

September 26, 2016; Agenda Item No. 16

Resolution No. 16-44

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF AN AMICUS LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY'S PETITION FOR REVIEW TO THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT
IN THE MATTER OF *FRIENDS OF THE HASTAIN TRAIL, ET AL., V. COLDWATER
DEVELOPMENT, LLC, ET AL.*

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is committed to the preservation of access to public hiking trails,

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeal decision in *Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Development, LLC, et al.* could imperil the existence of innumerable public hiking trails throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, it is in the general public interest that the California Supreme Court grant review of the Court of Appeal ruling in this matter; 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*,
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.
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated Month Day, 2014 for this item.
5. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
6. AUTHORIZES the submission of an *amicus* letter of support for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's Petition for Review to the California Supreme Court in *Friends of the Hastain Trail, et al. v. Coldwater Development, LLC, et al.*; and
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson and Executive Director to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality

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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 26th day of September, 2016 at Moorpark, California.

Dated:

Executive Director