

May 21, 2018; Agenda Item No. 16

Resolution No. 18-18

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING AN
AUGMENTATION TO GRANT 3810-P01-1781 FOR RIVER RANGERS PROGRAM
PLANNING, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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;

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects;

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has requested a grant from Proposition 1, Section 79735(a) of the Water Code in the amount of \$250,000;

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2017 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy made findings that the planning and development of a River Ranger Program met the requirements of the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines;

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2017 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy made findings that the planning and development of a River Ranger Program was consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives and applicable plans, and implements the goals stated in Proposition 1, and authorized a grant of Proposition 1 funds to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the planning and development of a River Ranger Program;

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 *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 project implements the goals stated in Proposition 1;
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 May 21, 2018 for this item;
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses;
7. AUTHORIZES an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1781 of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$250,000 for the River Rangers Program Planning, County of 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 21st day of May, 2018 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director