

August 27, 2007; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 07-72

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONSERVANCY FUND GRANT TO THE MOUNTAINS  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO ASSIST THE NATIONAL PARK  
SERVICE'S STUDY OF ANTICOAGULANT POISONING EFFECTS ON WILDLIFE IN  
THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA  
AND ADJACENT PARKLAND

WHEREAS, The National Park Service has requested a matching grant to further a critical study of anticoagulant poisoning effects on the health and viability of top predators and other wildlife species in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and adjacent parkland; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has entered into a joint exercise of powers agreement with the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, the National Park Service, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation have entered into a Cooperative Management Agreement for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, The grant of \$15,000 in funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund will assist the collaborative National Park Service study of parkland wildlife to help ensure the long term viability of park resources and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has available funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund; and

WHEREAS, The grant purposes are consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act;

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action to grant funds is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.
3. ADOPTS the staff report for Agenda Item 12 dated August 27, 2007.
4. AUTHORIZES the award of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
5. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chair 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 she shall determine in the exclusive exercise of her 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director