

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 13-12

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MATCHING GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$141,000 OF BHC PROP 84 FUNDS TO UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (SPATIAL STUDIES INSTITUTE) FOR THE URBAN BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT – BALDWIN HILLS BIOTA UPDATE

WHEREAS, under Division 22.7 of the California Public Resources Code, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was created to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the Conservancy territory; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code 32569 (a) states the Conservancy may award grants to non-profit organizations for the purposes of its division; and

WHEREAS, the University of Southern California is a non-profit organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code 75060, funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 are available for projects in the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek Watershed to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the State; and to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the University of Southern California has submitted a \$141,000 matching grant application for BHC's Prop 84 local assistance grant program for biota studies and web-based user interface data collection and storage of habitat information within the Baldwin Hills Territory; and

WHEREAS, the estimated project cost is \$281,589, a required match of an additional \$141,000 must be secured from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority prior to execution of a grant agreement from the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the proposal has been reviewed by a grant review ad hoc committee and has been found consistent with the funding source and grant requirements adopted by the BHC under resolution 10-06; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code 32565.5 (b) the Baldwin Hills Conservancy shall give priority to related projects that create expanded opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills area; and

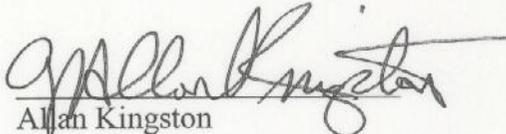
WHEREAS, as under Public Resources Code 15333 this action is exempt from the environmental impact requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE BHC GOVERNING BOARD:

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2. ADOPTS THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 FOR THIS ITEM
3. APPOINTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS AGENT TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO AGREEMENTS, PAYMENT REQUESTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT(S)

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on SEPTEMBER 20, 2013.


Allan Kingston
Chair

ATTEST:


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