MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing the grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to fund the Pacoima Wash Greenway- El Dorado Park, Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to fund the Pacoima Wash Greenway- El Dorado Park, Los Angeles.

Background: 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 will fund additional project planning and development. Site survey, soils reports, additional project design development, and agreements with the City of Los Angeles and County Flood Control District are included in the scope of activities.

The proposed Pacoima Wash Greenway- El Dorado Park will including native riparian landscaping, typical passive park amenities (such as seating and interpretive displays), and stormwater management elements. The project is consistent with Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and the Los Angeles River Master Plan. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (fee title holder) will maintain the park and after the MRCA designs and constructs it. 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.