

CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2011.13

California Cultural and Historical Endowment Board Meeting
9/29/2011,
Agenda Item No. 8.0

for

Catalina Island Conservancy:
Eagles Nest Lodge on Catalina Island

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the restoration of Eagle's Nest Lodge; and

WHEREAS, the Board reconsidered the decision of February 2010 and in June of 2010 reserved funds for a planning grant in the amount of \$800,000 contingent upon the satisfaction of specific milestones which would demonstrate sufficient organizational and financial capacity; and

WHEREAS, the applicant completed the necessary milestones, but there were continuing concerns about the financial capacity of the organization as confirmed by the completed financial audit; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved this grant in November 2010, and the CCHE and the Catalina Island Conservancy entered into a Grant Agreement on March 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, in March 2011, the Catalina Island Conservancy began a Master Plan process to examine the Middle Ranch site and the functions that will happen within it, and as a result, has notified CCHE of their intent to relocate the Lodge 1.7 miles to higher ground; and

WHEREAS, keeping the Lodge in its current location, next to a stream within a flood plain, is not the most prudent use of CCHE or match dollars; and

WHEREAS, the new site preserves the original intent of a roadside stagecoach stop and maintains a feeling of isolation similar to the original location; and

WHEREAS, CCHE has independently considered the environmental effects of the Project and concurs with the Lead Agency for this Project, the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning that the project in its new location qualifies for a categorical exemption under Section 15301(d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety and Section 15301(e)(1) Additions to Existing Structures. CCHE staff in an independent review finds that the project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CCHE Board approves the material change to relocate Eagles Nest Lodge 1.7 miles away from its original site to higher ground and for approval of the revised B-1 budget/work plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CCHE adopts the information contained in the CCHE Staff Report.

Certification

The undersigned Chair of the CCHE Board of Directors does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CCHE Board of Directors held 9/29/2011.

Dated:

Signature: _____

Stacey Aldrich
Chair, CCHE Board of Directors