

August 30, 2004; Agenda Item No. 18

Resolution No. 04-68

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO THE NEWHALL RANCH HIGH COUNTRY RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted conditions for public ownership and protection of significant natural resource lands in the Newhall Ranch High Country Special Management Area and the Westridge project in unincorporated Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, Formation of a Joint Exercise of Powers agency between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the City of Santa Clarita, and the County of Los Angeles fulfills a condition for public ownership and protection of those natural resource lands; and

WHEREAS, The Newhall Ranch High Country and the Westridge open space are within the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor; and

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

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

1. AUTHORIZES entering into the Newhall Ranch High Country Recreation and Conservation Authority, a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the City of Santa Clarita, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the County of Los Angeles.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated August 30, 2004 for this item.
4. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the 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

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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 special meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 30th day of August, 2004 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director