

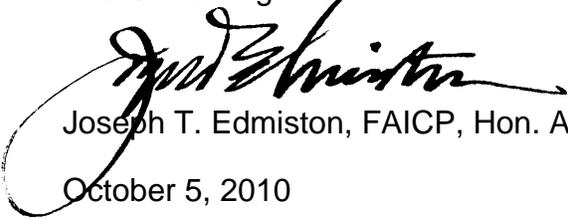


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 5, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution approving 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) for the following projects: Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park and Pacoima Wash - El Dorado Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving 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) for the following projects: Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park and Pacoima Wash - El Dorado Park.

Legislative Authority: Joint Exercise of Powers Action (Public Resources Code Section 6500 *et seq.*)

Background: 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) in the sum of \$62 million for the Acquisition, Restoration, Protection and Development of River Parkway. The State of California Resources Agency is administering the California River Parkway Grant Program. The "Grant Guidelines" published in June 2011 require that applicants submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body.

Pacoima Wash - El Dorado Park:

The proposed project will develop a one and a quarter acre site adjacent to the Pacoima Wash (a tributary of the Los Angeles River), in the City of Los Angeles (City), into a public park. The project is a partnership between the MRCA, the City

of Los Angeles (Department of Recreation and Parks), and Pacoima Beautiful. The parcel was acquired in 2009 by the City for the purpose of developing public park space. The grant request will fund amenities at the site including native riparian landscaping, typical passive park amenities (such as seating and interpretive displays), and stormwater management elements. The project will eventually be one of several parks linked together by the planned Pacoima Wash Greenway Path. The parcel is maintained by the City Department of Recreation and Parks.

Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park:

This project will convert a one and a half acre parcel at the confluence of Caballero Creek and the Los Angeles River in the Community of Reseda into a publicly-accessible natural park with habitat, trail, water quality improvements, waterfront access, and educational amenities. The parcel is owned by the City of Los Angeles and maintained by the City Department of Recreation and Parks.