



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

*"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"*

Russ Guiney, Director

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March 06, 2012

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

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TO THE ARROYOS & FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY THE  
COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR THE  
TOP OF ROSEMONT ACQUISITION PROJECT  
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign the County's right to apply for \$350,000 of Fifth Supervisorial District County Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy for the Top of Rosemont Acquisition Project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed Top of Rosemont Acquisition Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Section 15325(f) and Class 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project consists of the acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.
2. Adopt the attached Resolution assigning to the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy the County's right to apply for \$350,000 of Fifth Supervisorial District County Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for the Top of Rosemont Acquisition Project.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy (AFC) to apply for \$350,000 of Fifth Supervisorial District County Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District), pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for the Top of Rosemont Acquisition Project.

The proposed project site is located at the northerly end of Rosemont Avenue in the unincorporated area of La Crescenta, California. The proposed project will consist of the acquisition of 7.75 acres of natural open space land, known as the "Top of Rosemont."

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is requesting that your Board allocate \$350,000 of County Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District to the AFC for the Top of Rosemont Acquisition Project.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of the County of Los Angeles.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended actions will have no impact on the County's General Fund. Sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District's portion of the District's County Excess Funds Project Fund and the Department is assigning the County's right to apply for these funds to the AFC.

**OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT**

The recommended actions will have no impact on the Department's Operating Budget. The AFC will own this property.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition provides a method of determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended action will allow the AFC to apply for funds from the County's Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District.

Pursuant to the District's Procedural Guide, the governing body of the agency, assigning the right to apply to another entity, must adopt a resolution to authorize the assignment.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter and the attached resolution as to form.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Top of Rosemont Acquisition Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project consists of the acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on services or any current or planned projects in any County parks.

**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVING ASSIGNMENT TO THE ARROYOS & FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY THE  
COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE SAFE  
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 FOR THE  
TOP OF ROSEMONT ACQUISITION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County), pursuant to Section 24, Subsection b of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), is the designated recipient of Excess Funds allocated for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies consistent with the purpose of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy (AFC) is requesting \$350,000 of Fifth Supervisorial District County Excess Funds to complete the Top of Rosemont Acquisition Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign its right to apply for these funds to the AFC; and

WHEREAS, the AFC will submit an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to obtain a grant for the Project and provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the District's procedural guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby assigns to the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy the County's right to apply for \$350,000 of Fifth Supervisorial District County Excess Funds for implementation of the Top of Rosemont Acquisition Project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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County Counsel

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CHRISTINA A. SALSEDA  
Principal Deputy County Counsel