MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

April 6, 2016 — Agenda Item VI(j)

Resolution No. 16-38


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

1. FINDS that APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon remains 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 April 6, 2016; and

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

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

6. 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

7. 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
8. FINDS the Proposition also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

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

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

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

12. 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

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

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

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

16. 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

17. 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

18. AUTHORIZES entering into an Amended Project Agreement to acquire APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; and
19. 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

20. 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

21. AMENDS Resolution No. 13-101 to authorize the acceptance of an additional $20,000 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

22. AMENDS Resolution No. 13-101 authorizing the use of Third Supervisorial District Proposition A Funds in an amount not to exceed $76,000 for the acquisition of APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon; and

23. AMENDS Resolution No. 13-99, to authorize the use of an additional $176,000 of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funding towards the acquisition of APN 4448-018-018 in Topanga Canyon; and

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

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

26. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

Chair
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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 6th day of April, 2016.

Date: __________________________

Executive Officer