

October 28, 2019; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 19-65

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING AN
AUGMENTATION TO GRANT 3810-P01-1775 FOR THE UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER
AND TRIBUTARIES REVITALIZATION PLAN, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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;

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 State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access, For All Act of 2018 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for grants pursuant to the California River Parkways Act of 2004 and the Urban Streams Restoration Program pursuant to Section 7048 of the Water Code, and for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's specified purposes;

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has requested a grant augmentation in the amount of \$1,500,000, jointly funded from Proposition 1, Section 79735(a) of the Water Code and from Proposition 68, Section 80110(b) (8) of the Public Resources Code;

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2017 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy made findings that the Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design project met the requirements of the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines;

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets one or more of the purposes of Proposition 68;

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 project implements the goals stated in Propositions 1 and 68;
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 October 28, 2019 for this item;
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses;
7. AUTHORIZES an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1775 of Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan, County of Los Angeles; and
8. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the 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 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 28th day of October, 2019 at Woodland Hills, California.

Dated:

Executive Director