

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: June 29, 2015

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 10: Consideration of resolution 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.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution 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.

Legislative Authority:

California Government Code Section 6502:

If authorized by their legislative or other governing bodies, two or more public agencies by agreement may jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties... It shall not be necessary that any power common to the contracting parties be exercisable by each such contracting party with respect to the geographical area in which such power is to be jointly exercised.

Background:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has and the State Coastal Conservancy share an interest in awarding grants to various public entities for the purpose of planning and establishing a wildlife crossing over the 101 freeway near Liberty Canyon Road in Agoura Hills.

The State Coastal Conservancy lacks jurisdiction over the location of the proposed wildlife crossing. Entering into the proposed joint powers agreement will allow the State Coastal Conservancy to exercise its powers in common with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to award grant funds for the proposed wildlife crossing within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone.

A draft copy of the proposed joint powers agreement is attached.