

March 30, 2020; Agenda Item No. 7

Resolution No. 20-09

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT
OF GENERAL FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FOR WOOLSEY FIRE RESTORATION, SAFETY AND RECOVERY 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 2019-2020 State of California Budget appropriated \$12,500,000 to the Conservancy to provide for public safety related maintenance on Conservancy property due to the Woolsey fire;

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has made a request for advance funds due to exigent circumstances;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, further cooperation with local governments in the region to secure open space and parkland, and develop long term capital improvement and maintenance plans;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*;

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* 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);

5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated March 30, 2020 for this item;
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses;
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of General Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$8,100,000 for Woolsey Fire Restoration, Safety and Recovery projects;
8. AUTHORIZES payment in advance of up to 50% of the grant amount; and
9. 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 telephonic meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 30th day of March, 2020, California.

Dated:

Executive Director