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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION
OF VARIOUS GRANTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,566,000 in Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center Authority for the Community Center Improvements Project; the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Calabasas View Acquisition Project; and the Trust For Public Land for the Mulholland Headwaters Acquisition Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.
2. Allocate \$1,566,000 in Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for the following grants: \$166,000 to the Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center Authority for the Community Center Improvements Project; \$600,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Calabasas View Acquisition Project; and \$800,000 to the Trust For Public Land for the Mulholland Headwaters Acquisition Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,566,000 in Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), as follows: \$166,000 to the Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center Authority (AHCCCA) for the Community Center Improvements Project (Community Center Improvements); \$600,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the Calabasas View Acquisition Project (Calabasas Acquisition), and \$800,000 to the Trust For Public Lands (TPL) for the Mulholland Headwaters Acquisition Project (Mulholland Acquisition).

Community Center Improvements

The AHCCCA is a Joint Powers Authority created to plan, design, construct, maintain and operate the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center (Center), a local community and recreational facility. The Center was opened on December 11, 1999, and provides wellness, athletic, and social experiences for persons of all ages and abilities. The Center is available to the public and provides a venue for a variety of fitness classes, athletic opportunities, and recreational activities such as weddings, recitals, concerts and other celebrations.

The proposed project, located at 27040 Malibu Hills Road in Calabasas, involves general rehabilitation of the property including site preparation, and removal and replacement of the existing building's roof and related improvements. The total estimated cost is \$676,453 and will be supplemented by \$510,453 from AHCCCA.

Calabasas View Acquisition

MRCA is a local public agency dedicated to the acquisition, preservation and protection of open space, wildlife habitat and urban, mountain and river parkland that is easily accessible to the public.

The proposed Calabasas View Acquisition involves the acquisition of land in the unincorporated Calabasas Peak area of the Santa Monica Mountains. The properties are highly desirable elements within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and abut land owned by MRCA and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) and flow into three different watersheds: Los Angeles River, Malibu Creek, and Topanga Creek.

The total estimated project cost is \$1,400,000; the recommended \$600,000 Excess Funds grant will be supplemented by \$800,000 from the California Coastal Commission.

Mulholland Headwaters Acquisition

TPL is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to create parks and protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come.

The proposed Mulholland Headwaters Acquisition involves the acquisition of land in the unincorporated area of Agoura in the Santa Monica Mountains. The property is a high priority for the predominant land managers in the area: National Park Service, SMMC, and MRCA; and contains a portion of the Arroyo Sequit, a stream that flows into the Santa Monica Bay and would protect 136 acres of the total 1500-acre watershed.

The total estimated cost is \$1,600,000; the recommended \$800,000 Excess Funds grant will be supplemented by \$800,000 from the California Coastal Commission. TPL will administer the grant project and MRCA will assume the long-term obligations of grant projects funded pursuant to 1996 Proposition.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award grants when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal to Support the Wellness of Our Communities (Goal II.2) and of Pursuing Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability (Goal III.3) by providing grant funds to protect natural lands for habitat preservation in the Third Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in an amount not to exceed \$1,566,000 is budgeted in RPOSD's Excess Project Funds, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. AHCCCA, MRCA, and TPL meet this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvements projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director or his designee would be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of Calabasas is the lead for the Community Center Project. MRCA is the lead agency for the Calabasas View Acquisition and the Mulholland Headwaters Acquisition.

The recommendations to allocate and award grant funds are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities of government grants.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Third Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

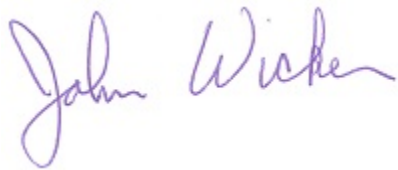
Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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