

August 31, 2020; Agenda Item No. 13

Resolution No. 20-30

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY TO ESTABLISH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, TRAILS LA COUNTY EXPANSION FOR EQUITY, INCLUSION AND WATERSHED EDUCATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to enter into agreements pursuant to Section 33211(c) of the Public Resources Code;

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Conservancy shall jointly consider and fund the Trails LA County Expansion for Equity, Inclusion and Watershed Education Project by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation;

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*, implement the *Los Angeles County River Master Plan* implement the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan*; further cooperation with local governments in the region to secure open space and parkland, expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment, expand education, public access, and resource stewardship components in a manner that best serves the public, protects habitat, and provides recreational opportunities, and develop long term capital improvement and maintenance plans;

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

4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated August 31, 2020 for this item.
5. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
6. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the 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 31st day of August, 2020 at various locations via zoom, California.

Dated:

Executive Director