

December 28, 2007; Agenda Item No. 9

Resolution No. 07-116

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR EXPENDITURE OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS BY THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 306 ACRES, CORRAL CANYON, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APNS: 4457-005-016, 4457-013-013, 4457-013-015, 4457-013-029, 4457-013-038, 4457-013-039, 4457-013-040, 4457-013-052, 4457-013-053, 4457-013-060 AND 4457-013-061

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is currently negotiating the acquisition of some or all of the above referenced properties; and

WHEREAS, the California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) has identified these properties as valuable for habitat and watershed protection in the Santa Monica Bay watershed and intends provide a Proposition 50 grant for the acquisition, protection, and possible restoration of this coastal watershed; and

WHEREAS, Section 79572(a) of the California Water Code requires any WCB grant for the acquisition, protection, and restoration of coastal watersheds within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone to be made directly to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy); and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy has previously entered into a grant agreement with the MRCA for the acquisition of adjacent properties in Corral Canyon pursuant to Resolution No. 07-98 on October 22, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy has identified the MRCA as the most appropriate public agency to acquire said properties; 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;
2. FINDS that the subject properties are vitally important for habitat preservation and watershed protection;

3. FINDS that the expenditure of the WCB grant for acquisition of subject properties is an appropriate use of bond funds;
4. FINDS that the MRCA is the most appropriate agency to acquire and hold title to the subject properties;
5. ADOPTS the staff report dated December 28, 2007 for this item;
6. AUTHORIZES entering into a grant agreement with WCB and acceptance of Proposition 50 grant funds;
7. AUTHORIZES the use of grant funds by the MRCA for the acquisition of subject properties pursuant to Water Code Section 79572(a);
8. AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to enter into any and all agreements with the MRCA necessary for this acquisition; and
9. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director 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 special meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 28th day of December, 2007 at noticed telephonic conference locations within the County of Los Angeles and the County of Ventura, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director