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**Conservancy Adoption and Distribution of
Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Habitat Linkage Planning Map**

Dear Mr. Bertoni:

At its January 23, 2017 meeting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy adopted the attached Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Habitat Linkage Planning Map. This map defines known habitat blocks and habitat linkages in this highly fragmented area of the Santa Monica Mountains Zone. These identified landscape features are critical to maintain habitat connectivity in the natural lands between the 405 and 101 freeways and into Griffith Park. This planning map is an official resource tool for both government and public use to understand, assess, and protect habitat and wildlife corridors. The Conservancy is the principal State planning agency in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone. The information was compiled using all publically available digital aerial photography and ground truthing where public access was permissible.

The map is intended to be updated as often as time and resources permit. We welcome input from the City to refine the map as time goes on. This first May 2017 version uses two aerial photography bases. The outlined habitat blocks reveal USDA NAIP 2012 aerial photography for clarity. All of the area outside of the habitat blocks is LARIAC 2014 aerial photography chosen to maximize development detail both adjacent to and between habitat blocks. If updated versions (with superior resolution) of either of these data sets become publically available, they will be integrated into the next version of the map. The parcel data and public lands layers are from Los Angeles County. Any revised versions of this adopted map will be sent expeditiously to your department. This PDF of the map will soon be posted to our website smmc.ca.gov.

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Please distribute the map widely and incorporate the information into the City's environmental review and planning processes without delay. The GIS shape files are available on request; however, it is important to note that the layers project slightly differently between the various years and aerial photography platforms. We hope your staff embraces this new and long overdue tool to protect key natural resources in the Santa Monica Mountains. Plotter sized prints for your department are available upon request.

Please address all questions and inquiries to my attention at the above letterhead address, edelman@smmc.ca.gov, and 310-589-3200 ext. 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Edelman", written over a horizontal line.

PAUL EDELMAN
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