

September 27, 2004; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 04-78

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 40 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE SOKA UNIVERSITY ACQUISITION PROJECT (APNs 4455-015-002, 4455-016-032,-033, 4455-028-043, 4455-033-003,-005,-006,-007,-009,-010,-011,-018,-021,-022,-023,-026, 4455-034-001, 4455-035-001, 4455-040-007,-010), UNINCORPORATED CALABASAS AREA

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants (Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b)); and

WHEREAS, The proposed Soka University project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives which include ensuring that Conservancy land acquisition expertise is made available where needed, linking and integrating new natural parks into the existing park system, and linking key habitat areas strategically to protect species and ecosystems through acquisition and cooperation with other resource management agencies; and

WHEREAS, The MRCA has made a request for a grant from Proposition 40, Article 5, Section 5096.650 (b); and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated September 27, 2004 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 MRCA grant application is to acquire important land and water resources in the Malibu Creek watershed.

2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
4. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated September 27, 2004.
6. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the Soka University acquisition project.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson 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 the 27th day of September, 2004 at Agoura Hills, California.

Dated:

Executive Director