

BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

November 17, 2020 – Agenda Item IX

Resolution No. 20-07

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING GRANT OF FUNDS OF \$250,000 OF BILLBOARD ACCOUNT FUNDS, TO BE JOINTLY APPROVED BY THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY, TO THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS TO IMPROVE SAFE PUBLIC ACCESS TO KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA.

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, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy ("BHC") was created to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the BHC territory; and

WHEREAS, BHRCA has the power to authorize and fund construction, management, and maintenance of recreational and park facilities within the Baldwin Hills area; and

WHEREAS, BHRCA and BHC have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for management of property interests within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II Section (4) of the MOU, any revenues received from cooperatively acquired or developed property interests would be maintained in an account managed by an independent fiscal agent; and

WHEREAS, Article II Section (5) of the MOU requires all expenditures from the account must be authorized by a joint resolution of the governing boards of BHRCA and BHC; and

WHEREAS, Article II Section (7) of the MOU allows for expenditures that provide for public safety; and

WHEREAS, BHRCA desires to improve safe public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area from the north side of the park through prioritizing the shoring up of existing fencing and infrastructure, planning and community outreach, as well as potential construction activities associated with formalizing key public access routes (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (the "Corps") provides at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Executive Officer of BHRCA be authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Corps, to be jointly approved by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 of Billboard Account Funds to undertake the Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of BHRCA hereby authorizes its Executive Officer to execute, upon approval as to form by BHRCA Counsel, a grant agreement with the Corps, to be jointly approved by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 of Billboard Account Funds to undertake the Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of BHRCA authorizes the Executive Officer to take all necessary steps to implement said grant of funds.

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 17th day of November, 2020.

Date:

Executive Officer