

June 18, 2018; Agenda Item No. 9(b)

Resolution No. 18-25

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING
A GRANT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FUND FOR
THE COMMUNITY NATURE CONNECTION NATURALIST
EXPLORER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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

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

WHEREAS, the California Environmental License Plate Fund provides support for environmental education;

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

WHEREAS, Community Nature Connection operates the Naturalist Explorer Leadership Program;

WHEREAS, the Naturalist Explorer Leadership Program utilizes best practices of environmental education in the training of youth leaders from disadvantaged communities as interpretive naturalists in 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 project implements the goals stated for the Environmental License Plate Fund;
3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);

4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated June 18, 2018 for this item;
5. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses;
6. AUTHORIZES a grant of Environmental License Plate funds to the Community Nature Connection in the amount of \$100,000 for the Naturalist Explorer Youth Leadership Program; and
7. 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 18th day of June, 2018 at Thousand Oaks, California.

Dated:

Executive Director