

DATE: May 20, 2019

TO: River and Mountains Conservancy Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 10: Consideration of a resolution approving the Watershed Conservation Authority preliminary budget for FY 2019/2020.

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC approve the Watershed Conservation Authority preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement, adoption of the WCA budget by the WCA Governing Board is required. The attached budget, Exhibit A, includes four expenditure components: Administrative, Personnel, Operations, and Grants and Special Projects.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

Annual JPA Contribution Revenue related to Administrative Expenses, as allowed in JPA agreement and unchanged since 2003, equals \$35,500 (\$10,000 RMC¹/\$25,500 LACFCD). Projected administrative expenditures total \$176,041. The difference of \$140,541 is anticipated to be funded by the WCA Billable Rate Structure Plan and overhead allocation charged against eligible grants, project, and contracted funding. Should the Preliminary Budget for FY 19/20 be approved, the Billable Rate Structure Plan will be updated and brought to the Governing Board for approval.

Planned administrative expenditures for FY 19/20 will decrease by approximately 1% from the previous year due to lower projections in travel, insurance, meeting supplies, printer supplies and dues & subscriptions. However, it will be offset by anticipated increases in other expenses, wireless phones, personnel services and office supplies. Budgeted FY 19/20 General Administrative Expenditures is primarily related to LA County Auditor Controller Services and Audit (\$70,400), Funding Opportunities (\$37,300), Information Technology (\$20,000), and as-needed Legal Services (\$15,000).

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel expenses for FY 19/20 are budgeted at \$674,122 which includes salaries, benefits, employer taxes, a merit pool, cost of living adjustment and accruals for employee leave. The Authority filled one budgeted Project Manager II and replaced an Associate Project Manager with a new Project Manager II during the fiscal year. Additionally, the Authority plans to replace the Administration Assistant position with a new Project Coordinator position. The change in staffing relates to capacity building needed to meet a planned project portfolio for FY19/20.

Salaries reflect a budgetary increase of \$41,315 and overall Personnel increase of \$58,468 for the aforementioned reasons. The employee handbook allows an up to 2% merit increase for new hires upon completion of at least six months of employment and upon a satisfactory evaluation of performance.

¹ Exclusive of RMC Property Management Contribution

The Authority will benchmark employee compensation plan and review an established procedure for merit increases to retain and reward employee performance and ensure competitiveness in the marketplace. This plan will be brought before the Governing Board for review and approval.

Medical, dental and vision premium have been increased of approximately 5%, 9% and 3%, respectively, each year, therefore the Authority has projected \$15,347 increase in its overall health coverage for the year renewal occurs in December. No other changes have been made to employee benefits.

3. OPERATIONS

Revenue from leases, filming, permits, citations, the annual RMC JPA property management contribution of \$40,000 and 10% indirect costs applied to eligible grants, totals \$601,201 reflecting a projected increase of \$167,039. Lease revenue has historically been budgeted at 95% of the total lease revenue to allow for potential tenant turnover and the cost and time needed for the Authority to locate a new tenant. Because special use permit revenue is difficult to anticipate, no significant increases are anticipated in this area. It is important to note that the Authority relies heavily on its lease revenue to cover maintenance expenditures at all its properties. Both the Duck Farm and South Gate properties currently produce more revenue than is needed to cover its current expenditures, which allows funds to be transferred and used at other properties that generate insufficient revenue to cover their respective expenditures.

Planned operational expenditures for FY 19/20 total \$368,253 against the projected operational revenue, resulting in a difference of \$232,948 that will be utilized to partially offset administrative expenses and administrative overhead. The FY 19/20 projected operational budget reflects a year-to-year budget increase of \$56,624 over FY 18/19 budgeted levels. The increase is primarily due to expected higher anticipated general liability, umbrella insurance premiums and deferred maintenance contingency.

- General liability and umbrella insurance premiums – The increase of premium resulting from the California wildfires in 2018 and the insurance losses has left many companies to reconsider the types of risks that they are writing and move away from certain risks they had been writing for years. However, the Authority’s insurance broker anticipates the fire loss to claim down after a few months and renegotiate coverages.
- Deferred maintenance contingency has historically been budgeted at 5% of lease revenue that allows the WCA to expend these funds on potential unplanned maintenance repairs that may need to be completed on tenant leased properties. However, this line item has been increased of \$43,721 for planned ADA, seismic and water system improvements over this fiscal year.

4. CAPITAL OUTLAY- GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Authority anticipates that it will utilize approximately \$10.065 million of its grants and special project funding in FY 19/20, plus available funding on hand being carried from the previous fiscal year. WCA historically analyzes and separates grant and project funds into two categories: 1) funds utilized by staff for project management and administrative support, and 2) consultant and capital expenditures.

The Authority currently has over 25 grants or contracts from a variety of agencies including the RMC, US Forest Service, County of Los Angeles, and other local city and non-profit agencies and a myriad of programs

and revenue pools from which those projects are funded. Some of WCA's projects are funded by more than one grant source, such as the Duck Farm and Azusa River Wilderness Park. The timeline and stipulations as to how the funds are spent are dictated by the granting agency. Staff is responsible for ensuring the timeliness of delivery of the project in accordance with the established timeline and ensuring that budgeted targets have been met and are in accordance with allowable costs.

In February 2018, WCA contracted to Larry E. Smith, dba Atlas Green Works, to implement WCA funds projects including, but not limited to, Duck Farm, Azusa River Wilderness Park and South Gate Parque Dos Rios. The Authority anticipates spending approximately \$100,000 for construction management during this fiscal year to be funded from grants.

Budgeted revenue for FY 19/20 from grants and special projects is expected to total \$10,064,901 with \$8,840,870 being allocated to capital activity. This includes grants related to three large-scale projects that are projected to be at least 77% expenditure spent and reimbursed next year. The remaining \$1,224,031 is allocated to cover personnel expenses and administrative overhead as permitted by the grant and project agreements and in accordance with the WCA's Billable Rate Plan.

The preliminary budget is attached as **Exhibit A**.

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020**

	Mid Year Update FYE 2019	Actual as of 04/30/19	Additional Projected through 06/30/19	Forecasted FYE 2019	Budget FYE 2020	\$ Change Budget '19 vs. Budget '20
Revenues						
General Administrative & Operating Revenue						
JPA Contributions						
LA County Flood Control District	25,500	25,500	-	25,500	25,500	0
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	0
Lease Revenue	265,977	234,272	38,488	272,759	289,596	23,620
Property Management Contribution	59,500	40,000	-	40,000	59,500	0
Fees-Citation	13,775	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	(10,775)
Fees- Filming/Permits	2,000	1,285	-	1,285	2,500	500
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	57,411	32,004	72,252	104,256	211,505	154,094
Subtotal-General Administrative & Operating	434,163	343,061	113,739	456,800	601,601	167,439
Grants and Special Projects Revenue						
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy ^{1,5,6}	4,195,567	222,707	827,929	1,050,636	5,237,911	1,042,344
Grant-LA County Flood Control District ^{1,5}	-	-	-	-	252,000	252,000
Grant-SEP ^{2,5}	-	-	-	-	84,890	84,890
Grant-Federal Funds ^{1,5,6}	538,672	176,806	1,297	178,103	333,640	(205,032)
Grant-Other State Funds ^{4,5}	715,178	129,435	177,026	306,461	2,090,979	1,375,801
Grant-Other County & Local Funds ^{2,5}	2,597,459	346,216	12,342	358,558	1,981,367	(616,092)
Grant-Public Foundations ^{3,5}	-	-	-	-	84,114	84,114
Other-Consultant Contracts ^{3,5}	43,669	-	-	-	-	(43,669)
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	8,090,545	875,164	1,018,594	1,893,758	10,064,901	1,974,356
Total Revenue	8,524,707	1,218,225	1,132,333	2,350,558	10,666,502	2,141,795
Expenses						
General Administrative Expenses						
Fiscal Services Auditor-Controller	65,000	56,953	8,047	65,000	65,000	0
Funding Opportunities	37,300	24,868	8,700	33,568	37,300	0
Legal Services	15,000	11,006	1,200	12,206	15,000	0
Information Technologies	20,000	14,694	2,290	16,984	20,000	0
Strategic Planning	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	0
Grant Writing	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	0
Travel	5,000	1,044	1,000	2,044	4,000	(1,000)
Financial Audit Services	5,400	4,929	-	4,929	5,400	0
Insurance/Insurance Bond	8,000	6,129	-	6,129	6,500	(1,500)
Training/Conferences	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	0
Meeting Supplies	500	165	-	165	250	(250)
Other/Not Classified	2,000	1,990	200	2,190	2,500	500
Wireless Phones	1,080	919	190	1,109	1,140	60
Personnel Services	3,750	3,175	624	3,799	3,926	176
Office Supplies	500	523	50	573	600	100
Postage	250	-	-	-	250	0
Printer Supplies	500	109	-	109	250	(250)
Equipment & Software	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	0
Dues & Subscriptions	1,100	425	-	425	425	(675)
Subtotal-General Administrative	178,880	128,430	22,301	150,731	176,041	(2,839)
Personnel						
Salaries	426,479	314,374	65,519	379,893	467,794	41,315
Merit Pool	32,807	1,386	250	1,636	34,936	2,129
Benefits	111,579	100,858	13,484	114,342	126,926	15,347
Benefits Plan Provider Admin Cost	1,066	811	297	1,108	1,066	0
Employer Taxes	43,722	27,307	5,362	32,668	43,399	(323)
Subtotal-Personnel	615,654	444,735	84,912	529,647	674,122	58,468
General Operational Expenses						
Insurance	19,007	33,961	-	33,961	33,583	14,576
Security	3,492	3,254	526	3,780	3,916	424
Building Maintenance and Repair	20,500	4,950	500	5,450	18,500	(2,000)
Grounds Maintenance and Repair	10,300	1,643	500	2,143	8,300	(2,000)
Electricity	15,840	12,465	2,185	14,651	16,907	1,067
Propane	6,000	7,290	-	7,290	8,000	2,000
Other Utilities	900	750	150	900	900	0
Waste Removal	8,117	6,983	1,221	8,203	9,536	1,419
Water System Operation/Irrigation	55,958	31,841	4,521	36,362	45,000	(10,958)
Property Management	24,262	21,482	4,500	25,982	28,000	3,738
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	31,593	12,410	-	12,410	75,314	43,721
Janitorial Services	11,099	9,249	1,850	11,099	11,735	636
Ranger Services	92,000	47,698	44,316	92,014	92,000	0
Weed Abatement	12,000	1,779	-	1,779	16,000	4,000
Property Tax	561	545	-	545	561	0
Legal Services	-	-	-	-	-	0
Subtotal-General Operational	311,629	196,300	60,269	256,569	368,253	56,624
Grants and Special Projects Total Expense-Capital Outlay						
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	3,084,016	360,593	689,110	1,049,703	5,112,911	2,028,895
Grant-LA County Flood Control District	80,000	-	-	-	63,000	(17,000)
Grant-SEP	-	36,673	(299,591)	(262,918)	84,890	84,890
Grant-Federal Funds	423,672	147,209	-	147,209	333,640	(90,032)
Grant-Other State Funds	1,979,486	117,057	(258,616)	(141,559)	2,090,979	111,493
Grant-Other County & Local Funds	2,020,324	65,291	10,650	75,941	1,071,336	(948,988)
Grant-Public Foundations	109,713	85,723	-	85,723	84,114	(25,599)
Other-Consultant Contracts	-	2,702	-	2,702	-	0
Other-Mitigation Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	0
Other-Donations	-	-	-	-	-	0
Other-Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	0
Carryover	-	-	-	-	-	0
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	7,697,211	815,248	141,554	956,802	8,840,870	1,143,659
Total Expense	8,803,374	1,584,713	309,036	1,893,749	10,059,285	1,255,912
Change In Net Position Before Transfers	(278,666)	(366,488)	823,298	456,810	607,217	

- 1 - Labor Reimbursed at Salary & EB Only
- 2 - Labor Eligible to be Reimbursed at Admin & Billable Rate
- 3 - Labor Reimbursed at Consultant Rate
- 4 - Labor Reimbursed at Grantor Approved Compensation Rate
- 5 - Payment by Reimbursement Only
- 6 - Eligible for additional 10% for Indirect Costs

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
EXPANDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

	General Fund	Operational Duck Farm	Operational Mt. Baldy	Operational Citrus Heights	Operational El Encanto	Operational Parque Dos Rios	Operational Walnut Creek	Payroll and Accrued Leave	Grant & Special Project	Preliminary Budget FY 2019-2020
Revenues										
General Administrative & Operating Revenue										
JPA Contributions	243,605	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	243,605
Lease Revenue	-	141,168	-	-	104,928	43,500	-	-	-	289,596
Property Management Contribution	-	2,000	3,500	500	49,500	2,000	2,000	-	-	59,500
Fees-Citation	-	-	2,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	3,000
Fees- Filming	-	-	500	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,500
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	-	1,000	-	-	2,400	-	-	-	-	3,400
Subtotal-General Administrative & Operating	243,605	144,168	6,000	500	159,828	45,500	2,000	-	-	601,601
Grants and Special Project Income										
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,237,911	5,237,911
Grant-LA County Flood Control District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	252,000	252,000
Grant-SEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84,890	84,890
Grant-Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	333,640	333,640
Grant-Other State Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,090,979	2,090,979
Grant-Other County & Local Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,981,367	1,981,367
Grant-Public Foundations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84,114	84,114
Other-Consultant Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,064,901	10,064,901
Total Revenue	243,605	144,168	6,000	500	159,828	45,500	2,000	-	10,064,901	10,666,502
Expenses										
General Administrative Expenses										
Fiscal Services Auditor-Controller	65,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,000
Funding Opportunities	37,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,300
Legal Services	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000
Information Technologies	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000
Strategic Planning	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Grant Writing	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Travel	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
Financial Audit Services	5,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,400
Insurance/Insurance Bond	6,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,500
Training/Conferences	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Meeting Supplies	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Other/Not Classified	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Wireless Phones	1,140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,140
Personnel Services	3,926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,926
Office Supplies	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600
Postage	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Printer Supplies	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Equipment & Software	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Dues & Subscriptions	425	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	425
Subtotal-General Administrative	176,041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	176,041
Personnel										
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	467,794	-	467,794
Merit Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,936	-	34,936
Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126,926	-	126,926
Benefits Plan Provider Admin Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,066	-	1,066
Employer Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,399	-	43,399
Subtotal-Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	674,122	-	674,122

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	General Fund	Operational Duck Farm	Operational Mt. Baldy	Operational Citrus Heights	Operational El Encanto	Operational Parque Dos Rios	Operational Walnut Creek	Payroll and Accrued Leave	Grant & Special Project	Preliminary Budget FY 2019-2020
General Operational Expenses										
Insurance	-	9,218	1,719	12	20,141	781	1,712	-	-	33,583
Security	-	1,786	-	-	2,130	-	-	-	-	3,916
Building Maintenance and Repair	-	3,500	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	18,500
Grounds Maintenance and Repair	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	300	-	-	8,300
Electricity	-	907	-	-	16,000	-	-	-	-	16,907
Propane	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	8,000
Other Utilities	-	-	-	-	900	-	-	-	-	900
Waste Removal	-	3,222	-	-	6,314	-	-	-	-	9,536
Water System Operation/Irrigation	-	2,000	-	-	43,000	-	-	-	-	45,000
Property Management	-	3,000	2,000	250	22,000	250	500	-	-	28,000
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	-	7,314	-	-	68,000	-	-	-	-	75,314
Janitorial Services	-	-	-	-	11,735	-	-	-	-	11,735
Ranger Services	-	17,000	25,000	-	40,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	92,000
Weed Abatement	-	10,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	16,000
Property Tax	-	-	561	-	-	-	-	-	-	561
Legal Services	-	59,947	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,947
Subtotal-General Operational	-	59,947	31,280	262	258,220	8,031	10,512	-	-	368,253
Grants and Special Project Total Expense-Capital Outlay										
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,112,911	5,112,911
Grant-LA County Flood Control District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,000	63,000
Grant-SEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84,890	84,890
Grant-Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	333,640	333,640
Grant-Other State Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,090,979	2,090,979
Grant-Other County & Local Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,071,336	1,071,336
Grant-Public Foundations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84,114	84,114
Other-Consultant Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,840,870	8,840,870
Total Expense	176,041	59,947	31,280	262	258,220	8,031	10,512	674,122	8,840,870	10,059,285

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PERSONNEL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020**

	Budget Mid Year Update FYE 2019	Actual as of 04/30/19	Additional Projected through 06/30/19	Forecasted FYE 2019	Budget FYE 2020	\$ Change Budget '19 vs. Budget '20
Expense Detail						
Salaries	\$426,479	\$314,374	\$65,519	\$379,893	\$ 467,794	41,315
Merit Pool	\$32,807	\$1,386	\$250	\$1,636	\$ 34,936	2,129
Benefits	\$111,579	\$100,858	\$13,484	\$114,342	\$ 126,926	15,347
Fixed Fees	\$1,066	\$811	\$297	\$1,108	\$ 1,066	0
Employer Taxes	\$43,722	\$27,307	\$5,362	\$32,668	\$ 43,399	(323)
Personnel Subtotal	\$615,654	\$444,735	\$84,912	\$529,647	\$674,122	58,468
Total Expense	\$615,654	\$444,735	\$84,912	\$529,647	\$674,122	58,468

Personnel Detail		FY 18/19	FY 19/20	Hrs	Proposed FY19/20 Salary	Benefits	Employer Taxes	Total Comp
Deputy Executive Director (FT) ¹	Active	38.08	38.84	2080	\$ 80,783	\$ 24,885	\$ 8,984	\$ 114,651
Fiscal Manager (FT) ¹	Active	28.00	28.56	2080	\$ 59,405	\$ 11,390	\$ 6,483	\$ 77,278
Project Manager III (FT)	Inactive	0.00	0.00	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Project Manager II (FT) ¹	Active	30.01	30.61	2080	\$ 63,669	\$ 19,254	\$ 6,903	\$ 89,826
Project Manager II (FT) ^{1,2}	Active	30.01	31.21	2080	\$ 64,918	\$ 16,792	\$ 3,243	\$ 84,953
Project Manager II (FT) ^{1,2}	Active	30.01	31.21	2080	\$ 64,918	\$ 16,952	\$ 2,702	\$ 84,572
Project Manager I (FT) ¹	Active	25.07	25.58	2080	\$ 53,198	\$ 13,819	\$ 5,868	\$ 72,885
Associate PM (FT) ¹	Inactive	0.00	0.00	2080	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Associate PM (FT) ¹	Active	20.80	21.22	2080	\$ 44,129	\$ 12,466	\$ 4,972	\$ 61,567
Fiscal Analyst I (PT) ¹	Inactive	0.00	0.00	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Admin Assistant (FT) ¹	Inactive	15.88	0.00	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Project Coordinator (FT) ^{1,2}	Active	0.00	17.68	2080	\$ 36,774	\$ 11,368	\$ 4,245	\$ 52,387
TOTAL					\$ 467,794	\$ 126,926	\$ 43,399	\$ 638,119

Notes:

1 - A 2% COLA adjustment is added to active employee salaries. Increase based on CPI U Dec 2017/18 change (3.24%), max 2%

2 - Eligible for up to 2% increase pending satisfactory completion of six-month review.

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RESOLUTION 2019 – 17

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING THE
PRELIMINARY WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR
FY 2019/2020 BUDGET

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 preliminary 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 environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 3. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 20, 2019
- 4. APPROVES the preliminary budget for FY 2019/2020 budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.

~ End of Resolution ~

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 20, 2019.

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General