RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR PROJECTS IN THE BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED INCLUDING BALLONA WETLANDS PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California in 2006, enacted State of California Proposition 84, which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the State for the purpose of restoration and acquisition for the purpose of natural resource protection;

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will enter into an Agreement with the Conservancy to provide funds for planning and development projects; Now

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) hereby:

1. FINDS that Ballona Wetlands Public Access project will provide significant public benefits; and

2. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated October 5, 2011.

4. AUTHORIZES the acceptance of funds from the State Coastal Conservancy
in the amount of $280,000 for projects in the Ballona Creek watershed including Ballona Wetlands Public Access Project.

5. AUTHORIZES any budget amendments as necessary.

6. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer or his designee to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

7. AGREES to be bound by all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and any other agreement or instrument as may be required by the Conservancy and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement and to complete the project.

8. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer or his designee 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

AYES:
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ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the governing board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 5th day of October, 2011.

Date:  
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Executive Officer