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The Azusa Wilderness Park (Park) is located at 100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road, in the City of Azusa within the First Supervisorial District. The Park sits at the gateway to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and overlooks the San Gabriel River and canyon.

Public agencies have worked for more than two decades to return this land to public use. In 2003, approximately 35 acres of riverside land were preserved as parkland in perpetuity. In 2008, the Watershed Conservation Authority acquired a 26-acre property for open space and habitat.

The Park serves nearby communities with high and very high park need. According to the 2022 Parks Needs Assessment Plus, only 6% of East San Gabriel Valley residents live within walking distance of a nature-based recreation area, and only 9% of those areas are served by public transit. The region also has about half the regional trail mileage per resident of the County overall.

The Azuza Wilderness Park Project (Project) will improve visitor access and recreational amenities through the construction of essential public facilities and site improvements. It will create a more welcoming and accessible park entrance, improve

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visitor services, and enhance connectivity and sustainability features for park users. The Project scope of work includes: construction of one restroom building and a drinking fountain near the park parking lot; park entry improvements, including a monument sign, vehicular gate, pedestrian gate, rhino gate, boardwalk, and prefabricated pedestrian bridge; installation of one dual electric vehicle charger at the parking lot; and ancillary improvements necessary to complete the Project and open the facilities to public use.

The Project is the first phase of an approximately 70-acre park that will include expanded trails, restored native habitat, and an outdoor classroom.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

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 the California Environmental Quality Act (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. Allocate an amount not to exceed $943,777.50 in Proposition A Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Watershed Conservation Authority for the Azusa Wilderness Park Project with the above scope of work; and

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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 the grant when applicable conditions have been met; to execute the grant agreement; 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..

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