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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 5, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing assignment of Los Angeles County Proposition A Fourth District Excess funds to the City of Paramount for the Ralph C. Dills park expansion project, a Los Angeles River project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing assignment of \$2,500,000 of Los Angeles County Proposition A Fourth District Excess Funds River funds to the City of Paramount for the Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion Project, a Los Angeles River project; including a condition that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's assistance, along with that of the Los Angeles County Open Space District, is acknowledged on signage and public information materials for the Dills Park project.

Background: Please refer to the attached correspondence from City of Paramount and the County of Los Angeles regarding Los Angeles River Proposition A Excess Funds that are earmarked for the MRCA in the Fourth Supervisorial District. The City (in conjunction with Supervisor Knabe's office and the Los Angeles County Open Space District) has again requested the MRCA's approval to use Prop A River Fourth District funds for Ralph C. Dills Park. The Governing Board has previously approved requests for earlier phases of acquisition and improvements. The proposed park development and expansion project is an appropriate Los Angeles River Parkway project. Dills Park has a very significant amount of river frontage, and the park is being designed to greatly increase the river's amenity value for recreational users and will also incorporate good water management features. Staff recommends that signage and public information materials for the park expansion project acknowledge the MRCA as well as the County Open Space District.