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

1. FINDS that is an environmental education program that promotes locally relevant, systematic experiential learning in the K-12 environment; and

2. FINDS that the primary delivery of the NOAA B-WET Program is through competitive funding that promotes Meaningful Watershed Education Experiences within, in particular, the Santa Barbara Channel Watershed; and

3. FINDS that the proposed MRCA Junior Naturalist - Ocean Unit meets the goals of both NOAA B-WET and the MRCA in regard to promoting the health of the state’s marine and coastal eco-systems through innovative environmental education programs; and

4. FINDS that these interpretive programs will focus on reaching communities that are currently poorly served in terms of marine and coastal education with emphasis on after-school programs at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme; and

5. FINDS that the request will not exceed $60,000; and

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

7. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated January 15, 2014; and
8. AUTHORIZES such budget amendments that may be necessary to implement these actions; and

9. 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

AYES:

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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 15th day of January, 2014.

Date: ____________________________
Executive Officer