RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FOR A PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN GRANT FOR ELEPHANT HILL OPEN SPACE, EL SERENO

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

1. FINDS that El Sereno is a dense, underserved community in need of public open space.

2. FINDS that Elephant Hill is a regionally significant habitat area for locally rare oak and walnut woodland.

3. FINDS that acquisition of Elephant Hill parcels will protect natural open space in perpetuity.

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

5. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated May 2, 2012.

6. AUTHORIZES a grant application to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for in the amount of $100,000 for project planning and design of Elephant Hill Open Space.

7. AUTHORIZES such budget amendments that may be necessary to implement these actions.

8. 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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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 2nd day of May, 2012.

Date: ___________________________________________

Executive Officer