

June 3, 2013; Agenda Item No. 9(c)

Resolution No. 13-40

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF DEPOSITED CORPS-ASSOCIATED MITIGATION FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE OF SAID FUNDS, FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A MITIGATION PROJECT IN THE SOLEDAD CANYON WATERSHED, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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-2007-00961-PHT for habitat restoration and creation in the Soledad Canyon watershed; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has requested a grant in the amount of \$302,400 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated June 3, 2013 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 exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the *Rim of The Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*.
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated June 3, 2013.
4. AUTHORIZES a grant of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$302,400 to implement a riparian restoration project associated with ILF-Corps No. SPL-2007-00961-PHT in the Soledad Canyon watershed.

5. AUTHORIZES an immediate advance of funds in an amount not less than \$151,200 to allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to do the necessary design and mobilization to begin the project.
6. AUTHORIZES further advances as submitted in writing by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and approved by staff, commensurate with project progress.
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 3rd day of June, 2013 at Calabasas, California.

Dated:

Executive Director