

April 24, 2006; Agenda Item No. 16

Resolution No. 06-31

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS FOR ACQUISITION OF MOUNTCLEF RIDGE PARCELS (APN'S 521-0-011-365, 375, AND 385), THOUSAND OAKS

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 City of Thousand Oaks has requested a grant of \$500,000 for the acquisition of three Mount Clef Ridge parcels totaling approximately 18.67 acres; and

WHEREAS, The Mount Clef Ridge property contains important upland habitat, wildlife habitat linkage, riparian resources and watershed within the Calleguas Creek Watershed, a watershed important to the protection of Ventura County's coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, Mount Clef Ridge is included in the Conservancy's Land Acquisition Workprogram and is within the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Matching funds in the amount of \$1,765,000 will be available from the City of Thousand Oaks and Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency for the acquisition; and

WHEREAS, The grant for the acquisition of the property for conservation, protection, recreation, and interpretation is consistent with the purposes of Division 23 of the Public Resources Code; 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 Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.
2. ADOPTS the staff report dated April 24, 2006 for this item.

3. AUTHORIZES the award of a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to the City of Thousand Oaks for the acquisition of the subject property as described in the staff report dated April 24, 2006 relative to this item.
4. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director or Chair to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; such authority shall include, without limitation, those provisions he shall determine 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 24th day of April, 2006 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director