

August 31, 2020; Agenda Item No. 11

Resolution No. 20-28

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN AMICUS BRIEF IN THE CASE  
OF *SONOMA LAND TRUST V. THOMPSON*

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, its partner agencies, and grantees hold conservation easements to protect sensitive habitat and open space;

WHEREAS, an unfavorable ruling from the Court of Appeal in the case of Sonoma Land Trust v. Thompson could have significant negative effects on the ability of preservation entities to enforce the terms of conservation easements; Now

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

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the purposes described in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act, in Title 23 of the Public Resources Code.
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.
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated August 31, 2020 for this item.
5. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
6. AUTHORIZES submission of an amicus brief in the case of *Sonoma Land Trust v. Thompson*.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to do any and all things necessary to carry out the provisions or the intent of this resolution.

~ *End of Resolution* ~

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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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director