

August 26, 2019; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 19-45

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUNDS (GGRF) TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE REGIONAL FOREST AND FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to joint powers authorities pursuant to Section 33204.2(a) and 33204.27(a). of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency granted the Conservancy \$1.5 million dollars to prioritize, develop, and implement a regional program to strengthen fire resiliency, increase carbon sequestration, and facilitate greenhouse gas reductions in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Corridor Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan*; and

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 action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated August 26, 2019 for this item.
5. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.

6. AUTHORIZES acceptance of a grant in the amount not to exceed \$700,000.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson or Executive Director 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 or she shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his or her 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 26th day of August, 2019, at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director