



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: August 6, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution approving the application to the State Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready competitive grant program for Caballero Creek–Los Angeles River Confluence Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application to the State Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready competitive grant program for Caballero Creek–Los Angeles River Confluence Park.

Background: The Climate Ready Grant Program of the State Coastal Conservancy is funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), and it allocates \$1,500,000 for projects that address impacts of sea level rise, implement multi-benefit urban greening projects or improve the sustainability of agricultural lands.

The Caballero Creek–Los Angeles River Confluence Park project will convert a 1.5-acre site adjacent to the confluence of the Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek into a public park. The project is a partnership between MRCA and the City of Los Angeles (Department of Recreation and Parks and Bureau of Sanitation). The site is an underutilized parcel owned by the City that is currently used to store excess materials and vehicles. The park will be operated and maintained by the City of Los Angeles.

Funding for preliminary plans and engineering was secured from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and a grant for basic park construction and a storm drain BMP was recently awarded from the Natural Resources Agency's Urban Greening program. There currently is no funding to build visitor amenities such as picnic tables, fitness stations, artistic gates or interpretive elements. The proposed grant request would fund these amenities at the site and a group seating area that could be used by nearby Reseda High School students as an outdoor classroom for hands-on learning. The grant request will be between \$200,000 - \$500,000.