

December 3, 2012; Agenda Item No. 17

Resolution No. 12-67

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 40 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF REMAINING INTEREST IN TOWSLEY CANYON APNS 2826-018-900 AND 066; -901 AND 067; -902 AND 068; 2826-019-901 AND 040, AND -902 AND 041; SANTA CLARITA WOODLANDS, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants; and

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, Seventy-five percent of the subject Towsley Canyon property has been under public ownership for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Securing the remaining twenty-five percent of land ownership is in the public's interest to permanently protect ecological and recreational values therein; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the Conservancy Workprogram and Strategic Objectives; and

WHEREAS, The grant for the land acquisition project is consistent with the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan and Division 23 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is being taken subject to approval of the grant for compliance with General Obligation Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is categorically 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 project implements the goals stated in Proposition 40.
4. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated December 3, 2012 for this item.
6. ADOPTS all the preceding *whereas* clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount not to exceed \$178,500 for acquisition of the listed Towsley Canyon property and closing costs.
8. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director 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 a 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 3rd day of December, 2012 at Beverly Hills, California.

Dated:

Executive Director