RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING AN 
OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 
FOR A TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS 
CONSERVANCY OF SEPULVEDA PASS RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CROSS-405 
FREEWAY WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PERMANENT HABITAT 
PROTECTION PURPOSES, CITY OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, Undeveloped California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) rights-of-ways 
along the 405 freeway in the Sepulveda Pass provide critical habitat linkage components for 
wildlife to reach existing and future freeway crossing structures; and

WHEREAS, The permanent protection of key portions of said rights-of-ways is critical to 
maintain wildlife populations in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains to Griffith Park and 
Northeast Los Angeles hilltop areas; and

WHEREAS, The Conservancy as a State agency is in a unique position to be able to receive 
Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control of key wildlife corridor areas from Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated November 2, 2015 describes the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is categorically 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 action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the 
   California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated November 2, 2015.

3. AUTHORIZES submitting an official request to Caltrans for the Transfer of 
   Jurisdiction to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of Sepulveda Pass 
   rights-of-ways for cross-405 freeway wildlife corridor permanent habitat 
   protection purposes.

4. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director 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 provision 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 2nd day of November, 2015 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated: 11/02/15

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Executive Director