

## **MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

February 7, 2018— Agenda Item VI(q)

Resolution No. 18-26

### **RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ASSIGNING OPERATIONS AND FUNDING OF WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PROGRAMS TO COMMUNITY NATURE CONNECTION PER THE RECIPROCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

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

1. FINDS that the William O. Douglas Outdoor classroom programs are an important mechanism for teaching youth about the natural and cultural history of the Santa Monica Mountains in keeping with the MRCA mission; and
2. FINDS that the docent training program, the field trip programs for Title I schools and the interpretive programs for the public is in keeping with the priorities set by both the MRCA and the National Park Service for Franklin Canyon Park; and
3. FINDS that assignment and operation of these programs by Community Nature Connection is understood and supported by the national park Service; and
4. FINDS that the reciprocal service agreement with Community Nature Connection allows for the continuation of this valuable program previously operated by the MRCA Division of Interpretation; and
5. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and
6. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated February 7, 2018; and
7. AUTHORIZES assignment of funds to Community Nature Connection of the annual appropriation from the National Park Service not to exceed \$193,500; 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

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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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

Date:

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Executive Officer