

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

September 23, 2016 — Agenda Item VI
Resolution No. 16-02

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A) APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO ACQUIRE PARK AND NATURAL LANDS IN THE PUENTE HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR EAST OF COLIMA ROAD; B) ENTERING INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR FUNDS FROM 1996 PROPOSITION A SECTION 3(B)(14); AND C) 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, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

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

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority must comply with; and

WHEREAS, Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition projects; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority hereby:

1. FINDS that there are park and natural lands in the Puente Hills wildlife corridor east of Colima Road that are biologically valuable elements of the wildlife corridor; and
2. FINDS that the proposed actions are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and
3. CERTIFIES that Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
4. CERTIFIES that through this resolution the application for the above referenced project is approved for submission to the District; and
5. CERTIFIES that it will be required to provide additional funding for the above project if the requested grant funds are insufficient to complete said project; and
6. CERTIFIES that it understands its obligation to operate and maintain the property in perpetuity, as applicable; and
7. CERTIFIES that Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the Project Agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
8. APPROVES the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and
9. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated September 23, 2016; and.
10. AUTHORIZES the filing of an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for funds from 1996 Proposition A Section 3(b)(14) to acquire park and natural lands in the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor east of Colima Road; and
11. AUTHORIZES entering into a project agreement with the District for said funds; and
12. AUTHORIZES any necessary budget amendments; and

13. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the project as described in the application; and
14. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

Chairperson

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 23rd day of September, 2016.

Dated: 9/23/16

Executive Officer