

April 29, 2013; Agenda Item No. 12(h)

Resolution No. 13-32

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING AN AUGMENTATION OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC ART RESOURCE CENTER FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF “REVISING THE FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES; THE LOS ANGELES RIVER, THE GREAT WALL OF LOS ANGELES AND THE HERITAGE PARKSCAPE” PROJECT, GRANT NUMBER NP-0640

WHEREAS, Section 79570 of the Water Code provides for funding to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the purpose of protecting coastal watersheds, including, but not limited to, acquisition, protection and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, Section 79570 (c) of the Water Code provides funding to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for protection of the Los Angeles watershed upstream of the northernmost boundary of the City of Vernon; and

WHEREAS, Section 79571(b) of the Water Code provides that eligible projects include, but are not limited to nature centers that are in or adjacent to watersheds and wetlands that provide wildlife viewing, outdoor experiences, and conservation education program to the public and to students and that priority shall be given to projects that are operation by or in cooperation with nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Section 33204.2 of the Public Resources Code provides that the Conservancy may award grants to nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Great Wall proposal is an important natural and cultural resource of the Los Angeles River is critical to the park visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, improvements will enhance visitor enjoyment and understanding of the land, air and water resources of the Los Angeles River and Tujunga Wash; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project has been reviewed by the Attorney General to verify that it is in compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated April 29, 2013 further describes the Great Wall project and augmentation; 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.
2. AUTHORIZES an augmentation for grant NP-0640 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the amount not to exceed \$230,636.44 from Proposition 50 funds to the Social and Public Art Resource Center for the planning and development of “Revising the Forgotten History of Los Angeles: The Los Angeles River, the Great Wall of Los Angeles and the Heritage Parkscape” Project.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated April 29, 2013 for this item.
4. AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

~ 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 April, 2013 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated:

Executive Director