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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 November 30, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
APPROVE A REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE TO REALLOCATE SPECIFIED FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE PLACERITA CANYON ACQUISITION PROJECT TO THE ELSMERE CANYON ACQUISITION PROJECT, ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, AND REALLOCATE THE REMAINING FUNDS IN THE PLACERITA CANYON ACQUISITION PROJECT TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT'S VARIOUS ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR FUTURE PROJECTS (FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992, the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to reallocate \$750,000 of Specified Funds, allocated to the Placerita Canyon Acquisition Project, to the Elsmere Canyon Acquisition Project, assign the County's right to apply for the funds to the City of Santa Clarita, and reallocate the remaining \$127,208.36 of Specified Funds to the Fifth Supervisorial District's Various Acquisition and Development Grant for future projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

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

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2. Approve the revised plan of expenditure to reallocate \$750,000 of Specified Funds allocated to the Placerita Canyon Acquisition Project, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992, to the Elsmere Canyon Acquisition Project.
3. Adopt a resolution assigning the County's right to apply for \$750,000 of Specified Funds for the Elsmere Canyon Acquisition Project to the City of Santa Clarita.
4. Approve the revised plan of expenditure to reallocate the remaining \$127,208.36, allocated to the Placerita Canyon Acquisition Project pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992, to the Fifth Supervisorial District's Various Acquisition and Development Project for future projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) was allocated \$1,127,208.36 of Specified Funds to acquire approximately 80 acres adjacent to Placerita Canyon Natural Area (Placerita Canyon Acquisition Project) for the construction of an interpretive trail and restoration of a riparian habitat in the area. This project was cancelled because the owner is currently not willing to sell this property. Since that time, your Board approved the County's assignment of the right to apply for \$250,000 of the funds to the City of Santa Clarita to acquire additional property adjacent to the Placerita Natural Area. The remaining balance of \$877,208.36 is currently available for reallocation to other projects.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department to assign the County's right to apply for \$750,000 of Specified Funds, previously allocated to the Placerita Canyon Acquisition Project, to the City of Santa Clarita for the Elsmere Canyon Acquisition Project. The recommended actions will also allow the Department to reallocate the remaining \$127,208.36 of Specified Funds to the Fifth Supervisorial District's Various Acquisition and Development Grant for future projects.

The Elsmere Canyon Acquisition Project consists of the acquisition of 842 acres in Elsmere Canyon east of State Highway 14 in the Newhall Pass. The acquisition of this property will preserve critical open space and improve connectivity to existing natural areas.

In a related action on today's agenda, the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (District) is requesting that your Board allocate \$750,000 of Specified Funds to the Department, assign the right to apply for these funds to the City of Santa Clarita for the Elsmere Canyon Acquisition Project, when applicable conditions

have been met, and reallocate the remaining \$127,208.36 to the Fifth Supervisorial District's Various Acquisition and Development Grant for future projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance recreational opportunities in Newhall.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will have no impact on the County's General Fund as sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$877,208.36 is budgeted in the District's Projects Funds.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the recommended actions, the Department does not anticipate any impact to its operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by the District Board for other uses. An agency may submit an alternative plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that 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 for government grants, which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any current services or projects at any of the Department's parks.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

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

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

APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY TO THE CITY OF SANTA
CLARITA FOR COUNTY SPECIFIED FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1992

WHEREAS, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) allocated funding to the County of Los Angeles (County) to provide funding for the acquisition and development of parks and recreational areas owned or operated by the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the 1992 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita is requesting \$750,000 in County Specified Funds for the Elsmere Canyon Acquisition 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 City of Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita will submit an application to the Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to obtain a grant for the above-referenced project and will be required to provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1992 Proposition and the procedural guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as the Board of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, hereby:

Adopts this Resolution assigning to the City of Santa Clarita the County's right to apply for \$750,000 of County Specified Funds for the implementation of the Elsmere Acquisition Project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 30th day of November, 2010, 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
of the County of Los Angeles

By Lachelle Smitherman
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