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

1. FINDS that the properties in the Agua Dulce – State Route 14 Wildlife Corridor Project are all critical elements of the Angeles Linkage Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP); and

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

3. 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

4. FINDS the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority is designated as a recipient of Fifth Supervisorial District Big Five Excess Funds for the Agua Dulce – State Route 14 Wildlife Corridor Project; and

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

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

7. CERTIFIES that it understands the assurances and certifications required for applications; and
8. CERTIFIES that through this resolution the application for the above referenced project is approved for submission to the District; and

9. 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

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

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

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

13. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated December 4, 2013; and.

14. AUTHORIZES application to the District for Fifth Supervisorial District Proposition A County and Big Five Excess Funds for the Agua Dulce – State Route 14 Wildlife Corridor Project; and

15. AUTHORIZES entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to implement the Agua Dulce – State Route 14 Wildlife Corridor Project; and

16. AUTHORIZES the acceptance of Proposition A County and Big Five Excess Funds; and

17. AUTHORIZES the use of Fifth Supervisorial District Proposition A County and Big Five Excess Funds in an amount not to exceed $280,000 for the acquisition of properties in the Agua Dulce – State Route 14 Wildlife Corridor Project; and

18. 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
19. AUTHORIZES any budget amendments as necessary; and

20. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by 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 4th day of December, 2013.

Date: _________________________
Executive Officer