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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: April 2, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the InterEnvironment Institute, a 501(c)3 organization, for the ten-month project “Introducing more Urban People to the Natural World: Cross Promotion between Urban Protected Areas and Natural History Museums and Similar Institutions.**

Staff Recommendation: That the governing board adopt a resolution authorizing a grant to the InterEnvironment Institute, a 501(c)3 organization, for the ten-month project “Introducing more Urban People to the Natural World: Cross Promotion between Urban Protected Areas and Natural History Museums and Similar Institutions

Background: InterEnvironment Institute, founded in 1969, is an independent, nonpartisan public policy center based in Claremont and affiliated with Claremont Graduate University. The Institute, which has 501(c)3 status, has a long history of working with California state agencies, including the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and IUCN.

The attached proposal is for a ten month project focused on cross-promotion between urban protected areas and natural history museums and similar institutions, encouraging such cross-promotion in metropolitan Los Angeles as well as in the international nature conservation and museum communities, including at IUCN's 2014 World Parks Congress, to be held in Sydney, Australia, in November 2014.

A major deliverable is organizing and conducting a workshop, “Urban Protected Areas and Natural History Museums: New Connections for a New Generation.” The workshop will emphasize encouraging urban young people to experience and understand the natural world. This event will be held at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens this Fall.

See full proposal for detailed deliverables and budget