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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 1, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for Corral Parking Lot Improvements.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for Corral Parking Lot Improvements in the amount of \$100,000.

Background: The Sara Wan Trailhead at Corral Canyon provides parking and access to the popular Corral Canyon Park and to Malibu beaches and is one of MRCA's most highly used parking lots. The trailhead has always been popular and the amount of use has strained the parking and visitor-serving amenities.

The proposed grant will be used to plan, design, and implement natural and developed resource protection and restoration. Existing facilities at the trailhead include driveway and parking lot with approximately 14 parking spots, outdated picnic areas with seating, fencing, native plantings, portable toilets, kiosk display, benches, basic signage and seasonal access to L.A. County-operated Dan Blocker State Beach. MRCA staff has identified improvements which would help with accessibility, increase usability, and augment existing habitat. The parking lot layout and circulation will be evaluated and redesigned to maximize the number of parking spaces, upgrade the accessible parking per current building codes, and separate pedestrian and vehicular traffic for better safety. Other possible improvements, depending on cost and impact of circulation changes, include modifying the picnic area, upgrading seating and/or picnic tables, and updating the kiosk with park information and interpretive content. The existing native vegetation will be augmented by selected plantings to damage from overuse. These capital improvements will enhance the utility and safety of the existing trailhead and will contribute to a more enjoyable user experience.

The requested grant would fund project planning and design and construction of improvements. Work will be accomplished by a combination of MRCA staff, professional consultants, and subcontractors.

Consideration: The grant application is for \$100,000 of Proposition 84 funds.

Fiscal Impact: If the Conservancy grant is awarded, funding for the improvements will be paid for by the grant. The subject grant was anticipated in the adopted FY 17/18 budget and will not result in any new maintenance obligations. A small increase in revenue from paid parking could result from the provision of more parking spaces, depending on the rate of use. Where possible, the improvements will be designed to decrease the amount of maintenance costs for the site.