

March 23, 2009; Agenda Item No. 10

Resolution No. 09-07

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING  
A GRANT OF DEPOSITED MITIGATION FUNDS (ALAMOS CANYON ILF-CORPS  
NO. 200400766-MDC) FROM THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
FUND TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOPHER CANYON RIPARIAN HABITAT  
RESTORATION AND CREATION PROJECT IN THE BROWN'S CANYON  
WATERSHED, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
CHATSWORTH AREA

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204.2 (a) and 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Restoration mitigation funding is available in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund from Alamos Canyon ILF-Corps No. 200400766-MDC specifically for the Gopher Canyon tributary of the Brown's Canyon watershed of the Santa Susana Mountains; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority owns and maintains the subject mitigation property; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has requested a grant in the amount of \$915,980 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to conduct the restoration work defined in an agreement between the Conservancy, the Army Corps of Engineers, Caltrans, and the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated February 23, 2009 further describes the project; 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 *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 recommendation dated March 23, 2009.
5. AUTHORIZES a grant of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$915,980 to implement the Gopher Canyon riparian restoration project associated with Alamos Canyon ILF-Corps No. 200400766-MDC in the Santa Susana Mountains.
6. AUTHORIZES an advance of funds to allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to do the necessary design and mobilization to implement the project.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant clause that allows for the reimbursement of base project expenses specifically identified in the four-way agreement budget that the grantee may have incurred to date for the subject project.
8. 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 regular meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2009 at noticed telephonic conference locations within the County of Los Angeles and the County of Ventura, California.

Dated: 3-23-09

  
Executive Director