



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 5, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) the application for grant funds for the California River Parkway Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); (b) authorizing entering into a grant agreement; and (c) authorizing acceptance of said funds for the Marsh Park – Phase II project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing (a) the application for grant funds for the California River Parkway Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); (b) authorizing entering into a grant agreement; and (c) authorizing acceptance of said funds for the Marsh Park – Phase II project.

Background: The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) authorized \$62 million for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of River Parkway. The State of California Resources Agency (SCRA) is administering the California River Parkway Grant Program. \$30.9 million has been authorized for this grant cycle to protect rivers, streams, lakes, watersheds and other natural resources. The “Grant Guidelines” published in August 2008 require that applicant submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant’s governing body.

Applications for funding are due November 12, 2008. An application for the Marsh Park - Phase II Project will be submitted. The Marsh Park- Phase II project site is approximately 3 acres of prime river front property with a view of the natural streambed portion of the Los Angeles River through the Glendale Narrows. The property provides a rich opportunity for environmental restoration on an old industrial site. The property is planned to be developed as a passive nature park, with restoration of riparian and upland habitat. Access to the Los Angeles River Bikeway will be provided.