NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform the general public that the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Park to Playa Trail project and intends to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

Project Title: PARK TO PLAYA TRAIL

Project Location: Within parks and open space in Baldwin Hills, Los Angeles County and the cities

of Los Angeles and Culver City

Project Description: The BHRCA is proposing the designation of existing and new trails as the Park to Playa Trail, a comprehensive system of developed trails that would connect various recreational areas and facilities in the Baldwin Hills area to the beach, through the Ballona Creek Bike Path and Marvin Braude Bike Path. As part of the project, the designated 7-mile trail alignment would be improved through the resurfacing, widening, and realigning of existing trails; by providing fencing, wayfinding signs, and trailhead facilities (i.e., information kiosks, shade structures, benches, bike racks, and trash cans); landscaping with native plants and restoring habitat in disturbed areas adjacent to the trail; and reconstructing sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, and a drainage channel.

Findings: The proposed Park to Playa Trail would result in potentially significant impacts but compliance with regulatory requirements and implementation of mitigation measures would reduce all potentially significant adverse impacts to less than significant levels.

Comment Period: January 16, 2013 to February 18, 2013

Lead Agency: Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority

Contact Person: Ms. Ana Petrlic

Deputy Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Planning Division

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

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The IS/MND, as well as all technical appendices, is available for public viewing at the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority website at http://smmc.ca.gov/BHRCA.asp and at the following locations:

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, California 90065

View Park Library Reference Desk 3854 54th Street Los Angeles, CA 90043

http://www.colapublib.org/libs/viewpark/index.php

Culver City Julian Dixon Library
Reference Desk
4975 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230
http://www.colapublib.org/libs/culvercity/index.php

Please submit comments on the IS/MND before 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2013 to:

Ms. Josephine Alido BonTerra Consulting 225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 1000 Pasadena, California 91101 jalido@bonterraconsulting.com

A public meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 PM on January 30, 2013 at:

Community Meeting Room Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90056