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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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DATE: April 1, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Agreement with the City of Compton for the purposes of accepting funding for the acquisition of certain properties (APNs 7318-003-026, 032, 034, 958, 959, and 960) adjacent to Compton Creek, City of Compton.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Agreement with the City of Compton for the purposes of accepting funding for the acquisition of certain properties (APNs 7318-003-026, 032, 034, 958, 959, and 960) adjacent to Compton Creek, City of Compton.

Background: The Governing Board previously adopted Resolution Nos. 08-141 and 08-153, authorizing the acquisition of the listed parcels along Compton Creek in the City of Compton using Proposition A funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. Staff has entered negotiations with the properties' owners regarding the purchase of fee simple and easement interests over all or a portion of the listed APNs.

Pursuant to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) dated May 21, 2007, the MRCA and the City of Compton agreed to work cooperatively to acquire properties along Compton Creek with Proposition A funds earmarked for the MRCA. The purpose of the MOU is to identify, acquire and improve potential open space and recreational properties along Compton Creek. Under the terms of the MOU, the MRCA agreed to assume project management responsibilities for both the acquisition and improvement of subject properties, with the City assuming permanent maintenance and management responsibilities upon completion of the improvements and necessary construction.

With respect to the certain properties listed herein, the City of Compton has agreed to provide partial funding for the acquisition and will take title to the properties at the close of escrow. The Compton City Council has directed the City Manager to execute an additional MOU for the funding for the acquisition and the transfer of title to the City.

This resolution will allow staff to negotiate and enter into this new MOU with the City of Compton to complete the acquisitions of fee title to all or portions of APNs 7318-003-026, 032 and 034, along with easements for pedestrian, bicycle and recreational uses over all or portions of APNs 7318-003-058, 059, and 060. It also authorizes the acceptance of funds from the City of Compton for a portion of the purchase price.

Staff anticipates that the acquisitions will close in three phases, with the first to be completed in mid April 2009 and the last to be completed by June 2009.

Please see attached map for location and details.