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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 18, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing the ability to register/vest and purchase properties at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Public Auction 2012A.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the ability to register/vest and purchase properties at the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Public Auction 2012A.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has had great success purchasing parcels through the Los Angeles County public auction process. The past two years has resulted in the acquisition of high quality open space purchased at low cost to the MRCA.

In order to register bidders to represent the MRCA at this auction, a resolution naming the bidders and authorizing the bidders actions must be adopted, sealed, and notarized. Bidder registration for a public entity requires that the Governing Board authorize the bidders by name. The attached resolution names the following staff members as potential bidders: Joseph T. Edmiston, Jeff Jones, Jeff Maloney, Chris Trumpy, Marc Shores, Paul Edelman, and/or Garrett Weinstein as potential bidders. Chris Trumpy with the Natural Resources and Planning Division attended both the 2010A and 2011A auctions in October 2010 and 2011 respectively, and purchased parcels at each through the auction process.

Bidder registration requires a \$5,000 registration deposit, in the form of cash, cashiers check, or bank-issued money order, made out to L.A. County Tax Collector. This \$5,000 deposit can be used toward any winning parcel purchase, and any unused amount from the deposit will be refunded to the MRCA within 30 days after the auction. The bidder must register in person at the Tax Collectors office between September 24th and October 5th, 2012.

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Agenda Item VI(m) on this agenda addresses authorization to create an Auction Trust Account, which will compile the funds to be used for purchase of parcels won at open auction.

Agenda Items VI(h) through VI(l), and VI(u) address specific funding sources that will potentially be used to purchase parcels won at the auction. Through these items, staff will seek authority to use various funds for various parcels or for general areas.