

April 23, 2012; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 12-24

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING AN AUGMENTATION OF CF-1020 WITH DEPOSITED MITIGATION FUNDS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FUND, AND AN ADVANCE OF SAID FUNDS, FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOPEZ CANYON RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION AND CREATION PROJECT, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204.2 (a) and 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Restoration mitigation funding is available in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund from ILF-Corps No. 2005-01371-SAM for the Lopez Canyon tributary of the Los Angeles River watershed; and

WHEREAS, The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has previously requested a grant in the amount of \$330,000 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to begin the restoration work defined in an agreement between the Conservancy, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy awarded CF-1020 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in May 2010; and

WHEREAS, the recent increase in the awarded project budget is most efficiently awarded to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated April 23, 2012 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 action is consistent with the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan* and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated April 23, 2012.
5. AUTHORIZES augmentation of grant CF-1020 to include additional funds in the amount of \$23,940.
6. AUTHORIZES an advance of funds in an amount not less than \$23,940 to allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to do the necessary design and mobilization to begin the expanded project.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant augmentation 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 23rd day of April, 2012 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated:

Executive Director