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**GAIL FARBER, Director**

August 07, 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:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**36 August 7, 2012**

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 ANNUAL BUDGET  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 to continue the development and implementation of projects that enhance flood protection and water conservation while also providing open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to contribute \$25,500 to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.
2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to contribute \$25,500 to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is a joint powers agency comprised of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the WCA's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 (Exhibit A) and approve the LACFCD's annual

contribution to the WCA in order to provide funding for the continuation of all WCA projects. Your Board's approval will allow the WCA to commence receipt and disbursements of funds in conformance with the adopted budget.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by collaborating cross jurisdictionally and developing a partnership to effectively manage and leverage our resources.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The proposed projects and other expenditures identified in the enclosed budget will be funded by the WCA lease income and various grants awarded to the WCA. Approval of the budget will enable the WCA to commence and continue implementing projects of mutual interest to the LACFCD and RMC.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) previously approved between the LACFCD and RMC as described in more detail below, provides for both parties to make contributions to the WCA. The value of the LACFCD's contribution shall not exceed \$25,000 in any fiscal year, plus \$500 per annum to cover the costs of mailing notices and other required expenditures. Sufficient funds to cover the LACFCD's contribution are included in the recommended Fiscal Year 2012-13 Flood Control District Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On April 1, 2003, Synopsis 34, your Board approved a JPA between the LACFCD and the RMC to create the WCA. Creation of the WCA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act under Government Code, Section 6500, et. seq. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds that are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes.

The JPA entered into by the LACFCD and the RMC contains several terms and conditions regarding fiscal controls over expenditures of public funds. The WCA is required to adopt an annual budget in a form approved by the LACFCD and RMC. The WCA may only disburse funds pursuant to a budget that has been adopted by the WCA and approved by your Board and the governing board of the RMC.

The WCA budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 has been adopted by the governing board of the WCA and approved by the governing board of the RMC. Copies of the WCA and RMC resolutions are enclosed (Resolution Nos. 2012-11 and 2012-09, respectively).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The approval of the WCA's annual budget is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by

Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action is a fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to a specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

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

The project will not have an impact on current County services or projects currently planned. The LACFCD will gain benefit from this action through the sustained operation of the WCA, the continued partnership with the RMC in developing projects of mutual interest, and increasing its ability to approve the distribution of funding.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return four adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER

Director

GF:GH:cp

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

**EXHIBIT A**  
**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**FY 2012/2013 BUDGET**

Date of Report: June 11, 2012  
 Report: Total Revenues & Expenses

Item	FY 11/12 Budget	Changes	Draft FY 12/13 Budget	Comments
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<i>Administration</i>				
LA County Flood Control District	\$ 25,000	\$ 500	\$ 25,500	JPA contribution
RMC	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	JPA contribution
Carryover	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
<b>Administration Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 37,000</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 37,500</b>	
<i>Operations</i>				
Duck Farm Leases	\$ 127,832	\$ (5,077)	\$ 122,755	@95% due to tenant turnover; Eliminated 3 properties
River Wilderness Park Leases	\$ 81,732	\$ (1,882)	\$ 79,850	@95% due to tenant turnover
South Gate Riparian Park Lease	\$ 32,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 33,500	
Citations & Other	\$ 13,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 14,000	
Carryover	\$ 4,200	\$ 150,000	\$ 154,200	Includes Duck Farm revenues retained for Deferred Maint.
RMC/CCC interagency agreement	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	RMC contribution to WCA for weed abatement services
<b>Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 288,764</b>	<b>\$ 145,541</b>	<b>\$ 434,305</b>	
<i>Capital Outlay</i>				
RMC	\$ 2,680,362	\$ 161,222	\$ 2,841,584	
LACFCD	\$ 200,000	\$ 203,000	\$ 403,000	
SEP Funds	\$ -	\$ 103,900	\$ 103,900	
Local Funds	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,801,500	
Other	\$ 32,084	\$ 267,916	\$ 300,000	Project Management Contracts/Reimbursements
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,712,446</b>	<b>\$ 737,538</b>	<b>\$ 5,449,984</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 5,038,210</b>	<b>\$ 883,579</b>	<b>\$ 5,921,789</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<i>Administration</i>				
Insurance - Board of Directors	\$ 5,000	\$ (1,000)	\$ 4,000	
Office Supplies	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	
Postage	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
Printer Supplies	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
<i>Professional Services</i>				
Cost Allocation Plan Consulting	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Financial Compliance Audit	\$ 4,109	\$ 292	\$ 4,400	Per the Auditor-Controller's Office
Fiscal Services Auditor-Controller	\$ 60,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 66,000	Per the Auditor-Controller's Office (includes reqd reporting)
Funding Opportunities	\$ 24,000	\$ -	\$ 24,000	
Insurance Bond	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	
Information Technologies	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Strategic Planning	\$ 24,000	\$ (12,000)	\$ 12,000	
Grant Writing	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Wireless Phones	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,000)	\$ 2,000	
Other/Not Classified	\$ 3,517	\$ (2,016)	\$ 1,500	
<b>Administration Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 150,225</b>	<b>\$ (9,725)</b>	<b>\$ 140,500</b>	
<i>Personnel</i>				
Salaries	\$ 303,595	\$ (48,368)	\$ 255,226	4 FT Employees, 2 PT Employees
Benefits	\$ 91,078	\$ (9,406)	\$ 81,672	Health & Life Insurance, 457(b) contributions & fees, WC
Personnel Services	\$ 1,610	\$ -	\$ 1,610	HR & Payroll Administration
Travel	\$ 9,600	\$ -	\$ 9,600	
Miscellaneous (Training, etc.)	\$ 5,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ 3,000	
<b>Personnel Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 410,884</b>	<b>\$ (59,774)</b>	<b>\$ 351,109</b>	
<i>Operations</i>				
Alarm Services	\$ 3,500	\$ (200)	\$ 3,300	
Insurance - Liability & Structure	\$ 15,300	\$ (5,000)	\$ 10,300	
Insurance - Umbrella Policy	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	
Janitorial Services	\$ 16,800	\$ (5,800)	\$ 11,000	
Minor Repairs	\$ 18,500	\$ (9,500)	\$ 9,000	

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
FY 2012/2013 BUDGET**

Date of Report: June 11, 2012  
Report: Total Revenues & Expenses

Item	FY 11/12 Budget	Changes	Draft FY 12/13 Budget	Comments
Misc. Services	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,800)	\$ 1,200	
Park Facilities	\$ -	\$ 2,760	\$ 2,760	
Ranger Patrol Services	\$ 91,000	\$ -	\$ 91,000	
Utilities	\$ 49,000	\$ 28,500	\$ 77,500	Includes Water System Operator
Weed Abatement	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 35,000	
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	\$ 20,956	\$ 139,384	\$ 160,340	Includes Duck Farm retention for maintenance/major repair
Transfer to Other Properties	\$ 40,941	\$ (4,287)	\$ 36,654	
<b>Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 292,997</b>	<b>\$ 149,057</b>	<b>\$ 442,054</b>	
<i>Capital Carryover</i>				
RMC Grants	\$ 2,253,106	\$ 389,309	\$ 2,642,415	After Personnel & Eligible Overhead Expenses
LACFCD	\$ 200,000	\$ 196,000	\$ 396,000	
SEP Funds	\$ -	\$ 103,900	\$ 103,900	
Local Funds	\$ 1,730,999	\$ (78,188)	\$ 1,652,810	
Other	\$ -	\$ 193,000	\$ 193,000	
<b>Capital Carryover Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,184,104</b>	<b>\$ 804,020</b>	<b>\$ 4,988,125</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,038,210</b>	<b>\$ 883,579</b>	<b>\$ 5,921,789</b>	

June 21, 2012 - Item 11

RESOLUTION 2012-11

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION  
AUTHORITY ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District); and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize adoption of the Watershed Conservation Authority Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

*Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:*

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated June 21, 2012.
4. ADOPTS the Watershed Conservation Authority budget FY 2012/2013.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

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Motion Wilson Second: Colonna

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the

Resolution 2012-11

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
On June 21, 2012



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Brian Mejia, Vice Chair

ATTEST: Not Present  
Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General

June 25, 2012 Agenda Item 12

RESOLUTION 2012 – 09

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY BUDGET FOR FY 2012-2013

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve the Watershed Conservation Authority budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

*Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:*

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the

Resolution 2012-09

environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

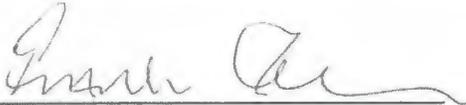
3. APPROVES the staff report dated June 25, 2012.
4. APPROVES the FY 12/13 budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.

~ End of Resolution ~

Motion O'Donnell Second: Wilson

Ayes: 6 Nays: 3 Abstentions: 0

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS  
CONSERVANCY on June 25, 2012.

  
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Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General