



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 3, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Agreement with the City of Culver City for the purposes of developing, designing, and constructing the Ballona Creek to Parks connection trail project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Agreement with the City of Culver City for the purposes of developing, designing, and construction the Ballona Creek to Parks connection trail project.

Background: The MRCA was previously awarded funds from the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program to complete the Ballona Creek to Parks connection trail project. The primary goal of the Ballona Creek to Parks Connection trail Project (Project) is to connect the Baldwin Hills to Ballona Creek by connecting open spaces through trails and gateways. The intent of this project is to create multi-modal linkages and a regional trail between three existing park facilities (Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path, Culver City Park and the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook).

MRCA is responsible for planning and construction of project, and the City of Culver City is responsible for on-going maintenance. Bellfree Contractors (Bellfree) has been contracted to do the construction of the improvements located on Culver City Park property. These improvements include installation of directional and interpretive signage and some minor native plantings and trail. The proposed action would allow MRCA staff to commence planning, design and authorize construction of the connection trail.

The draft Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed by MRCA legal staff prior to being submitted to the City of Culver City.