

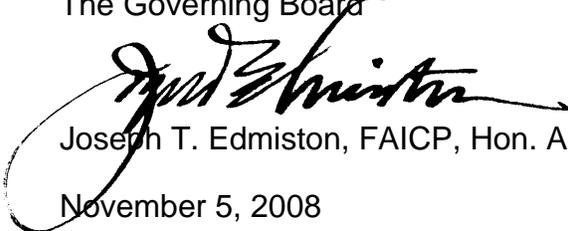


## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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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 XVI: Consideration of resolution authorizing the application for grant funds for the California Urban Streams Restoration grant program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the application for grant funds for the California Urban Streams Restoration grant program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 for Ascot Hills Park Phase III.

Background: The California Department of Water Resources is holding a competitive grant process for the Urban Streams Restoration program funded by Proposition 84. The program provides funding for projects that reduce urban flooding and erosion, restore environmental values, and promote stewardship of urban streams. \$9.1 million has been authorized for this grant cycle. The "Grant Guidelines" published in August 2008 require that applicant submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body.

The Ascot Hills Park project consists of the creation of a passive nature park on approximately 100 acres within northeast Los Angeles in the community of El Sereno. The natural park will contain trails, native plantings, view points, and picnic areas. Phase I of development is already complete and consists of a parking area and trail. Phase II of development will be constructed in 2009 and includes picnic areas, plantings, a modular structure, and a portion of stream restoration. Phase III is currently not funded. Phase III will complete the stream restoration work and extend the hiking trails.