RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING 1) APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR PROPOSITION A FUNDING TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 6.28-ACRE PARCEL APN 4448-018-018 (1809 TUNA CANYON ROAD), ADJACENT ROCKY LEDGE, 2) ENTERING INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT, AND 3) AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF SAID PARCEL IN THE TOPANGA CANYON WATERSHED, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

1. FINDS that APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon is a high priority acquisition in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone; and

2. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and

3. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated July 3, 2013; and

4. AUTHORIZES application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A Funds to acquire APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon; and

5. FINDS that the proposed actions are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

6. FINDS that the subject property is on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy’s Acquisition Workprogram submitted annually to the Governor; and

7. FINDS that 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, Beaches and Wildlife Protection (the Proposition), which, among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in
the County for the purposes of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

8. FINDS the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was awarded funds in the Proposition for acquisition of park and open space land, development of related recreation facilities, and grants pursuant to Division 23 of the Public Resources Code; and

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

10. FINDS the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing applications for grant funds under the Proposition; and

11. CERTIFIES that it understands the assurances and certifications required for applications; and

12. CERTIFIES that through this resolution the application for the above referenced project is approved for submission to the District; and

13. CERTIFIES that it will be required to provide additional funding for the above project if the requested grant funds are insufficient to complete said project; and

14. CERTIFIES that it understands its obligation to operate and maintain the property in perpetuity, as applicable; and

15. CERTIFIES that it will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the Project Agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and

16. CERTIFIES that it will cause work on the project to be commenced immediately upon receipt of a fully executed Project Agreement; and

17. CERTIFIES that it agrees and understands that the District may terminate the Project Agreement at any point if it determines that the project cannot be performed as described in the application; and

18. ACCEPTS being the assignee of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to carry out all aspects of this application, grant, and project implementation and will be required to enter into a Project Agreement with the District for the performance of the project as described in the application; and
19. AUTHORIZES entering into a Project Agreement to acquire APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; and

20. AUTHORIZES the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Excess Funds allocated from the Proposition for the acquisition of the subject properties; and

21. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer, or his 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 project as described in the application; and

22. AUTHORIZES the acceptance of Third Supervisorial District Proposition A Funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to be used towards the acquisition of APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon; and

23. AUTHORIZES the use of Third Supervisorial District Proposition A Funds in an amount not to exceed $56,000 for the acquisition of APN 4448-018-018; and

24. AUTHORIZES the acceptance of both public and private funds towards said acquisition; and

25. AUTHORIZES entering into a Project Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to the effect of acquiring APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon; and

26. AUTHORIZES the acquisition of APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon; and

27. 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
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 3rd day of July, 2013.

Date: ____________________________

Executive Officer