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Draft Agency Policy on Environmental Justice

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) will incorporate environmental justice into its mission by maximizing public access to public lands and programs within its jurisdiction while ensuring the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes. Maximizing public access will be balanced with the protection of public trust resources.

The Conservancy will identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of our programs and policies on people of color and low-income populations and communities.

The Conservancy will proactively comply with state and federal laws against intentional discrimination and unjustified discriminatory impacts, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its regulations, and California Government Code section 11135 and its regulations.

The Conservancy will implement practices to achieve these goals and to hold public officials and staff accountable.