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November 30, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR THE ELSMERE CANYON ACQUISITION PROJECT (FIFTH DISTRICT) (4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a funding agreement in the amount of $1,000,000 with the City of Santa Clarita to partially reimburse the City for the County's contribution towards the purchase of 842 acres of open space land in Elsmere Canyon in the City of Santa Clarita.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities, which by their terms do not involve any commitments to projects that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a funding agreement in the amount of $1,000,000 with the City of Santa Clarita to reimburse it for the County's contribution towards the purchase of 842 acres of open space land in Elsmere Canyon in the City of Santa Clarita.

3. Approve and authorize the Auditor-Controller to process an appropriation adjustment to increase appropriation in the Project and Facility Development Fund by $1,000,000 offset by revenue from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Environmental Education and Community Benefit Trust Fund to the Project Facility Development Fund.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to reimburse the City of Santa Clarita (City) for $1,000,000 of costs for the purchase of 842 privately owned acres of open space land in Elsmere Canyon located in the City of Santa Clarita. The reimbursement will be made following the execution of a funding agreement between the County and the City.

The acquisition of the privately owned 842 acres in Elsmere Canyon will preserve vital connections for wildlife movement and trail networks between the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys.

The total acquisition cost of $6,000,000 is funded with $3,750,000 in Santa Clarita Open Space Preservation District Funds, $500,000 in State Bond Funding, $750,000 in Fifth District 1992 Proposition A Specified Grant funds, for which the approval to allocate these funds is recommended in a related Regional Park and Open Space Board letter on today's agenda. The remaining $1,000,000 is funded with Sunshine Canyon Landfill Benefit Trust Funds in accordance with the recommendations herein.

IMPLEMENTAION OF STRATEGIC GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by preserving open space to enhance recreational opportunities to benefit County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the attached appropriation adjustment will authorize the increase in appropriation by $1,000,000 in the Project and Facility Fund offset by revenue from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Benefit Trust fund. Execution of a funding agreement between the County and the City will authorize disbursement of the funds to the City.

The total cost of the acquisition is $6,000,000, of which $4,250,000 is funded by the City. The County's contribution of $1,750,000 is funded with $750,000 in Fifth District 1992 Proposition A Specified Grant funds and $1,000,000 in Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Benefit Trust funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The provisions for the recommended actions to expend the general funds and to contact with the City of Santa Clarita to assist in the financing of the acquisition of real property to further programs that your Board determines will serve public purposes are pursuant to California Government Code 26227.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROEJCTS)

The recommended actions will ultimately result in the increase of open space and recreational opportunities in the Southern Antelope Valley.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Act (CEQA) because the actions do not meet the definitions of a project according to sections 15378 (b) (4) (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities that will not result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

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County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. NO. 060

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTITV OFFICE

11/30/2010

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:
THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

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SOURCES	USES
PROJECT & FACILITY DEVELOPMENT	PROJECT & FACILITY DEVELOPMENT
A01-CF-92-9980-10190	A01-CF-5500-10190
Other Miscellaneous General Fund	Other Charges
INCREASE REVENUE	INCREASE APPROPRIATION

SOURCES TOTAL: $ 1,000,000 **USES TOTAL:** $ 1,000,000

JUSTIFICATION

This appropriation adjustment reflects the increase in appropriation and revenue to fund the County's contribution to the acquisition of 842 privately owned acres of open space land in Elsmere Canyon in the City of Santa Clarita.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE [NAME]

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---

☐ ACTION

☑ RECOMMENDATION

☐ APPROVED AS REQUESTED

☑ APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY Karen Shikuma

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