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Councilmember O'Farrell, Chair
Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee
Attention: Eric Villanueva, Legislative Assistant

RE: TRANSMITTAL FOR COUNCIL FILE NO. 21-1284

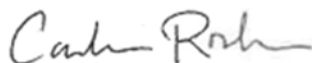
On September 20, 2022, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee considered a Resolution (Blumenfield et al. - Krekorian) relative to directing City staff to consult with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) prior to the release of any draft negative declarations and environmental impact reports under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and on projects that may affect natural resources within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone, as defined in the Conservancy Act (Public Resources Code sections 21080.3, 21080.4, 21091, and 21153); this Resolution shall apply prospectively only and not to any discretionary CEQA approval published or sought from the City prior to the date this Resolution becomes effective; direct the Department of City Planning, the Bureau of Engineering, and the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, to: 1) Coordinate with other City departments and take all necessary steps to ensure that Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Natural Resource Protection Plan prepared by SMMC will be considered by the City in the CEQA process to ensure the protection and conservation of sensitive habitat areas; 2) Coordinate with other City departments and develop a process to consider all future spatial habitat protection maps prepared by SMMC; and 3) Report back to the City Council within 90 days on the status of the coordination efforts regarding the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Natural Resource Protection Plan and a process for all future spatial habitat protection maps prepared by SMMC. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended the following:

1. RECEIVE and FILE Resolution (Blumenfield et al. - Krekorian) dated November 3, 2021.
2. ADOPT Resolution (Blumenfield et al. - Krekorian) dated September 6, 2022 with the following revised recommendations:

- a. Remove 'City of Los Angeles' in the moving clauses, and replace it with 'the Council, with the Concurrence of the Mayor.'
- b. Instruct the Department of City Planning (DCP), the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), the Bureau of Street Services (BOSS), in consultation with the City Attorney, to coordinate with all other City departments that are a 'lead agency' overseeing/approving the environmental clearance for a project, to consult with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) prior to the release of any draft negative declarations and environmental impact reports under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and on projects that may affect natural resources within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone, as defined in the Conservancy Act (Public Resources Code sections 21080.3, 21080.4, 21091, and 21153).
- c. Instruct DCP, BOE, BOSS, in consultation with the City Attorney, to coordinate with other City departments, and take all necessary steps to ensure that the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Natural Resource Protection Plan prepared by SMMC will be considered by the City in the CEQA process to ensure the protection and conservation of sensitive habitat areas.
- d. Instruct the DCP, BOE, and BOSS in consultation with the City Attorney, to coordinate with other City departments, and develop a process to consider all future spatial habitat protection maps prepared by SMMC.
- e. Resolve that this Resolution will apply prospectively only and not to any discretionary CEQA approval published or sought from the City prior to the date this Resolution becomes effective.
- f. Instruct DCP, BOE and the BOSS, to report to the Council within 90 days on the status of the coordination efforts regarding the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Natural Resource Protection Plan and a process for all future spatial habitat protection maps prepared by SMMC.

The subject Council file is hereby transmitted to the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee for consideration. This matter awaits consideration by the aforementioned Committee.

Sincerely,



Candy Rosales, Legislative Assistant
Planning and Land Use Management Committee

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LEE:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES