Resolved, that the governing board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) hereby:

1. FINDS that the MRCA programs are national and international models for combining preservation efforts with local community involvement; and

2. FINDS that participation in the World Ranger Congress held November 4-9, 2012 in Arusha, Tanzania will allow for the exchange of ideas and facilitate working partnerships between the MRCA and established ranger programs and developing nations that need assistance with the promotion and instigation of programs; and

3. FINDS that MRCA staff has submitted to present on both partnerships with urban partners and on the challenges of being an open space ranger on the urban edge which will increase professional development of staff and contribute to the value of the conference by using examples of MRCA successes as case studies; and

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

5. ADOPTS the staff report dated June 6, 2012; and

6. AUTHORIZES an application for a grant of $10,000 from the Conservancy Fund for registration for the World Ranger Congress; and

7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those
provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

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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 16th day of June 6, 2012.

Date:

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Executive Officer