

March 30, 2015; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 15-17

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 40 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN OF VISITOR-SERVING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR UNDERSERVED AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AT PUERCO CANYON, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Sections 33204.2 and 33204.27 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, Safe 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 has made a request for a grant from Proposition 40, Article 5, Section 5096.650 (b); and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the goals set forth in Proposition 40, Article 1, Section 5096.601; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*; expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment; and expand education, public access, and resource stewardship components; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*; 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* 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 March 30, 2015 for this item.
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Project Planning and Design of visitor-serving capital improvements for underserved and disadvantaged communities at Puerco Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County in the amount of \$250,000.
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 30th day of March, 2015 at Thousand Oaks, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director