

March 24, 2014; Agenda Item No. 11

Resolution No. 14-15

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 84 FUNDS TO COMMUNITY CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR THE GREEN SOLUTION PROJECT: UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED PHASE IV.

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to nonprofit organizations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, pursuant to Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Community Conservation Solutions is a qualified nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants for protection and restoration of land and water resources in the watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River pursuant to Public Resources Code section 75050(g)(2); and

WHEREAS, Community Conservation Solutions has requested a \$250,000 grant from Proposition 84; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project would evaluate and prioritize identified stormwater capture and water quality improvement opportunities within the Los Angeles River watershed; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated March 24, 2014 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 *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, 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. FINDS that the proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 84.
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated March 24, 2014 for this item.
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Community Conservation Solutions in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Green Solution Project, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, Phase IV.
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 meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 24th day of March, 2014 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated: 3/24/14

Executive Director