

Agenda Report

TO: City Council March 16, 1999
THROUGH: Legislative Committee
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Support for Senate Bill 333 (Schiff) – Santa Monica Mountains
Conservancy Advisory Committee: Membership

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Support Senate Bill 333 (Schiff) – *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee: Membership*
2. Authorize the Mayor to send letters to the appropriate authorities stating Pasadena's support of this bill.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is a State agency created in 1980. Its goals and activities center around both land preservation and providing opportunities for recreation. The Conservancy undertakes acquisitions and provides grants to local governments and non-profit organizations for various combinations of planning, acquisition, improvement, operation and maintenance of wildlife habitat and recreation resources.

Currently the Advisory Committee has 17 members. Eight members are appointed by local governments, six members of the public are appointed at the State level, and three members are appointed by recreation and park districts. The current membership is as follows:

Local Governments (8 appointments)

- City of Los Angeles
- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- City of Thousand Oaks
- Ventura County Board of Supervisors
- City of Moorpark
- City of Santa Clarita
- Joint appointment by the City of Agoura Hills and the City of Westlake Village
- Joint appointment by the City of Malibu and the City of Calabasas

Members of the Public (6 appointments)

- Two appointments by the Governor
- Two appointments by the Senate Committee on Rules
- Two appointments by the Speaker of the Assembly

Recreation and Park Districts (3 appointments)

- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
- Conejo Recreation and Park District
- Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District

Senator Schiff's bill would add representation from four cities: Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale and La Canada-Flintridge. This would increase Pasadena's representation and communication on Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy projects.

Pasadena is part of the Conservancy's "Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor" geographic sphere. The Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor is a network of parks and trails connecting the Santa Monica Mountains to all the mountains surrounding the San Fernando, Simi and Conejo Valleys – the San Rafaels, the Verdugo Hills, the San Gabriels, the Santa Susanas, the Simi Hills, and the Santa Clarita Woodlands.

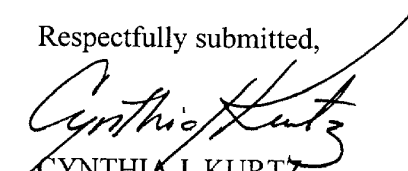
In the past, Pasadena has received funding and staff support from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy on projects in the Arroyo. These projects have included the

rehabilitation of the Lower Arroyo (done in conjunction with the Pasadena Recreation and Parks Foundation and the Arroyo Seco Council) and rehabilitation of the Oak Grove Park area, including portions of what is now the Hahamongna Watershed Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

Representation on the Santa Monica Conservancy Advisory Committee may bring greater opportunities for Pasadena to apply for receive grant funding on projects in the Arroyo area.

Respectfully submitted,



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