

June 26,2017; Agenda Item No. 16

Resolution No. 17-41

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING
A GRANT TO COMMUNITY NATURE CONNECTION FROM THE
CONSERVANCY FUND FOR SUPPORT AND OPERATION OF
THE TRANSIT TO TRAILS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to non profit organizations pursuant to Sections 33204.2 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy statute requires that the Conservancy shall implement a program to provide recreation access from downtown Los Angeles and the inner city in order to provide recreational opportunities for all income and ethnic groups wishing to enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains strategic plan includes as an objective expanding education, public access, and resource stewardship in a manner that best serves the public, protects habitat and provides recreational experiences; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Community Nature Connection complements and supports the strategic objectives of the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, Community Nature Connection operates the Transit to Trails program ; and

WHEREAS, the Transit to Trails fulfills the statutory requirement to provide recreational access to the Santa Monica Mountains; 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 Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated June 26, 2017 for this item.

4. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
5. AUTHORIZES a grant from the Conservancy Fund in the amount of \$32,000 to Community Nature Connection for support of the Transit to Trails program.
6. 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 26th day of June, 2017 at Calabasas, California.

Dated:

Executive Director