



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
REGIONAL PARK AND  
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

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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

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-P June 6, 2023

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CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND  
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE  
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE LAKE HUGHES  
AREA ACQUISITION PROJECT  
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Lake Hughes Area Acquisition project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons cited herein.
2. Allocate \$1,300,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, for the Lake Hughes Area Acquisition project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, in her capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Proposition A Grants Administration Manual 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 \$1,300,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition A), to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the Lake Hughes Area Acquisition (Project).

The proposed Project is for the acquisition of approximately 200 acres of open space in the Sierra Pelona Mountains, north of the Angeles National Forest in the Lake Hughes area of the Fifth Supervisorial District. The total estimated cost for the acquisition is \$1,300,000 which will be fully funded by the recommended Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or her designee, in her capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the Project and requirements of 1996 Proposition A, and the grantee agreement with CEQA requirements for the Project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual previously approved by the Board.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities by adding additional parkland for area residents in the Fifth District.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation, in the amount of \$1,300,000, is budgeted in the RPOSD Available Excess Fund.

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

The 1996 Proposition included a method and process for determining, in 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 Excess Funds grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District from prior years as no Excess Funds were declared in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

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. The Department of Parks and Recreation meets this requirement.

On March 19, 2019, the Board approved the Proposition A Grants Administration Manual to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Grants Administration Manual will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed actions 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.

All 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 its project. The MRCA is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual approved by the Board in 2019 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

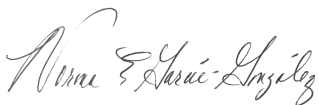
### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended Project will provide new public parkland in the Fifth 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 Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Norma E. García-González

Director

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