

BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

June 10, 2014 - Agenda Item VII

Resolution No. 14-03

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS APNs: 4221-024-907, 4221-024-908, 4221-024-909, 4221-024-910 TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) was established by the County of Los Angeles (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, section 2 of the BHRCA Joint Exercises of Powers Agreement allows BHRCA to acquire and dispose of property interests necessary to further the purposes of BHRCA;

WHEREAS, BHRCA has acquired certain vacant real property known as APNs: 4221-024-907, 4221-024-908, 4221-024-909, 4221-024-910 (Land) for the creation of parkland;

WHEREAS, the Land was purchased with grants from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Proposition A);

WHEREAS, BHRCA is not equipped to operate or maintain such Land;

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has the experience and expertise to operate and maintain open space and parkland;

WHEREAS, the Land is currently adjacent to a bike trail that is a non-descript paved path directly adjacent to the creek, separated from the road by a metal fence, which inevitably deters pedestrians and natural wildlife from sharing the space with recreational bikers;

WHEREAS, MRCA proposes to improve the Land with Milton Street Park, a 1.2-acre linear urban park alongside the Ballona Creek Bike Trail in Los Angeles, incorporating numerous green-design elements, including the use of recycled materials, native planting, smart irrigation, and water treatment on the 1000-foot-long, 45-foot-wide stretch of land, along with a variety of special elements, such as bird watching platforms, new entry gateways, pedestrian trail installation, seating areas, bicycle parking area, outdoor picnic areas, and other amenities to enhance visitor experience along the bike trail; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Land be transferred to MRCA to own, develop, operate, and maintain said Milton Street Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of BHRCA hereby authorizes the transfer of the Land to MRCA for the ownership, operation, and maintenance of a future park, and execution by its Chairperson, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, as well as approval by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, of all documentation required in connection with such transfer.

Chair

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 10th day of June, 2014.

Executive Officer