

June 1, 2020; Agenda Item No. 13

Resolution No. 20-18

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 68 FUNDS TO THE RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT FOR PHASE 3 OF THE ARROYO SIMI TRAIL AND GREENWAY, CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to joint powers authorities pursuant to Section 33204.2(a) and 33204.27(a). of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to cities, counties, recreation and park districts pursuant to Section 33204 (a) of the Public Resources Code; and

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 capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has requested a grant from Proposition 68, Section 80110(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor; and

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

WHEREAS, The proposed project received more than the minimum score required for consideration in accordance with the Conservancy's Proposition 68 grant guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with AB 32; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan*; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to Implement the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, and *San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan*, Expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment, Link and integrate new natural parks into existing park system, Create comprehensive, regional, and integrated trails plan, Develop long term capital improvement and maintenance plans, and Increase resource stewardship; and WHEREAS, The proposed action is being taken subject to approval of the grant for compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law; 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 the proposed project meets at least one of the purposes of Proposition 68.
2. 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.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
4. FINDS that the proposed project received at least the minimum score required for consideration in accordance with the Conservancy's Proposition 68 guidelines.
5. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
6. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated June 1, 2020 for this item.
7. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
8. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Arroyo Simi Trail and Greenway project.

9. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson 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 or she shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his or her 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020, at Los Angeles and various other locales, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director