

BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

August 27, 2009 – Agenda Item XI

Resolution No. 09-11

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$250,000 FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT/FINANCING OF THE BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT REVIEW

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority ("Authority") is to provide for a comprehensive program to acquire, expand and improve the open space, natural habitat and recreational opportunities within the Baldwin Hills, to improve connections between the Baldwin Hills and other natural and recreational areas, including Ballona Creek, and for the conservation, protection of natural habitat restoration, and environmental enhancement of the Baldwin Hills area and protection for the Ballona Creek watershed and water quality; and

WHEREAS, in October 2008, the County of Los Angeles amended the County zoning code, approving the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District ("CSD") to regulate oil drilling operations at the Baldwin Hills oil field; and

WHEREAS, many in the community have expressed concerns that the County's regulations are insufficient and more controls are required for appropriate land use regulation and the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has directed the Director of the County Department of Regional Planning to initiate a study to consider amendments to the CSD to consider enhancing or modifying regulations for the benefit of the community related to aesthetics, the intensity of drilling at the site and health impacts ("CSD Review"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes the objectives of the CSD Review are consistent with, and promotes, the purposes of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for this purpose in the Billboard Account, jointly controlled by the Authority and the Baldwin Hills Conservancy ("BHC") and governed by the Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and the BHC for the Management of Cooperatively Acquired and/or Developed Property Interests in the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Territory ("MOU"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to allocate up to \$250,000 from the Billboard Account for the purposes of financing the CSD Review, subject to the approval of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Authority hereby authorizes allocation of up to \$250,000 from the Billboard Account for the purposes of financing the CSD Review, subject to the approval of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Authority hereby authorizes its Executive Officer to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the above authorization, including coordination with the BHC to facilitate its authorization of the expenditure from the Billboard Account, amendment of the MOU as necessary and appropriate to effectuate the above authorization, subject to approval as to form by Legal Counsel, and coordination with the County Department of Regional Planning to fund the CSD Review.

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 27th day of August, 2009.

Date:

Executive Officer