

June 1, 2020; Agenda Item No. 7(a)

Resolution No. 20-11

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL  
OF AN APPLICATION TO FILE AN AMICUS BRIEF ON CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
AND ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE V. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NORTHLAKE  
PROJECT, UNINCORPORATED CASTAIC AREA

WHEREAS, the NorthLake project approved by Los Angeles County just west of Castaic Lake would result in multiple, unavoidable, regionally significant, adverse biological and visual impacts that affect the ecologically viability of the Santa Monica Mountains zone and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy repeatedly expressed these concerns to Los Angeles County, suggested alternative project designs, and exhausted its administrative appeals; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and California State Parks are also on record recognizing unavoidable regionally significant adverse project impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Endangered Habitats League filed legal action against Los Angeles County challenging the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Report; Now

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that as approved the NorthLake project would result in unavoidable regionally significant adverse biological and visual impacts including to the Sierra Madre - Castaic Connection documented by South Coast Wildlands.
2. FINDS that the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2015031080) for the NorthLake project (Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 073336) is grossly deficient.
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated June 1, 2020.
4. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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5. AUTHORIZES submitting an application to file an amicus brief on Center for Biological Diversity and Endangered Habitats League v. County of Los Angeles, NorthLake project in cooperation with the Attorney General's office.
6. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director, or his assignee, to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution.

*~ 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 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2020, California.

Dated: 6/1/20

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Executive Director