

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: July 23, 2018

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Guidelines.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines.

Legislative Authority: Section 80010 of the Public Resources Code which states:

Before disbursing grants pursuant to this division, each state agency that receives funding to administer a competitive grant program under this division shall do the following:

- (a)
 - (1) Develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation guidelines. The guidelines shall include monitoring and reporting requirements and may include a limitation on the dollar amount of grants to be awarded. If the state agency has previously developed and adopted project solicitation and evaluation guidelines that comply with the requirements of this subdivision, it may use those guidelines.
 - (2) Guidelines adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall encourage, where feasible, inclusion of the following project components:
 - (A) Efficient use and conservation of water supplies.
 - (B) Use of recycled water.
 - (C) The capture of stormwater to reduce stormwater runoff, reduce water pollution, or recharge groundwater supplies, or a combination thereof.
 - (D) Provision of safe and reliable drinking water supplies to park and open-space visitors.
- (b) Conduct three public meetings to consider public comments before finalizing the guidelines. The state agency shall publish the draft solicitation and evaluation guidelines on its Internet Web site at least 30 days before the public meetings. One meeting shall be conducted at a location in northern California, one meeting shall be conducted at a location in the central valley of California, and one meeting shall be conducted at a location in southern California.

(c) For statewide competitive grant programs, submit the guidelines to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency. The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency shall verify that the guidelines are consistent with applicable statutes and for all the purposes enumerated in this division. The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency shall post an electronic form of the guidelines submitted by state agencies and the subsequent verifications on the Natural Resources Agency's Internet Web site.

(d) Upon adoption, transmit copies of the guidelines to the fiscal committees and the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

(e) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to the development and adoption of program guidelines and selection criteria adopted pursuant to this division.

Background: The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) is codified as Division 45 (commencing with Section 80000) and Sections 5096.611 and 75089.5 of the Public Resources Code and Section 79772.5 of the Water Code. Proposition 68 authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.

Conservancy staff began development of the proposed guidelines after the legislation passed last August. The voters adopted Proposition 68 on June 5, 2018 and Conservancy staff released the guidelines for public comment on June 8, 2018 and has been available via email and phone to discuss them. The Conservancy also held six Public Meetings (listed below) to receive comments and answer questions regarding these guidelines.

July 9, 2018: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Elihu Harris Building
Floor 2, Room 9
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612

July 11, 2018: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Conejo Recreation and Park District
Parks Conference Room
403 W. Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

July 10, 2018: 10:00am - 12:00pm
California Fish and Game
Commission
13th Floor, Suite 1320
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

July 12, 2018: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Los Angeles River Center & Gardens
Sierra Madre Upper Conference Room
570 West Avenue 26
Los Angeles, CA 90065

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July 12, 2018: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
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July 13, 2018: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Franklin Canyon Park
Auditorium
2600 Franklin Canyon Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

The Conservancy receive multiple written comments, provided as attachments along with staff responses.