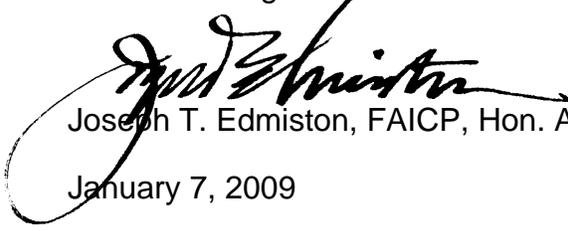


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 7, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and/or Cooperative Agreement with City of Compton related to the acquisition and disposition of easements and fee title parcels adjacent to Compton Creek.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and/or Cooperative Agreement with City of Compton related to the acquisition and disposition of easements and fee title parcels adjacent to Compton Creek..

Background: The Governing Board previously adopted Resolution No. 08-141 on September 3, 2008 and No. 08-153 on October 1, 2008. These resolutions authorized the acquisition of fee title and easements along Compton Creek in the City of Compton, including one of the last remaining soft bottomed portions of the creek. Staff is currently negotiating terms of sale for said properties.

On December 2, 2008, the Compton City Council agreed to provide partial funding for the acquisition and to accept title to the properties upon close of escrow. Pursuant to the Council's action, the City is required to enter into a memorandum of understanding and/or a cooperative agreement with the MRCA to provide details for the transfer of funds, terms of sale and acceptance of title to the properties.

This resolution will allow staff to negotiate the necessary agreements and to accept funds for the acquisition of the property.