

BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

August 24, 2010— Agenda Item IX

Resolution No. 10-14

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACCEPTING THE RETURN OF FUNDS FOR BALDWIN HILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24, SUBSECTIONS B and C OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996

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 Authority, under Section 24, Subsections b and c of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 is the designated recipient of excess funds allocated to the highest priority regional open space and recreation projects in Baldwin Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Authority had determined that it is in the Authority's best interest to assign the Authority's right to apply for those funds to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation ("Department"), for the development of the Yvonne B. Burke Driving Range Project (the "Project") in the Baldwin Hills; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2008, the Authority assigned its right to apply for those funds to the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department applied for and received funds in the amount of \$6,728,000 for implementation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Department has terminated the Project; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the Department and the Authority that the remaining funds be returned to the Authority to be used for other eligible projects in compliance with the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2010, the Authority accepted the return of Specified Excess Funds in the amount of \$6,599,638.36 to be used for eligible projects in compliance with the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an additional \$128,361.64 is available in remaining funds to be returned to the Authority.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Authority hereby finds that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Authority hereby accepts return of Specified Excess Funds in the amount of \$128,361.64 to be used for eligible projects in compliance with the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

Chairperson

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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 24th day of August, 2010.

Executive Officer