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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: October 6, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to upgrade an eight-sided graffiti-resistant kiosk at the Bosque del Rio Hondo Natural Area, Whittier.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) to upgrade an eight-sided graffiti-resistant kiosk at the Bosque del Rio Hondo Natural Area.

Background: The Bosque del Rio Hondo Natural area is in the southern part of the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, located along the Rio Hondo River near the Rio Hondo spreading basins. The park was developed by the (Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) in 1997 with Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks (Proposition A) funds. The property is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, leased to Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, and sub-leased to the MRCA. The park offers year-round access to the perennial flow of the Rio Hondo, a hiking trail, picnic areas, access to bike paths and equestrian trails, parking facilities, and restroom facilities. The area has a rich history which includes the establishment of several Tongva settlements and the construction of the original San Gabriel Mission by Spanish colonialists. The Bosque del Rio Hondo trail system is part of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

The RMC staff recommended that the MRCA staff apply to the RMC for a grant to upgrade an existing community service kiosk that was built when the park was developed in 1997. The original kiosk structure has sustained excessive wear and tear due to heavy park use. The grant funds will enable MRCA to upgrade the structure to reinforce graffiti resistance and better showcase eight new interpretive panels being developed with a recently awarded grant from RMC.

