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Amend Grant Agreement #2687 with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to Revise the Scope of Work for the Elephant Hill Project

The Board of Supervisors originally allocated \$700,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the Elephant Hill Project (Project) through Board action adopted on November 20, 2018. The original scope of work required the acquisition of private underdeveloped parcels for preservation as public open space in the Elephant Hill area of Los Angeles. The Project further allowed for improvements to the acquired parcels, including public access improvements, trail construction, and related amenities such as signage.

A revision to the original scope of work is being requested. MRCA currently owns and manages approximately eight acres of land in Elephant Hill. To maximize trail development activities at Elephant Hill, while continuing to engage with all potential sellers of land, the scope of work needs to be expanded to allow MRCA to perform improvements on the parcels it currently owns and manages, in addition to parcels that may be acquired. The properties to be acquired will be preserved as public open space.

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The proposed revision to the scope of work is for improvements to parcels owned and operated by MRCA, or to acquired private undeveloped parcels, and shall include public access improvements, trail construction, or related amenities such as signage.

Therefore, the recommendation is to revise the scope of work for this Project.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District:

1. Find that 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 continuing administrative activities of government grants.
2. 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 amend Grant Agreement #2687 to revise the project scope when applicable conditions have been met pursuant to guidelines in the Proposition A Grants Administration Manual for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects.

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