

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

July 6, 2011 — Agenda Item X

Resolution No. 11-97

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO URBAN GREENING FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR RESTORATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT ELEPHANT HILL, EL SERENO, CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) hereby:

1. FINDS that the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program.
2. FINDS that the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures.
3. FINDS that said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State.
4. FINDS that MRCA, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Restoration and Public Access Improvements at Elephant Hill Open Space.
5. FINDS that El Sereno is a dense, underserved community in need of public open space, making this Project a suitable candidate for Urban Greening.
6. FINDS that Elephant Hill is a regionally significant habitat area for locally rare oak and walnut woodland in need of protection.
7. FINDS that public access to Elephant Hill Open Space will enrich the community's appreciation and understanding of natural ecosystems.
8. FINDS that improvements are needed before public access can be provided.

9. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
10. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated July 6, 2011.
11. AUTHORIZES an application to the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program for Restoration and Public Access Improvements at Elephant Hill Open Space.
12. CERTIFIES that MRCA understands the assurances and certification in the application.
13. CERTIFIES that MRCA will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so.
14. CERTIFIES that MRCA will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 84 Funds.
15. CERTIFIES that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained.
16. CERTIFIES that applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1.
17. AUTHORIZES up to \$50,000 for improvements as a local match, contingent upon an award of funding from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
18. AUTHORIZES such budget amendments that may be necessary to implement these actions.
19. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

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Chair

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 6th day of July, 2011.

Date:

Executive Officer