

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 10-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 2010 (PROP 21)

WHEREAS, California leads the nation in the number of state parks with 278 spread across nearly 1.5 million acres; and

WHEREAS , State parks represent the diversity of California, ranging from the last stands of primeval redwood forests to vast expanses of fragile desert; from the lofty Sierra Nevada to the broad sandy beaches of our southern coast; and

WHEREAS, last year, nearly 150 state parks were shut down part-time or suffered deep service reductions because of budget cuts, and more closure proposals are expected this year because of the state's continuing budget crisis; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 21, the State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund, would provide a stable, reliable and adequate source of funding for the state park system, for wildlife conservation and for increased and equitable access to those resources for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Trust Fund would come from an \$18 annual State Park Access Pass surcharge on all California cars, motorcycles and recreational vehicles that would be collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles as part of the annual vehicle license fee; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires the surcharge revenue be placed in a new trust fund and be used solely to operate, maintain and repair the State Park system and to protect wildlife and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, California vehicles subject to the State Park Access Pass surcharge and all occupants of those vehicles would receive free day use admission to all state parks throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, local agencies operate a number of State Parks in highly urbanized areas which lack parks and open space; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy urges California State Parks and the legislature, when considering appropriation of funds from the initiative, to apply equal funding formulas to those parks operated by local agencies and hereby adopts the staff recommendation for this item dated August 5, 2010 in support of the California State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Fund Act of 2010 (Prop 21).

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on _____, 2010.

Russ Guiney

Chair

ATTEST: _____
Rosana Miramontes
Deputy Attorney General