

August 28, 2017; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 17-47

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 50 AND PROPOSITION  
84 FUNDS FOR UPDATES TO THE MALIBU BEACHES MOBILE APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Sections 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is a joint powers authority ; 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 Our Malibu Beaches mobile application has provided relevant information on public access to beaches in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone for tens of thousands of people; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized the expenditure of funds from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), Sections 79570(c) to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for purpose of protecting coastal watersheds, including but not limited to, acquisition, protection, and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants for protection and restoration of land and water resources in the watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River and the Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has made a request for a grant from Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 79570(c); and

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has made a request for a grant from Proposition 84, Chapters 7, Section 75060(d)(1); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 79571 of the Water Code the proposed grant will “promote public access to and participation in the conservation of land, water, and wildlife resources” and “provide wildlife viewing, [and] outdoor experiences, . . .”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 75005(i) of the Public Resources Code “Interpretation includes, but is not limited to, a visitor serving amenity that educates and communicates the significance and value of natural, historical, and cultural resources in a way that increases the understanding and enjoyment of these resources and that may utilize the expertise of a naturalist or other specialist skilled at educational interpretation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 79570(c); and

WHEREAS, the proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 84, Chapters 7, Section 75060(d)(1); and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Corridor Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan*; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is being taken subject to approval of the grant for compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; 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 *Rim of the Valley corridor Plan*, *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan* and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan (Common Ground)* 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 project implements the goals stated in Propositions 50 and 84.

4. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated August 28, 2017 for this item.
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 50 and Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$40,000 for updates to the Our Malibu Beaches mobile application.
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 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August at Beverly Hills, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director