



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: September 8, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI: Consideration of resolution approving the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement Project as funded by Proposition A and the Recreational Trails Program, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement Project as funded by Proposition A and the Recreational Trails Program, Los Angeles.

Background: In June 2000, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program for the Project. On September 22, 2003 the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Board authorized a contract with the BHRCA to complete the project on their behalf. On June 2, 2004 the Board authorized the acceptance of Los Angeles County Proposition A grant funds for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvements Project in the amount of \$200,000.

The proposed project will improve and develop several public access points and staging areas along the Ballona Creek Bike Path, add lighting where safety issues exist, install new signage, and add native landscaping. Access points will be improved with decorative fencing, bike racks, and benches. Improvements will occur along Ballona Creek Bike Path between Rodeo Drive and Lincoln Boulevard in the cities of Los Angeles and Culver City.

The project is part of a larger effort to improve and protect the area surrounding Ballona Creek and its adjacent wetlands. The project will coordinate with planning efforts currently underway in Culver City.

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The proposed plan is to use a combination of MRCA force account labor and outside contracts to complete the project.

Construction drawings for the first improvements at Centinela Boulevard are currently being permitted by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Bidding is expected to occur in late September and construction will begin shortly thereafter.