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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 3, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with Trust for Public Land accepting responsibility for on-going operations and maintenance at Aliso Confluence Park, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with Trust for Public Land accepting responsibility for on-going operations and maintenance at Aliso Confluence Park, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The Trust for Public Land (TPL) has led the effort to create a natural park and walking trail loop at the confluence of Aliso Creek and the Los Angeles River, coordinating among multiple government agencies and rallying community support for the project. TPL was awarded a \$1,500,000 Proposition 84 Urban Greening Project Grant in 2010, the second highest award of the funding cycle. As described in the attached project description, TPL will construct a 1.8-acre natural park on currently unused public right-of-way adjacent to the Los Angeles River. Park amenities will include a "River Loop" trail, restored habitat, picnic and shade shelters, bioswales, and interpretive features. The loop trail is a combined effort of several community groups, including the Jewish Home for the Aging and West Valley YMCA among others.

The grant requires TPL to provide assurances for the long-term (25-year) maintenance and operation of the new park. To facilitate the creation of this new community resource, the MRCA would accept responsibility for this maintenance obligation at the new river park. Expected maintenance is comparable to other MRCA-managed river parks. The park will be designed specifically to minimize maintenance obligations by utilizing drought-tolerant landscaping, durable improvements, and graffiti-resistant signs. The adjacent apartment complex management company has agreed to open and close the park gates at the beginning and end of the day.