

December 5, 2005; Agenda Item No. 11

Resolution No. 05-091

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO
THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS FOR ACQUISITION OF 18.2 ACRES OF LINDERO CREEK
OPEN SPACE AND INITIAL SITE IMPROVEMENTS, PORTION OF
APN 2056-001-900, AGOURA HILLS

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 50, the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants to acquire and protect coastal wetlands and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The City of Agoura Hills has made an application for grant of funds pursuant to Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 79570(c) for the acquisition and protection of Santa Monica Bay coastal watershed land; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, ensure that Conservancy land acquisition expertise is made available where needed, link and integrate new natural parks into existing park systems, and link key habitat areas strategically to protect species and ecosystems through acquisition and cooperation with other resource management agencies; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 50, Chapter 1, Section 79501(h); and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated December 5, 2005 further describes the project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; Now

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

1. FINDS that the grant of Proposition 50 is to acquire important land and water resources in the Malibu Creek Watershed, a coastal watershed of Santa Monica Bay.

2. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.
4. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
5. ADOPTS the staff report dated December 5, 2005.
6. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of Agoura Hills in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the Lindero Creek open space land acquisition, closing costs, and any initial improvements necessary to protect land and water resources.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the grant agreements 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, regularly noticed and held according to law, on the 5th day of December, 2005 at Beverly Hills, California.

Dated:

Executive Director