



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 3, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) the application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program under Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for Marsh Park Phase II Improvements Project, Los Angeles; (b) entering into a grant agreement; and (c) authorizing acceptance of said funds.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing (a) the application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program under Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for Marsh Park Phase II Improvements Project, Los Angeles; (b) entering into a grant agreement; and (c) authorizing acceptance of said funds.

Background: The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program, as provided by Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, authorizes the allocation of up to \$10 million each year for grants to State, local and federal governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities. The "Grant Guidelines" require that the applicant submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body. Applications for funding in the 2008-2009 fiscal year are due December 22, 2008.

An application for the Marsh Park - Phase II Improvements Project will be submitted for the Roadside Recreation category. 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.