

June 18, 2018; Agenda Item No. 16

Resolution No. 18-33

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING GRANT OF FUNDING FROM PROPOSITIONS 1, 40, 50, AND 84 TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO PAY THE BALANCE OF A PROMISSORY NOTE UTILIZED TO ACQUIRE PHASE 1 OF THE TRIANGLE RANCH PROPERTY (APNS 2061-031-019, 2063-005-013, 2063-006-022, 023, AND 2063-036-001) MEDEA CREEK, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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 Conservancy has previously awarded funding for this acquisition project to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 40, the “California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002,” to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources in accordance with the Conservancy Act.

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the goals set forth in Proposition 40, Section 5096.650(b)(3) ;

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 50, the State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, 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 for the acquisition and development of facilities to promote public access to and participation in conservation of land, water, and wildlife resources;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the goals set forth in Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 7957(c);

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 (Proposition 84), allocated funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in Chapter 7, 75050(g)(2) of the Public Resources Code, for the protection of

beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent the contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote the access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state.

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the goals set forth in Proposition 84, Chapter 7, 75050(g)(2);

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 19727 provides for use of funds for the costs of construction or acquisition of capital assets. "Capital assets" includes major maintenance, reconstruction, demolition for purposes of reconstruction of facilities, and retrofitting work that is ordinarily done no more often than once every 5 to 15 years or expenditures that continue or enhance the useful life of the capital asset. "Capital assets" also include equipment with an expected useful life span of two years or more;

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 79731(h) of the Water Code;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(1) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to protect and increase the economic benefits arising from healthy watersheds, fishery resources, and instream flow;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(1) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to implement watershed adaptation projects in order to reduce the impacts of climate change on California's communities and ecosystems;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(1) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to protect and restore aquatic, wetland, and migratory bird ecosystems, including fish and wildlife corridors and the acquisition of water rights for instream flow.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(1) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to protect and restore rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, stormwater resource management, and greenhouse gas reduction; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(1) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to reduce pollution or contamination of rivers, lakes, streams, or coastal waters, prevent and remediate mercury contamination from legacy mines, and protect or restore natural system functions that contribute to water supply, water quality, or flood management; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(1) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to implement fuel treatment projects to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds tributary to water storage facilities, and promote watershed health; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(1) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to assist in the recovery of endangered, threatened, or migratory species by improving watershed health, instream flows, fish passage, coastal or inland wetland restoration, or other means, such as natural community conservation plan and habitat conservation plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets objectives of the California Water Action Plan for restoration of important species and habitat; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with AB 32; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan, and the Common Ground Plan;

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives;

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);

WHEREAS, the subject property remains an extremely important open space and habitat linkage in a critical part of the Santa Monica Mountains Zone;

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

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; 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* 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 Propositions 1, 40, 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 June 18, 2018 for this item.
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES grants of funds from Propositions 1, 40, 50, and 84 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to total the amount of \$1,350,000 for the payment of the balance of a promissory note to complete the purchase of Phase 1 of the Triangle Ranch Acquisition Project in unincorporated Los Angeles County.
8. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant agreement(s) 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* ~

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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