

# **MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

November 6, 2013 — Agenda Item XII

Resolution No. 13-136

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OPPOSING THE PROPOSED HIDDEN CREEKS ESTATES PROJECT(CPC-2005-6656-AD-GPA-ZC-CU-DA-ZAD/VTT-68724/ENV-2005-6657-EIR), AND IN THE EVENT THAT A PROJECT IS APPROVED, CONDITIONALLY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF TRAIL EASEMENTS, CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, AND FEE SIMPLE OPEN SPACE RELATED TO THE PROJECT, BROWNS CANYON WATERSHED, CHATSWORTH AND PORTER RANCH AREAS**

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

1. FINDS that the subject 285-acre property proposed for development by the Hidden Creeks Estates Project in Browns and Mormon Canyon watersheds, is recreationally, visually, hydrologically and ecologically significant; and
2. FINDS that the proposed Hidden Creeks Estates Project (CPC-2005-6656-AD-GPA-ZC-CU-DA-ZAD/VTT-68724/ENV-2005-6657-EIR) would result in significant adverse and unmitigated biological, recreational, visual and watershed impacts within the Upper Los Angeles River watershed; and
3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated November 6, 2013; and
5. OPPOSES, categorically, the approval of the Hidden Creeks Estates Project (CPC-2005-6656-AD-GPA-ZC-CU-DA-ZAD/VTT-68724/ENV-2005-6657-EIR) by the City of Los Angeles; and
6. AUTHORIZES the acceptance of trail easements and trail construction funding related to the Hidden Creeks Estates Project (CPC-2005-6656-AD-GPA-ZC-CU-DA-ZAD/VTT-68724/ENV-2005-6657-EIR), in the event said project is approved, conditional on the formation of a Landscape Maintenance or Community Facilities District to fund maintenance and environmental mitigation measures for the life of the project; and

7. AUTHORIZES the acceptance of open space dedications via conservation easements and deed restrictions related to the Hidden Creeks Estates Project (CPC-2005-6656-AD-GPA-ZC-CU-DA-ZAD/VTT-68724/ENV-2005-6657-EIR), in the event said project is approved, conditional on the formation of a Landscape Maintenance or Community Facilities District to fund maintenance and environmental mitigation measures for the life of the project; and
8. AUTHORIZES the acceptance of fee-title open space related to the Hidden Creeks Estates Project (CPC-2005-6656-AD-GPA-ZC-CU-DA-ZAD/VTT-68724/ENV-2005-6657-EIR), in the event said project is approved, conditional on the formation of a Landscape Maintenance or Community Facilities District to fund maintenance and environmental mitigation measures for the life of the project; and
9. AUTHORIZES entering into agreements with the City of Los Angeles, Southern California Gas Company, and the applicant for the Hidden Creeks Estates Project (CPC-2005-6656-AD-GPA-ZC-CU-DA-ZAD/VTT-68724/ENV-2005-6657-EIR) for all above said purposes; and
10. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer or his designee to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including agreements which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and
12. 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:

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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 6th day of November, 2013.

Date:

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Executive Officer