

December 9, 2013; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 13-32

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT
TO LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION CORPORATION, A NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION FOR PHASE 2 OF PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN
FOR THE TAYLOR YARD (G-2 SITE), UPPER
LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED

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

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), Sections 79570(c), 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 for the acquisition and development of facilities to promote public access to and participation in the conservation of land, water, and wildlife resources, and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation has requested a \$200,000 grant from Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 79570(c); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79505(a) “Acquisition” means the acquisition of a fee interest or any other interest in real property including easements, leases and development rights; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79505(e) “Department” means the Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79505(f) “Fund” means the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002, pursuant to Section 79510; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79505(g) “Nonprofit organization” means any nonprofit corporation formed pursuant to the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law (Division 2 (commencing with Section 5000) of Title 1 of the Corporations Code) and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79505(i) “Wetlands” means lands that may be covered periodically or permanently with shallow water and include saltwater marshes, freshwater marshes, open or closed brackish water marshes, swamps, mudflats, fens, and vernal pools; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79508, Watershed protection activities in the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River watersheds shall be consistent with the *San Gabriel River and Watershed Open Space Plan* as adopted by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, ensure that the Conservancy land acquisition expertise is made available where needed, 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 proposed action is being taken subject to approval of the grant for compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; 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*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space 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 50,
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 9, 2013 for this item.

6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant to the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation, a non-profit organization, in the amount of \$200,000.00 for project planning and design for the Taylor Yard (G-2 site), Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, Los Angeles.
8. 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 9th day of December, 2013 at Beverly Hills, California.

Dated:

Executive Director