

December 11, 2017; Agenda Item No. 23

Resolution No. 17-79

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY ADOPTING  
GRIFFITH PARK AREA HABITAT LINKAGE PLANNING MAP,  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, the eastern Santa Monica Mountains habitat linkage between the San Diego (405) freeway and Griffith Park is of regional scientific and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, the habitat linkage systems that connects Griffith Park to natural lands west of the 101 freeway and surrounding the park are of regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the efficacy of the subject habitat linkage system could be severed by new fencing on just one or two residential parcels; and

WHEREAS, the subject Griffith Park area habitat linkage system has never been comprehensively mapped and such mapping is essential to adequately assess the impacts of proposed development projects of all scales; and

WHEREAS, a Griffith Park Area Habitat Linkage Planning Map adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy as the principal State planning agency for the area is beneficial to the City of Los Angeles Department of Planning's efforts to maintain habitat connectivity and core habitat resources; and

WHEREAS, the staff report dated December 11, 2017 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 categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated December 11, 2017.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*.
4. ADOPTS the proposed Griffith Park Area Habitat Linkage Planning Map.

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5. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director, or his assignee, to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution.

*~ 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 11th day of December, 2017 at Beverly Hills, California.

Dated: 12/11/17

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Executive Director