

February 24, 2020; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 20-07

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 68 FUNDS TO MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, FIRE PREVENTION AND RESILIENCE PROJECTS

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 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 from Proposition 68, Section 80110(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code in the amount of \$2,000,000.00;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone;

WHEREAS, the proposed project complies with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Workprogram;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, implement the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment, and develop long term capital improvement and maintenance plans;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan* and the *Rim of the Valley Corridor Plan*;

WHEREAS, the proposed project contributes to the State's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the Conservancy's Climate Change Policy and Program;

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

WHEREAS, the proposed project received at least the minimum score required for consideration in accordance with the Conservancy's Proposition 68 grant guidelines;

WHEREAS, the proposed action is being taken subject to approval of the grant for compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 19727 provides for use of funds for the costs of construction or acquisition of capital assets. "Capital assets" includes major maintenance, reconstruction, demolition for purposes of reconstruction of facilities, and retrofitting work that is ordinarily done no more often than once every 5 to 15 years or expenditures that continue or enhance the useful life of the capital asset. "Capital assets" also include equipment with an expected useful life span of two years or more;

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 *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master 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 Proposition 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 February 24, 2020 for this item;
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses;
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Vegetation Management, Fire Resilience and Prevention Projects; 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 24th day of February, 2020 at Thousand Oaks, California.

Dated:

Executive Director