

December 11, 2017; Agenda Item No. 13(b)

Resolution No. 17-67

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT  
FROM THE SUPPORT BUDGET TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THE  
VERDEXCHANGE CONFERENCE

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, 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 proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, implement the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, implement the *Los Angeles County River Master Plan*, implement the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan*, further cooperation with local governments in the region to secure open space and parkland, expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment, expand education, public access, and resource stewardship components in a manner that best serves the public, protects habitat, and provides recreational opportunities, and develop long term capital improvement and maintenance plans; 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);
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated December 11, 2017 for this item;
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses;
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Support Budget funds to Community Partners in the amount of \$20,000 for the VerdeXchange Conference, Los Angeles; and
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 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 at Beverly Hills, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director