

# **MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

September 12, 2011 — Agenda Item VII

Resolution No. 11-123

## **RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO ACQUIRE BURNELL DRIVE PROPERTIES ABUTTING ELYRIA CANYON PARK AND AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF APNS 5464-028-26, 027, 028, 029, 042; 5464-030-037, 038, 039, MOUNT WASHINGTON, CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the subject parcels are on “dirt” Burnell Drive and serve as a vital trail connection to Elyria Canyon Park and the; and

WHEREAS, the subject parcels contain high quality walnut woodland habitat contiguous with protected public parkland; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Washington community has expressed its support and determination that “dirt” Burnell be acquired and protected in perpetuity as parkland; and

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Proposition), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Proposition, and

WHEREAS, the District’s procedures require the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HEREBY:

1. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated September 12, 2011.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ACCEPTS the right to apply for Specified Excess Funds from the City of Los Angeles and approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the above project; and
4. CERTIFIES that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
5. CERTIFIES that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
6. APPOINTS the Executive Officer, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project; and
7. AUTHORIZES the acceptance of up to \$200,000 from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; and
8. AUTHORIZES the use of funds from SMM-0809 to complete the subject acquisition; and
9. AUTHORIZES the acquisition of APNs (5464-028-26, 027, 028, 029, 042; 5464-030-037, 038, 039); and
10. AUTHORIZES such budget amendments that may be necessary to implement these actions.
11. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

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Chair

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

Date:

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Executive Officer