

February 28, 2011; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 11-17

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING
ACCEPTANCE OF IRREVOCABLE OFFER TO DEDICATE PROPERTY IN FEE TITLE
RECORDED JUNE 20, 2006 TO 2650 ACRES COMMONLY KNOWN AS
UPPER LAS VIRGENES CANYON OPEN SPACE,
UNINCORPORATED VENTURA COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to “[d]o any and all other things necessary to carry out the purposes” of the Conservancy Act pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33211(c); and

WHEREAS, The Conservancy is authorized to accept open-space dedications pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33207(a); and

WHEREAS, As a result of adverse audit findings in 2004 the Conservancy had been required to seek a refund of certain grant funds from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA); and

WHEREAS, The MRCA disputed the legal grounds upon which the Conservancy made its demand but in the interest of settlement of the claims and dispute agreed to refund the grant funds by granting an irrevocable offer to dedicate the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space to the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the Conservancy and the public for the Conservancy to accept the offer to dedicate; 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 Division 23 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ACCEPTS the Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate Property in Fee Title recorded June 20, 2006 to 2650 acres commonly known as Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open

Space.

4. ADOPTS the staff report dated February 28, 2011.

5. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to sign the acceptance of the Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate, and such authority shall include that authority 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 28th day of February, 2011 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director