

March 24, 2014; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 14-18

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT
TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF APN'S 4465-004-053 AND 4465-005-006 TOTALING
APPROXIMATELY 78 ACRES, ESCONDIDO CANYON,
UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Sections 33204.2(a), 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code; and

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

whereas, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted a grant application to acquire Assessor's Parcel Numbers 4465-004-053 and 4465-005-006 in upper Escondido Canyon; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives; 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 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* 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 categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated March 24, 2014.
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding *whereas* clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$750,000 for the acquisition of APN'S 4465-004-053 and 4465-005-006, in Escondido Canyon.
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, regularly noticed and held according to law, on the 24th day of March, 2014 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director