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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

December 14, 2010

The Honorable board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE MOUNTAINS
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND APPROVAL OF AN
APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the transfer of Park In-Lieu Accumulated Capital Outlay funds, authorization to execute a funding agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to transfer \$782,000 for the purchase of open space parcels collectively known as the Rocky Ledge Property, and approval of a budget adjustment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed capital project actions do not meet the definition of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, as cited herein
2. Approve the transfer of \$247,000 from the Park In-Lieu Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund to provide a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of the Rocky Ledge Property.
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer \$535,000 from Capital Project No. 86824 and Project and Facility Development Budget to provide a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to fund acquisition of the Rocky Ledge Property.

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4. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a funding agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$782,000 for the acquisition of open space parcels collectively known as the Rocky Ledge Property.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a funding agreement in the amount of \$782,000 with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the acquisition of parcels collectively known as the Rocky Ledge Property.

The purchase price of the Rocky Ledge Property is \$875,000. The property consists of 20.66 acres of open space, identified by Assessor Parcel Nos. 4448-018-023, 024, 025, 026, and 041. This purchase will further the goal of open space preservation. The MRCA is contributing \$93,000 toward the purchase and the County will contribute \$535,000 in Third Supervisorial District Unincorporated Area Services funds and \$247,000 in Park In-Lieu (Quimby) Accumulated Capital Outlay (A.C.O.) funds from park Planning Area No. 27. The MRCA is currently in escrow to purchase the Rocky Ledge Property and is scheduled to close on December 31, 2010; therefore, funds must be disbursed prior to this date.

Under the funding agreement, property ownership and maintenance responsibilities will remain with the MRCA. The agreement will require that if MRCA later sells the property for parks and recreation purposes, it shall reimburse the County an amount equal to the amount of the grants funds or the property's fair market value, whichever is greater. In addition, if the property is used, sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of for non-park and recreation purposes, then the MRCA is required to reimburse the County in an amount equal to the amount of the grants funds or the property's fair market value, whichever is greater. If, however, the MRCA transfers the property by gift or donation for public park and recreation purposes, then such transfer shall not be considered a sale and the MRCA will not be required to reimburse the grant.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan Goals of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by investing in open space preservation that will enhance recreational opportunities the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANACING

Upon approval of the recommended actions, \$247,000 will be transferred directly from the Quimby A.C.O. Fund to the MRCA to be used toward the purchase of the Rocky Ledge Property.

The appropriation adjustment transfers \$535,000 in Third District Unincorporated Area Services funds from Capital Project No. 86824 – Topanga Underground Utilities to the Project and Facility Development Budget to provide a grant to the MRCA to be used toward the purchase of the Ricky Ledge Property.

FACTS PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the funding agreement, MRCA is required to use, operate, and maintain the Rocky Ledge Property for public park and recreation purposes consistent with the Quimby Act and its implementing provisions in the Los Angeles County Code (Section 21.24.340 C), and keep the property equally open to residents of incorporated and unincorporated territory.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as they do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities that do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There will be no impact on County services.

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CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF' followed by a stylized flourish.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Parks and Recreation

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DEPT'S. NO. 060

December 14, 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

FY 2010-11

3 - VOTES

SOURCES

USES

VARIOUS CAPTIAL PROJECTS
Topanga Blvd Underground Utilities (3)
A01 - CP - 6014 - 65099 - 86824
Capital Assets-Building and Improvements \$535,000
DECREASE APPROPRIATION

PROJECT & FACILITY DEVELOPMENT
A01-CF-5500-10190
Other Charges \$535,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 535,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 535,000

JUSTIFICATION

This appropriation adjustment is necessary to fund a funding agreement with Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire the Rocky Ledge Property.

[Handwritten Signature]
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE - Sabra White, Manager, CEO

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

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---

- ACTION
RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY [Signature]
Nov 30 20 10

B.A. NO. 074

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY [Signature]
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