

April 28, 2014; Agenda Item No. 13

Resolution No. 14-22

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION CORPORATION, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR PROJECT PLANNING OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER GREENWAY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to nonprofit organizations pursuant to Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and

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, protect, and restore land and water resources in the Los Angeles River watershed; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles River Corporation has requested a \$150,000 grant from Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 79570(c); and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, ensure that the Conservancy land acquisition expertise is made available where needed, link and integrate new natural parks into existing park system, and link key habitat areas strategically to protect species and ecosystems through acquisition and cooperation with other resource management agencies; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 79570(c); and

WHEREAS, the proposed project 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*; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is being taken subject to approval of the grant for compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; 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 project implements the goals stated in Proposition 50.
4. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated April 28, 2014 for this item.
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation, a non-profit organization, in the amount of \$150,000.00 for for project planning of the Los Angeles River Greenway, Los Angeles County.
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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014 at Calabasas, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director