

February 27, 2006; Agenda Item No. 16

Resolution No. 06-18

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN, ESCONDIDO AND RAMIREZ CANYONS AND RAMIREZ CREEK RESTORATION, CITIES OF MALIBU AND UNINCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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 State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), Sections 79570(c) and 79571, to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for purpose of protecting coastal watersheds, including but not limited to, acquisition, protection, and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs, and for the acquisition and development of facilities to promote public access to and participation in the conservation of land, water, and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, The project planning and design of Escondido and Ramirez Canyons and Ramirez Creek restoration are consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan; 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 and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated February 27, 2006 for this item.
4. AUTHORIZES a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$200,000 for project planning and design, Escondido and Ramirez Canyons and Ramirez Creek Restoration.

5. 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 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 27th day of February, 2006 at Simi Valley, California.

Dated:

Executive Director