, 2012; Agenda Item No. 15

Resolution No. 12-60

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY ADOPTING FINDINGS
REGARDING THE PACOIMA WASH MOUNTAIN BIKEWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to do any and all things necessary to carry out the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act purposes pursuant to Section 33211(c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy supports programs to increase public awareness of open space, trails, and habitat preservation issues in the Pacoima Wash region for the purposes of resource stewardship, public access to parklands, and environmental educations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Pacoima Wash Mountain Bikeway is consistent with the Recreation Element of the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan*; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Pacoima Wash Mountain Bikeway will support the environmental resources of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, link and integrate new natural parks into existing park system, and link key habitat areas strategically to protect species and ecosystems through acquisition and cooperation with other resource management agencies; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated October 29, 2012 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 *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan (Common Ground)* 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. FINDS that utilizing the Conservancy Fund for the Pacoima Wash Mountain Bikeway funds cannot be done in a timely matter and therefore, for this project the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority should act on behalf of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated October 29, 2012 for this item.
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES transfer of the Federal Highway Administration FFY 2005 Department of Transportation AAA (PL 108-447) Earmark DEMO ID 282 Project 'Pacoima Wash Mountain Bikeway' project and the project funds of \$983,928 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.
8. AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution.

~ 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 29th day of October, 2012 at Calabasas, California.

Dated:

Executive Director