BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Resolution No. 10-02

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A MODIFICATION TO THE CURRENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY TO TRANSFER THE 6000 JEFFERSON ACQUISITION GRANT FUND TO THE OHR ELIYAHU PROJECT AND EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR TWO YEARS

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority ("Authority"), a Joint Powers Authority, was established in 1999 by the County and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the purpose of providing a comprehensive program to acquire, expand and improve open space, natural habitat, and recreational opportunities within the Baldwin Hills and other natural and recreational areas within the Second Supervisorial District; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) and its territory were established pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32550, et seq. for the purpose of acquiring and developing open space within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the territory for the public's enjoyment and educational experience; and

WHEREAS, the BHC entered into a grant agreement with the BHRCA for the acquisition of 2.64 acres known as the 6000 West Jefferson property, APN: 4204-008-901 (portion); and

WHEREAS, the 6000 West Jefferson Property remains unavailable for acquisition until 2014 due to ongoing construction staging for the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant agreement was to secure a parcel in the perimeter of the western ridgeline to improve public access to the Lloyd Property, Finley Fee and the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook; and

WHEREAS, both the BHC and the BHRCA have identified alternative parcels: APNs: 4204-014-024, 4204-014-025 and 4204-014-026 as comparable acquisitions ("Ohr Eliyahu Project"); and

WHEREAS, the term of grant agreement #BHC07002 between BHC and BHRCA expires on June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the BHRCA and BHC desire to modify the grant agreement to transfer the 6000 Jefferson acquisition grant fund to the Ohr Eliyahu Project and extend the agreement for two years; and

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WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the BHRCA hereby authorizes the Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a modification to the current grant agreement with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to transfer the 6000 Jefferson acquisition grant fund to the Ohr Eliyahu Project and extend the agreement for two years.

AYES:	Chairperson
NOS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the governing board of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 15 th day of April, 2010.	
Date:	Executive Officer