

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT
Regarding
Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing

This Joint Powers Agreement (“Agreement”), effective as of June __, 2015 (“Effective Date”) is entered into by and between the State Coastal Conservancy (“Conservancy”), an agency of the State of California established pursuant to Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code (“the Coastal Conservancy”) and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (“the Mountains Conservancy”), an agency of the State of California established pursuant to Division 23 of the California Public Resources Code, with reference to the following facts:

Pertinent Facts

- A. The Coastal Conservancy is charged under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code with protecting and restoring habitat in coastal watersheds and coastal areas, including by undertaking projects that will reduce the impact of population and economic pressures on coastal habitats.
- B. The Mountains Conservancy is charged under Division 23 of the Public Resources Code with preserving and enhancing the Santa Monica Mountains Zone.
- C. Each of the parties has the ability to award grants to specified public agencies and nonprofit organizations within its respective geographic jurisdiction to achieve the purposes of its respective enabling statutes.
- D. California Government Code Section 6502 authorizes public agencies to exercise jointly by agreement any power common to the agreeing agencies, notwithstanding that one or more of the agencies lacks jurisdiction in the geographical area in which such power is to be jointly exercised.
- E. The parties share an interest in awarding grants to assist with the establishment of a safe wildlife crossing of Highway 101 near its intersection with Liberty Canyon Road in the City of Agoura Hills, in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone.
- F. The Coastal Conservancy lacks jurisdiction over the site of the proposed wildlife crossing, which is within the Upper Malibu Creek coastal watershed but outside the coastal zone portion of the Santa Monica Mountains Zone.
- G. The parties wish to enter into this joint powers agreement to jointly exercise their common power to award grants for purposes of achieving their mutual aim of assisting with the establishment of a safe wildlife crossing of Highway 101 in the City of Agoura Hills.

The parties agree as follows, in light of the pertinent facts, above:

1. Each of the parties may exercise its respective grant-making authority to assist in the establishment of a safe wildlife crossing of Highway 101 in or near the City of Agoura Hills.
2. The parties shall keep each other informed of the status of grants, potential grants, and grant-funded projects concerning the establishment of a safe wildlife crossing of Highway 101 in or near the City of Agoura Hills.
3. The Effective Date shall be entered into the first paragraph of this Agreement by the last party to sign this Agreement.

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Samuel Schuchat
Executive Officer

Date

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

Joseph Edmiston
Executive Director

Date