



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, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for the Milton Green Street project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funding for the Milton Green Street project.

Background: The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 ("Proposition 1") was approved by voters in November 2014. Proposition 1 authorizes \$7.545 billion in general obligation bonds for State water projects, including surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and drinking water protection. Proposition 1 allocated funding to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) for multiple benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects (Water Code Section 79731(j)). The Conservancy has begun a competitive grant program on a quarterly cycle. The second round of applications is due February 29.

Milton Street is currently a wide asphalt-paved street with a sidewalk on the north side and no trees or vegetation present. The Milton Green Street Project will add a sidewalk on the south side of the street, install Vegetated Stormwater Curb Extensions (VSCEs) to both sides of Milton Street, and plant native shade trees and a variety of shrubs. The VSCEs will capture, treat and infiltrate wet and dry weather urban runoff as well as runoff from the adjacent Milton Street Park. They will remove various pollutants including trash, metals, bacteria, and oil from the water before they reach Ballona Creek. The project will also include the installation of stormdrain catch screens to capture trash which currently flows from 45 acres of tributary area from the neighborhood directly into the Creek.

Consideration: Preliminary budget analysis indicates that the grant application would be for approximately \$250,000-\$350,000.