

September 27, 2004; Agenda Item No. 17

Resolution No. 04-81

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 04-48 RESOLUTION NO. 04-48 REGARDING NONPROFIT GRANT TO FRIENDS OF THE CONSERVANCY FOR INTERPRETATION OF LAND, AIR, AND WATER RESOURCES AT UPPER LAS VIRGENES CANYON OPEN SPACE PRESERVE, TEMESCAL GATEWAY PARK, FRANKLIN CANYON PARK, MENTRYVILLE, AND TOWSLEY CANYON

WHEREAS, Section 33204.2 of the Public Resources Code provides that the conservancy may award grants to nonprofit organizations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Conservancy is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization; and

WHEREAS, Section 33215 of the Public Resources Code establishes the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Conservancy was formed for the expressed purpose of maintaining interpretation of natural and cultural resources our parks; and

WHEREAS, educational interpretation of natural and cultural resources is critical to the park visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, the staff report dated September 27, 2004 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 a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund in the amount not to exceed \$177,000 to Friends of the Conservancy for the educational interpretation of natural and cultural resources at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Temescal Gateway Park, Franklin Canyon Park, Mentryville, the Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park, and Towsley Canyon.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated September 27, 2004 for this item.

4. 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 the 27th day of September 2004 at Agoura Hills, California.

Dated:

Executive Director