

June 29, 2015; Agenda Item No. 10

Resolution No. 15-43

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY TO FACILITATE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE LIBERTY CANYON WILDLIFE CROSSING, AGOURA HILLS

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants pursuant Division 23 of the Public Resources Code to further the purposes thereof;

WHEREAS, the State Coastal Conservancy is charged under Division 21 of the Public Resources Code with protecting and restoring habitat in coastal watersheds and coastal areas, including by undertaking projects that will reduce the impact of population and economic pressures on coastal habitats;

WHEREAS, the State Coastal Conservancy lacks jurisdiction over the location of the proposed Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing, which is located within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone;

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 6502 authorizes public agencies to exercise jointly by agreement any power common to the agencies, notwithstanding that one or more of the agencies lacks jurisdiction over the geographical area in which the power is to be exercised;

WHEREAS, The proposed action will facilitate planning for future protection of wildlife habitat and corridors; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; 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 entering into the proposed joint powers agreement will help facilitate the planning for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing.

4. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated June 29, 2015 for this item.
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES entering into a joint powers agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy for the purpose of facilitating grant funding for the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing.
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 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director