



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90065
Phone (323) 221-9944 Fax (323) 221-9934

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 6, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with and accepting a Community Development Block Grant from City of Los Angeles for Vista Hermosa Park, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with and accepting a Community Development Block Grant from City of Los Angeles for Vista Hermosa Park, Los Angeles.

Background: On November 16, 2006 the Mayor's Office released its reports on the 32nd Program Year Consolidated Plan Midyear Reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in an effort to meet the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development mandated 1.5 expenditure ratio by January 31, 2007. The Mayor proposal reallocates \$21.3 million in funds from projects unable to spend these funds in a timely manner to other projects identified as ready to spend funds. In total \$22.6 million is available for reprogramming.

On December 20, 2006 a council action was taken to authorize reprogramming dollars which included a \$400,000 appropriation for Vista Hermosa Park. The funds will be used for terrace retaining walls, seating and fencing for the soccer field.

The attached contract is a draft version between City of Los Angeles and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. It is currently being revised by City Attorney's Office, it will then have to be reviewed by our staff counsel. The funds will be reimbursable as of December 20, 2006.