

## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: The Governing Board

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

**DATE:** August 7, 2013

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution approving the application for competitive tree-planting grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District excess funding for Pacoima Wash - Eighth Street Park project.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application for competitive tree-planting grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District excess funding for Pacoima Wash - Eighth Street Park project.

<u>Background</u>: In March 2013 staff applied for and received funding from a Proposition A tree-planting grant program from Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's Office in the Third Supervisorial District. The grant amount is \$100,000.

The goal of the Pacoima Wash - Eighth Street Park project (project) is to create a 4.75-acre multiple benefit natural park in an under-served community in the City of San Fernando. Construction of the park is nearly complete. The work that remains includes planting of ground covers, shrubs, and trees, modifications to irrigation, erosion control measures for the site's drainage, mulch, exotic plant removal, installation of site furnishings, installation of signage, and removal of excavated boulders.

This grant will fund the purchase and planting of 150 additional trees on the site, including modifications to irrigation system specifically for the added trees.