



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: February 1, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution assigning rights to the Amigos de los Ríos to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess Funds for the Rio Vista Native Plant Garden Entrance Swale Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution assigning rights to the Amigos de los Ríos to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess Funds for the Rio Vista Native Plant Garden Entrance Swale Project in the amount of \$429,000.

Background: On November 29, 2005 the Board of Supervisors authorized award of Proposition A Specified Excess Funds for several projects along the Los Angeles River, its tributaries, and the San Gabriel River in Supervisorial District One. Among the projects was a \$429,000 Rio Vista Native Plant Garden Entrance Swale Project. The project is development of a multipurpose trail and connections to the "Emerald Necklace" along the Rio Hondo including the greening of 9.46 acres, a path, interpretive signage, bioswale and other amenities.

District One Excess Funds can only be spent in District One. Expenditure of the subject sub-account of excess funds requires consensus between the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the subject Supervisor. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works would enter into a Project Agreement directly with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and no further work is required of the MRCA.

Amigos de los Ríos is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Their mission is to create sustainable open spaces, protect the environment, and strengthen community life in order to benefit current and future generations.