

January 11, 2016; Agenda Item No. 13

Resolution No. 16-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT FROM THE SANTA MONICA  
MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FUND TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
VERDEXCHANGE INSTITUTE, LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to nonprofit organizations qualifies as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, pursuant to Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Community Partners is a qualified nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, Community Partners has requested a grant of \$15,000 from the Conservancy Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy supports programs to increase public awareness of open space, trails, and habitat preservation issues in the greater Los Angeles/Ventura Counties region for the purpose of resource stewardship, public access to parklands and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated January 11, 2016 further describes the project; 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*, the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space 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 action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated January 11, 2016 for this item.

6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Conservancy Fund funds to the Community Partners in the amount of \$ 15,000.00 for the benefit of VerdeXchange Institute, Los Angeles.
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 or she shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his or her 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated: 1/11/16

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Executive Director