



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

DATE: September 3, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a use agreement with the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Projects.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a use agreement with the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Projects.

Background: Currently there are six (6) projects (the majority of which are along the public right-of-way) in various locations and stages of planning along the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path. Due to the amount of projects in this area it is pertinent that the MRCA enter into a master use agreement with the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District in order to expedite the planning and permitting processes of these projects.

The attached use agreement is a draft agreement that is presently being reviewed by the various County departments and will be reviewed by MRCA staff prior to execution. We are proposing to enter into this master use agreement because it will streamline the planning and permitting stages of the projects. It will ensure more timely completion of all current and future MRCA projects along the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path. In addition, it will allow us the flexibility to more easily be awarded future grants by showing existing permission to use County land in this area. As additional projects are developed, the use agreement would be amended to include them accordingly. Thus this is not an agreement to take over responsibilities for the entire Creek, only the projects that we put into place. It will allow us to work more efficiently and will ensure a smoother, more timely process and completion of our current and future projects.