

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

December 7, 2016— Agenda Item VII

Resolution No. 16-186

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION
AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING: A) ENTERING INTO
PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL
PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO ACQUIRE THE
APPROXIMATELY 96-ACRE OLD TOPANGA PROPERTY,
B) ADOPTING A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN, AND
C) ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTY,
CITY OF CALABASAS**

WHEREAS, 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, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority must comply with; and

WHEREAS, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

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

1. FINDS that there are park and natural lands in Old Topanga which are biologically valuable elements of the wildlife corridor; and
2. FINDS that the proposed actions are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and
3. CERTIFIES that Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
4. CERTIFIES that through this resolution the application for the above referenced project is approved for submission to the District; and
5. 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
6. CERTIFIES that it understands its obligation to operate and maintain the property in perpetuity, as applicable; and
7. CERTIFIES that Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the Project Agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
8. CERTIFIES that it will cause work on the project to be commenced immediately upon receipt of a fully executed Project Agreement; and
9. 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
10. APPROVES the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and
11. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated December 7, 2016; and.
12. AUTHORIZES the filing of an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for funds from 1996 Proposition A Section 3(b)(14) to acquire approximately 96-acre Old Topanga property; and

13. AUTHORIZES entering into a Project Agreement for the Old Topanga-Calabaras Highlands adjacent project with the District for said funds to acquire APNs 2072-024-005, -019, -020, 2072-025-014, -015, -016, 2072-027-004, -005, -006, and 2072-030-010; and
14. AUTHORIZES any necessary budget amendments; and
15. 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
16. 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

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 7th day of December, 2016.

Date: 12/7/16

Executive Officer