

November 2, 2015; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 15-63

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING AN
OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR A TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY OF SEPULVEDA PASS RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CROSS-405
FREEWAY WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PERMANENT HABITAT
PROTECTION PURPOSES, CITY OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, Undeveloped California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) rights-of-ways along the 405 freeway in the Sepulveda Pass provide critical habitat linkage components for wildlife to reach existing and future freeway crossing structures; and

WHEREAS, The permanent protection of key portions of said rights-of-ways is critical to maintain wildlife populations in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains to Griffith Park and Northeast Los Angeles hilltop areas; and

WHEREAS, The Conservancy as a State agency is in a unique position to be able to receive Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control of key wildlife corridor areas from Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated November 2, 2015 describes the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is categorically 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 action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated November 2, 2015.
3. AUTHORIZES submitting an official request to Caltrans for the Transfer of Jurisdiction to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of Sepulveda Pass rights-of-ways for cross-405 freeway wildlife corridor permanent habitat protection purposes.
4. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director 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

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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 provision 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 ^{2nd} day of November, 2015 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated: 11/02/15

Executive Director