

September 23, 2019; Agenda Item No. 11

Resolution No. 19-56

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING  
A GRANT FROM THE CONSERVANCY FUND TO NATURE FOR ALL FOR  
SUPPORT OF PUBLIC LANDS DAY

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;

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;

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;

WHEREAS, the Nature For All event, “All Aboard for Nature” promotes public access to our public lands; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy’s Strategic Objectives to implement the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, implement the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan*, further cooperation with local governments in the region to secure open space and parkland, expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment, expand education, public access, and resource stewardship components in a manner that best serves the public, protects habitat, and provides recreational opportunities, and develop long term capital improvement and maintenance plans; 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* 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 September 23, 2019 for this item;
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses;
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of the Conservancy Fund to Nature For All in the amount of \$10,000 for the Public Lands Day, Thousand Oaks; and
8. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019 at Thousand Oaks, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director