

October 29, 2012; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 12-57

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LIBERTY CANYON WILDLIFE CORRIDOR EXPANSION PARCELS ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE OF THE 101 FREEWAY, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor is included as part of the South Coast Wildlands Project's 15 most threatened wildlife corridors in the South Coast region; and

WHEREAS, the ecological viability of over 100,000 acres of protected public land is dependent on a fully functional and protected wildlife corridor; and

WHEREAS, the staff report dated October 29, 2012 further describes the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan; 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.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated October 29, 2012.
4. AUTHORIZES a grant application to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition of Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor expansion parcels on the north and south side of the 101 Freeway.
5. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director, or his assignee, to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution.

~ *End of Resolution* ~

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, regularly noticed and held according to law, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012 at Calabasas, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director