



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 1, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of a resolution authorizing (a) entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire approximately 3.99 acres along Compton Creek (Portion of APN 7318-003-026 and all of APN 7318-003-032) using Proposition A Excess Funds; (b) acquisition of said parcels, and (c) transfer of said properties to the City of Compton. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Mark Kelegian. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing (a) entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire approximately 3.99 acres along Compton Creek (Portion of APN 7318-003-026 and all of APN 7318-003-032) using Proposition A Excess Funds; (b) acquisition of said parcels, and (c) transfer of said properties to the City of Compton. Negotiators: Joseph T. Edmiston and Mark Kelegian. Under consideration: price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Background: The approximately 3.99 acres represent some of the last pieces of undeveloped land in this portion of Compton Creek. The sites are Creek-adjacent vacant parcels. Compton Creek at this point transitions from a concrete box channel to a soft-bottom v-channel that provides an important remnant riparian habitat for a host of species.

The properties offer a unique possibility of adding a segment of the missing gap between the City of Compton and County multi-use trails along the Creek. The site is accessible by the Metro Blue Line Artesia Station, less than 350 feet away.

These two Compton Creek parcels would compliment and are adjacent to the acquisition authorized under MRCA Resolution 08-141 (September 3, 2008.)

The final boundaries and cost of the acquisition would be determined through negotiations with the property owner. Appraisals of the subject properties have been conducted by a Certified Real Estate Appraiser.

The MRCA was previously awarded funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Prop A) for projects along Compton Creek. The properties would be acquired utilizing those funds for acquisition.

The MRCA and the City of Compton entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on May 2, 2007 (Resolution Number 07-40.) The MOU established that the MRCA would be responsible for the planning and construction of projects, and the City of Compton would be responsible for maintenance.