

June 24, 2019; Agenda Item No. 17

Resolution No. 19-41

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT
OF PROPOSITION 84 FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
COMMUNITY TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE PROTECTION AND INTERPRETATION
OF OUR PARKS AND WATERSHEDS

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

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy statute requires that the Conservancy shall implement a program to provide recreation access from downtown Los Angeles and the inner city in order to provide recreational opportunities for all income and ethnic groups wishing to enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains; and

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

WHEREAS, in Section 75005(m) of Proposition 84, protection” is defined as “those actions necessary to prevent harm or damage to persons, property or natural resources or those actions necessary to allow the continued use and enjoyment of property or natural resources” and includes interpretation as a means of doing so; and

WHEREAS, training and professional development is an important means of developing and implementing world class interpretative programs for park visitors; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, in partnership with Community Nature Connection, provide professional development opportunities to staff, program participants and volunteers that lead to increased access to public parkland by under served audiences from disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Training Institute for the Protection and Interpretation of our Parks and Watersheds addresses barriers to public access by creating a career pipeline to parks for under served audiences from disadvantaged communities; 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 action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated June 24, 2019 for this item.
4. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
5. AUTHORIZES a grant from Proposition 84 in the amount of \$300,000 for the Community Training Institute for the protection and interpretation of our parks and watersheds, operated by Community Nature Connection.;
6. 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 24th day of June, 2019 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director