

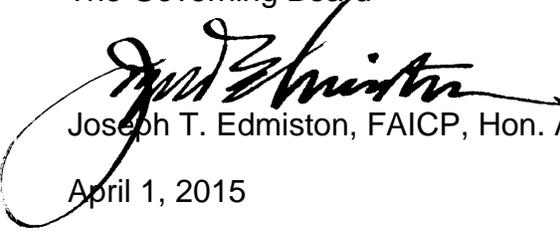


# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 1, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing grant application to the City of Los Angeles L.A. for Kids grant program for Proposition K funding for the Los Angeles River / Caballero Creek Confluence Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing grant application to the City of Los Angeles L.A. for Kids grant program for Proposition K funding for the Los Angeles River / Caballero Creek Confluence Park project.

Background: The City of Los Angeles L.A. for Kids grant program (Proposition K) is a ballot initiative passed by the voters of the City of Los Angeles in November 1996 creating a citywide assessment district for a 30 year term. It generates a sum of \$25 million each year for acquisition of land for open space purposes, and for improvement, construction, and maintenance of parks, recreation, childcare, and community facilities. The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering - Recreational and Cultural Facilities Division is administering the grant program. The Grant Guidelines (issued January 2015) require that applicants submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body.

The Los Angeles River / Caballero Creek Confluence Park (Project) will convert a 1.6-acre underutilized site owned by the City of Los Angeles (City) adjacent to the confluence of the Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek into a multiple-benefit park. The Project is a partnership between the MRCA and the City (Department of Recreation and Parks, and Bureau of Sanitation). The site is currently asphalt and is used to store excess materials. The Proposition K grant request will fund site amenities including native landscaping, typical park amenities (such as seating, bike racks, drinking fountain, signage, fencing, gate(s), etc.), stormwater management elements including a 'habitat wetland' and associated cistern for the irrigation of site plantings, and an outdoor classroom. Once completed, the park will be operated and maintained by the City.