

January 24, 2005; Agenda Item No. 18

Resolution No. 05-11

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (A) AUTHORIZING MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 50 SECTION 79572 FUNDS AND ENTERING INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 340 ACRES (APNs 4455-015-002, 4455-016-032 AND 033, 4455-035-001, 4455-033-005, 006 AND 021, 4455-028-043, AND PORTIONS OF 4455-033-003 AND 026) OF THE APPROXIMATELY 588-ACRE SOKA UNIVERSITY PROPERTY, UNINCORPORATED CALABASAS AREA; (B) AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF THOSE FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF THE GRANT TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, AND (C) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PURSUANT TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT.

WHEREAS, Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code provides that the conservancy may award grants for the purpose of acquiring sites identified as necessary for park, recreation, or conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 33211 authorizes the conservancy to do any and all thing necessary to carry out the purposes of Division 23; and

WHEREAS, The acquisition of Soka is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the staff report dated January 24, 2005 further describes the project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the environmental impact report 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.
2. AUTHORIZES making an application for Proposition 50 section 79572 funds and entering into a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition of approximately 340 acres as described in the staff report.
3. AUTHORIZES making a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority or in the alternative authorizes an assignment of the grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

4. AUTHORIZES the execution of all documents required by the Wildlife Conservation Board pursuant to the conditions of the grant.
5. ADOPTS the staff report dated January 24, 2005 for this item.
6. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director 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 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 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 January 24, 2005 at Malibu, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director