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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 1, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for water conservation elements incorporated into the soccer field project at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds in the amount of \$50,000 for water conservation elements incorporated into the soccer field project at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Background: During the May 7, 2008 MRCA Board meeting, the Governing Board authorized the acceptance of a grant from NIKE, Inc. and LA84 Foundation and a sole source contract with Players Turf USA for the installation of a soccer field at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. The soccer field will be constructed of state-of-the-art artificial turf, using the existing concrete tennis court as a base. The field is also referred to as a "futsal court" since it is not full regulation size.

To increase the benefits of this project, it is proposed that a water conservation element be added. An underground cistern could capture and collect all rainfall that falls onto the court. The collected water would then be used for irrigation of the adjacent planted space. An interpretive element would also be added, in the form of an educational panel that will contain information about water supply and water quality issues. The panel will be in close proximity to the futsal court and its users.

The attached is a draft application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for proposition 84 funds for water conservation elements related to the soccer field project that the MRCA staff anticipates to submit.

Consideration: The amount of the grant application is \$50,000.