

May 22, 2006; Agenda Item No. 15

Resolution No. 06-42

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AMENDING THE  
APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
DISTRICT FOR COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR URBAN TREE PLANTING,  
AND GRANTING SAID FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was awarded funds in the Act for the acquisition of park and open space land, development of related recreational facilities, and grants pursuant to Division 23 of the Public Resources Code, including recreational facilities for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, The additional planting of trees at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Compton Creek, and Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration has been identified by staff as a high priority location for tree planting restoration as permitted in the relevant guidelines set by the Regional Park and Open Space District; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has entered into a joint powers agreement with the Conejo and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park Districts pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* to create the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA); and

WHEREAS, The grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for tree planting at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Compton Creek, and Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration meets the relevant criteria set forth in the Act; 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, where applicable.
2. FINDS that the grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for funding from Proposition A for tree planting at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Compton Creek, and Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration meets the requirements for funding under the terms and conditions of the Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated May 22, 2006 for this item.
4. CERTIFIES that it understands the assurances and certifications in the application form.
5. APPROVES the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for funds for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority under Section 8(a)(3)(c) of the Act.
6. APPOINTS the Executive Director or his designee as agent of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.
7. AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

*~ 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2006 at Beverly Hills, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director