

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Date and agenda item

Resolution No. 2016-

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZING A) APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT TO ACQUIRE PARK AND NATURAL LAND IN THE PUENTE HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR EAST OF COLIMA ROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY (THE AUTHORITY); B) ENTERING INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDS FROM 1996 PROPOSITION A SECTION 3(B)(14); C) ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE PARK AND NATURAL LAND AUTHORIZED FOR ACQUISITION BY THE AUTHORITY AND TO TRANSFER ANY REAL PROPERTY INTEREST ACQUIRED TO THE AUTHORITY FOR NO ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION; D) APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A (the Propositions) providing funds to public agencies to acquire open space; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, Section 3(b)(14) of Proposition A 1996 allocated the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) for acquisition of park and natural lands in the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor east of Colima Road; and

WHEREAS, WCCA desires to make an application to the District and enter into a project agreement with the District for one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for acquisition of park and natural lands in the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor east of Colima Road and located within the jurisdiction of the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority, a joint exercise of powers entity established pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* owns, preserves and actively manages thousands of acres of park and natural lands within the Whittier Hills and the contiguous Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor both west and east of Colima Road; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Prop. A 1996 provides that no funds authorized under Section 3 may be disbursed to any recipient unless the recipient agrees: (a) To maintain and operate in perpetuity the property acquired with the funds.

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority hereby:

AUTHORIZES making an application for and entering into a project agreement for one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for acquisition of park and natural lands in the Puente Hills

Wildlife Corridor east of Colima Road and also located within the jurisdiction of the Authority; and

AUTHORIZES entering into an agreement with the Authority to acquire park and natural land authorized for acquisition by the Authority and to transfer to the Authority any real property interest acquired for no additional consideration so long as the Authority agrees to comply with the applicable provisions of Proposition A 1996 and the project agreement;

CERTIFIES that WCCA will not commence any project work prior to obtaining Authority's written approval of any project work and instructions for implementing the project work.

CERTIFIES that WCCA will sign and return within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature;

CERTIFIES that WCCA understands the assurances and certification in the application form;

CERTIFIES that through this resolution the application for the project is approved for submission to the District;

FINDS that the proposed actions are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act;

APPROVES the adoption of a youth employment plan;

AUTHORIZES any necessary budget amendments;

AUTHORIZES, the Executive Officer to take any action necessary to implement the provisions of this resolution.

Chairperson

AYES:
NOES:
ABENT:
ABSTENTIONS:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on 2016.

Dated:

Executive Officer