

February 24, 2014; Agenda Item No. 13

Resolution No. 14-11

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY FOR THE LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION AND RESTORATION STUDY.

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to nonprofit organizations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, pursuant to Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy is a qualified nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), Section 79570(c), to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the purpose of protecting coastal watersheds, including but not limited to, acquisition, protection, and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs, and for the acquisition and development of facilities to promote public access to and participation in the conservation of land, water, and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy has requested a \$280,000 grant from Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 79570(c); and

WHEREAS, The proposed project would determine restoration opportunities within the 11-mile soft-bottom portion of the Los Angeles River; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated February 24, 2014 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 *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, 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. FINDS that the proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 50.
5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated February 24, 2014 for this item.
6. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
7. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Nature Conservancy in the amount of \$280,000.00 for the Los Angeles River Revitalization and Restoration Study.
8. 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 24th day of February, 2014 in Agoura Hills, California.

Dated: 2/24/14

Executive Director