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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 9, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Urban Greening Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) for Pacoima Wash - El Dorado Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Urban Greening Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) for the Pacoima Wash - El Dorado Park.

Background: Urban Greening Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) in the sum of \$70 million for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. The Strategic Growth Council is administering the Urban Greening Grant Program. The "Grant Guidelines" (April 2011) require that applicants submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body.

Pacoima Wash - El Dorado Park: The proposed project will develop a one and a quarter acre site adjacent to the Pacoima Wash (a tributary of the Los Angeles River), in the City of Los Angeles (City), into a public park. The project is a partnership between the MRCA, the City of Los Angeles (Department of Recreation and Parks), and 501(c)3 non-profit Pacoima Beautiful. The parcel was acquired in 2009 by the City for the purpose of developing public park space. The grant request will fund amenities at the site including native riparian landscaping, typical passive park amenities (such as seating and interpretive displays), and stormwater management elements. The project will eventually be one of several parks linked together by the planned Pacoima Wash Greenway Path. The parcel is maintained by the City Department of Recreation and Parks. Pacoima Beautiful anticipates using the site for community and youth programs.