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December 31, 2025

TO: Secretary of State, State of California

FROM: Jason W. Falina, Attorney, Office of Administrative Law

RE: Erratum Notice: OAL file No. 2025-1217-02E; Regulatory Text Correction

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

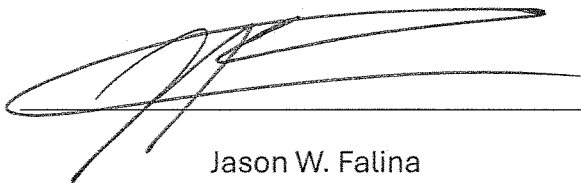
Date filed with Secretary of State: December 29, 2025

On December 29, 2025, an incorrect version of the regulatory text was inadvertently filed with the Secretary of State in connection with this action and was also submitted to Barclays California Code of Regulations for publication. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy intended amendments in the regulatory text, but these amendments were not reflected in the text submitted. Attached to this memorandum, please find a corrected regulatory text for this action.

Secretary of State: Please place and keep this document with OAL file No. 2025-1217-02E.

Please contact me at 916-445-9824 or Jason.falina@oal.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Jason W. Falina

Date: 12/31/2025

cc: Ruth Lafler, Barclays California Code of Regulations
Jeff Maloney, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Attachment: Corrected regulatory text, and written authorization from the agency.

**State of California
Office of Administrative Law**

In re:
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Regulatory Action:

Title 14, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections: 14000, 14001, 14002, 14003,
14004, 14005, 14006,
14007, 14008

Amend sections:

Repeal sections:

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY
REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Sections 11346.1 and
11349.6

OAL Matter Number: 2025-1217-02

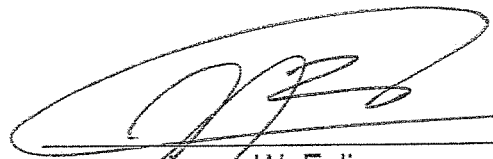
OAL Matter Type: Emergency (E)

This emergency action pursuant to Government Code section 11346.1 by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) establishes procedures and selection criteria used to select projects for grant funding under the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 90135(e), this is a deemed emergency and remains in effect until repealed or amended by SMMC.

OAL approves this emergency regulatory action pursuant to sections 11346.1 and 11349.6 of the Government Code.

~~This emergency regulatory action is effective on 12/29/2025.~~

Date: December 29, 2025


Jason W. Falina
Attorney

For: Kenneth J. Pogue
Director

Original: Joseph Edmiston, Executive
Director

Copy: Jeff Maloney

EMERGENCY

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OAL FILE NUMBERS	NOTICE FILE NUMBER Z-	REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER 2025-1217-02 E	EMERGENCY NUMBER
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2025 DEC 17 AM 10:56AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (if any)

A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE		TITLES		FIRST SECTION AFFECTED		2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE	
3. NOTICE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action <input type="checkbox"/> Other		4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON		TELEPHONE NUMBER		FAX NUMBER (Optional)	
OAL USE ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Modified <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved/Withdrawn		ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE		NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER		PUBLICATION DATE	

B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATIONS		1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S)	
Proposition 4 Grant Program			

2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S). (Including title 26, if toxics related)	
SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)	ADOPT 14000, 14001, 14002, 14003, 14004, 14005, 14006, 14007, 14008
TITLE(S)	AMEND
14	REPEAL

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3. TYPE OF FILING	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code § 11346)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Compliance. The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§ 11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute
<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn non-emergency filing (Gov. Code §§ 11349.3-11349.4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code § 11346.1(h))
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency (Gov. Code § 11346.1(b))	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs. title 1 § 100)
<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code § 11346.1)	<input type="checkbox"/> File & Print
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) PRC 90135(e)

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4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1 § 44 and Gov. Code § 11347.1)

5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code §§ 11343.4-11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs. title 1 § 100)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Effective January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1 (Gov. Code § 11343.4(a))	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective on filing with Secretary of State
	<input type="checkbox"/> § 100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect
	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective other (Specify)

6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY		
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM § 6660)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Political Practices Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> State Fire Marshal
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		

7. CONTACT PERSON Jeff Maloney	TELEPHONE NUMBER (323) 221-9944	FAX NUMBER (Optional)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) maloney@smmc.ca.gov
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I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE 	DATE 12/16/2025
TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY Executive Director Joseph T. Edmiston	

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SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
TITLE 14: PROPOSITION 4 WILDFIRE
RESILIENCE AND WATERSHED
PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM.
DIVISION 5.7
CHAPTER 3

FINAL TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

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Article 1. General Provisions

§ 14000. Applicability and Scope.

This chapter shall be known as the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 4 Grant Program. These regulations apply to Grants funded by the Conservancy from Proposition 4, otherwise known as SB 867 (Allen 2024), The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 33204, 33204.2, and 33204.27,

Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 33204, 33204.2, 33204.27, 90110, 91032(b), 91520(j), 93020(a)(8), 94020, and 94030, Public Resources Code.

§ 14001. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply wherever the terms are used throughout this Chapter.

- (a) "Conservancy" means the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, established pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33200, et seq.
- (b) "Disadvantaged Community" means a community with a median household income of less than 80 percent of the area average or less than 80 percent of statewide median household income consistent with Public Resources Code Section 90100.
- (c) "Environmental Justice" means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, income, and national origin with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies consistent with Public Resources Code Section 30107.3.
- (d) "Grant" means an award of funds made by the Conservancy, in the form of advance payment or reimbursement to the Grantee for actual expenditures incurred in performing an eligible project.
- (e) "Grant Agreement" means an arrangement between the State and Grantee specifying the payment of funds by the State for the performance of specific objectives by the Grantee within a specific project performance period by the Grantee.

- (f) "Grantee" means an applicant that has a Grant Agreement.
- (g) "Joint Powers Authority" means any entity formed pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, if at least one of the parties to the joint powers agreement qualifies as an eligible applicant consistent with Section 14002.
- (h) "Nonprofit Organization" means any nonprofit corporation qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code consistent with Public Resources Code Section 90100.
- (i) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency consistent with Government Code Section 12802.
- (j) "Severely Disadvantaged Community" means a community with a median household income of less than 60 percent of the area average or less than 60 percent of statewide median household income consistent with Public Resources Code Section 90100.
- (k) "Tribe" means a federally recognized Native American tribe or a non-federally recognized Native American tribe listed on the California Tribal Consultation List maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission consistent with Public Resources Code Section 90100.
- (l) "Vulnerable Population" means a subgroup of a population within a region or community that faces a disproportionately heightened risk or increased sensitivity to impacts of climate change and that lacks adequate resources to cope with, adapt to, or recover from such impacts consistent with Public Resources Code Section 90100.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 33204, 33204.2, and 33204.27.

Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 33204, 33204.2, 33204.27, 90110, 91032(b), 91520(j), 93020(a)(8), 94020, and 94030, Public Resources Code.

Article 2. Eligibility and Eligible Costs

§ 14002. Applicant Eligibility.

Eligible Applicants are public agencies, local agencies, nonprofit organizations, special districts, joint powers authorities, tribes, public utilities, local publicly owned utilities, and mutual water companies.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 33204, 33204.2, and 33204.27.

Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 33204, 33204.2, 33204.27, 90110, 91032(b), 91520(j).

93020(a)(8), 94020, and 94030, Public Resources Code.

§ 14003. Project Eligibility.

The following projects are eligible for a Grant:

- (a) Projects that improve the watershed.
- (b) Projects that increase wildfire resilience, including chaparral and forest restoration.
- (c) Projects that support workforce development that addresses needs related to the objectives of Proposition 4 and are designed to create career pathways for individuals from disadvantaged communities, severely disadvantaged communities, or vulnerable populations.
- (d) Projects that reduce the risks of climate change impacts upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources and increase public access.
- (e) Projects that reduce climate impacts on disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.
- (f) Projects that create, protect, and expand outdoor recreation opportunities.
- (g) Projects that protect, restore, and enhance the natural resource values of the state park system and expand recreational opportunities and public access to state and public park nonmotorized trails, including the enhancement and expansion of existing trails and creation of new trails.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 33204, 33204.2, and 33204.27.

Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 33204, 33204.2, 33204.27, 90110, 91032(b), 91520(j), 93020(a)(8), 94020, and 94030, Public Resources Code.

Article 3. Application

§ 14004. Letters of Intent and Request for Proposals.

- (a) The Conservancy shall solicit letters of intent on its website from interested applicants when Grant funding is available. In its request for letters of intent, the Conservancy shall identify priority project types for the funding opportunity as provided in section 14003, any program priorities listed in section 14006(b)(2), or fiscal limitations applicable to the available funding. Letters of intent shall be short-form documents intended to allow technical staff to ascertain whether the applicant and/or project are eligible for program funding prior to submitting a more detailed application and proposal. At a minimum, all letters of intent shall include the following information:

- (1) Name of applicant and preferred email or mail address or other preferred contact information.

- (2) Applicant's eligibility pursuant to section 14002.
- (3) Project type.
- (4) Project summary.
- (5) Project location and description of anticipated public access if the project includes acquisition or restoration of real property.
- (6) An explanation of the project's eligibility under section 14003.
- (7) Amount sought by the Grant
- (8) Project duration
- (9) Does the project have matching funds? (Yes/No — if yes, specify source and amount)
- (10) Does the applicant or project serve or provide meaningful and direct benefits to a vulnerable population, a disadvantaged community, or a severely disadvantaged community.

(b) Letters of intent will undergo an administrative review to determine whether applicant and project eligible requirements in Section 14002 and 14003 respectively are met. Applicants or projects determined ineligible will be disqualified. Applicants or projects determined eligible will be invited to submit full applications and proposals.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 33204, 33204.2, and 33204.27, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 33204, 33204.2, 33204.27, 90110, 91032(b), 91520(j), 93020(a)(8), 94020, and 94030, Public Resources Code.

Article 4. Application Submittal, Proposal Review, and Grant Awards

§ 14005. Applications and Proposals.

- (a) Each applicant deemed eligible pursuant to Section 14004(b) shall be invited to submit a full application and proposal which shall, at a minimum, include the following information:
 - (1) Name of applicant and preferred email or mail address or other preferred contact information.
 - (2) Project description and amount sought.
 - (3) Introduction summarizing applicant's interest, goals, and project, and rationale for the project goals and approach.
 - (4) A scope of work and narrative description illustrating how the project would advance one or more of the goals and objectives identified in Section 1 of Proposition 4.
 - (5) Approach and methods.

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- (6) Anticipated outcomes and deliverables.
 - (7) Anticipated community engagement and benefits, including workforce education and training, contractor, or job opportunities for Vulnerable Populations.
 - (8) Proposed project timeline.
 - (9) Proposed budget, including need for advance funding and description of external sources of funding (not required for project selection).
 - (10) Project team experience and qualifications, including the use of services by the California Conservation Corps or certified community conservation corps, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 14507.5, where determined feasible by the applicant.
 - (11) Identification of relevant permit compliance requirements and a plan to obtain applicable permits.
 - (12) Website accessibility compliance where relevant.
 - (13) Grants shall be awarded as funding is available and authorized.
 - (14) Allocation of funds is contingent on the enactment of the state budget. The Conservancy does not disburse funds until the budget has passed and is signed by the Governor.

Note: Authority cited: Sections, 33204.2, and 33204.27, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 33204, 33204.2, 33204.27, 90110, 91032(b), 91520(j), 93020(a)(8), 94020, and 94030, Public Resources Code.

§ 14006 Evaluation of Proposals.

(a) All proposals shall be reviewed by a review committee of state-staff experts on watershed health, wildfire resilience, climate change, tribal traditional ecological knowledge, or other relevant qualifications based on the nature of the funding available and the Conservancy's priorities.

(1) If state staff with relevant expertise are unavailable, the Conservancy may invite non-state staff experts to participate in the review committee.

(2) All review committee members are subject to applicable laws on conflict of interest.

(b) Each Proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

(1) Alignment with and response to the program declarations listed in Section 1 of Proposition 4, including advancing funding to Vulnerable Populations, Disadvantaged Communities, or Severely Disadvantaged Communities, and

advancement of Environmental Justice principles.

(2) Alignment with program priorities which shall include the following:

(A) Ability to protect, conserve, and watersheds and healthy chaparral and forest lands.

(B) Ability to mitigate climate change impacts upon communities, fish and wildlife, and natural resources and increase public access.

(C) Ability to protect and restore chaparral, local native species and other ecosystems by mitigating the threat of invasive species and advancing biosecurity initiatives.

(D) Ability to support workforce development that addresses needs related to the objectives of Proposition 4 and are designed to create career pathways for individuals from Disadvantaged Communities, Severely Disadvantaged Communities, or Vulnerable Populations.

(3) Demonstration of public benefits anticipated to be derived from the project, including direct and meaningful community benefits, workforce development and training, or the inclusion of community partnerships, where applicable, including tribally-led projects or partnerships.

(4) Demonstration of readiness and capacity to complete the proposed project.

(5) Inclusion of services by the California Conservation Corps or certified community conservation corps, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 14507.5, where determined feasible by the applicant.

(6) Inclusion of innovative and/or effective methodology supported by science.

(7) Relative need of the project, based on geographic or environmental vulnerability factors, as described in the request for proposals pursuant Section 14004.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 33204, 33204.2, and 33204.27, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 33204, 33204.2, 33204.27, 90110, 91032(b), 91520(j), 93020(a)(8), 94020, and 94030, Public Resources Code.

§ 14007. Grant Awards.

(a) The review committee will consider which proposed Grant projects will best meet the

criteria in Section 14006(b) and make award recommendations to the Conservancy for the full or partial amount requested, or denied, based on the extent to which proposed projects best satisfy the goals of Proposition 4. Each applicant that submits a full application pursuant to Section 14005 shall be notified of the review committee's recommendation prior to the Conservancy meeting for final decision. A notice of intent to award a grant for the full or partial amount requested will be based on the following factors:

- (1) Amount of available funding;
- (2) Number of applicants;
- (3) Amount of funding requested by applicants; and
- (4) The Conservancy's funding priorities.

- (b) The review committee will submit its recommendations for funding to the Conservancy. The Conservancy shall review the review committee recommendations and will approve, modify, or deny these recommendations based on the information provided and the record before it. Upon a final vote, the Conservancy shall notify successful applicants of a Grant Award, including the amount of a Grant.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 33204, 33204.2, and 33204.27, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 33204, 33204.2, 33204.27, 90110, 91032(b), 91520(j), 93020(a)(8), 94020, and 94030, Public Resources Code.

§ 14008. Grant Agreements.

(a) The terms and conditions of a Grant shall be set forth in a Grant Agreement entered into by the Conservancy staff and the Grantee. A Grantee has the sole responsibility for the fiscal management of Grant funds, project-specific recordkeeping and reporting, performance of the project, and all other aspects of compliance with this Chapter and the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Grant amount and any need for advance payment.
- (2) Grantee contact information.
- (3) Grant duration.
- (4) Scope of the project funded by the Grant award.
- (5) Budget.
- (6) The Grantee's agreement to comply with existing laws.
- (7) Other project-specific terms as may be necessary to protect the state in

administering its fiduciary obligations.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 33204, 33204.2, and 33204.27, Public Resources

Code. Reference: Sections 33204, 33204.2, 33204.27, 90110, 91032(b), 91520(j), 93020(a)(8), 94020, and 94030, Public Resources Code.

Falina, Jason@OAL

From: Rorie Skei <skei@smmc.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Falina, Jason@OAL; Jeff Maloney
Cc: Elizabeth Kent
Subject: RE: SMMC Revised Prop 4 regs. - SMMC Counsel concurrence

Jason, absolutely, please make those corrections. We really appreciate your assistance.

Rorie

From: Falina, Jason@OAL <Jason.Falina@oal.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 4:34 PM
To: Rorie Skei <skei@smmc.ca.gov>; Jeff Maloney <maloney@smmc.ca.gov>
Cc: Elizabeth Kent <elizabeth.kent@mrca.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: SMMC Revised Prop 4 regs. - SMMC Counsel concurrence

Hello Rorie,

Apologies for an additional email on this action. However, the publisher caught a couple small issue with the Final Text submitted that seems to have snuck by us. It looks like the Final Text identifies the first section as section "1400" instead of the intended/needed "14000" (emphasis added). Additionally, it appears that the required underline format was not reflected fully for proposed section 14005(a)(10)-(14). I will need to process an erratum to fix these issues.

Therefore, may I have your authorization to: (1) handwrite in the missing "0" in the first proposed section to display/identify it as section "14000"; (2) underline by hand the missing portions in section 14005(a)(10)-(14); and (3) process the erratum with the Secretary of State to rectify these issues.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, I am happy to make myself available. Thank you for your time and effort on this project and I apologize for the additional aspects here

Best,

**Jason W. Falina, Attorney
Office of Administrative Law**

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From: Rorie Skei <skei@smmc.ca.gov>
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