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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 2, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution adopting the 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution adopting the 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Background: Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is a collaborative effort, led by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to manage all aspects of water resources in a region. DWR has been able to provide grants for local projects through funding from Propositions 50, 84, and 1E. In the Los Angeles area, those grants are administered through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

On March 26, 2014 MRCA was informed that the Marsh Park project had been awarded \$1,342,643 in grant funding from the Proposition 84, Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grants program. Previously MRCA received funds from Round 1 for the Pacoima Wash Natural Park. Adoption of the subject plan by the Governing Board is a requirement for receiving the funds for Marsh Park. The Governing Board is also required to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Los Angeles County to receive the funds. Although the terms of that MOU have not been finalized, County staff requested that MRCA expedite approval of the IRWM Plan in the meantime.

Attached is Chapter 3 of the document, Objectives and Priorities. In addition to water-specific items, objectives also include enhancing natural habitat and enhancing open space and recreation. The full text of the plan is available online at: <http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/irwmp/index.cfm?fuseaction=TopDocListing&directory=RMC12-10Submittal-FinalPlan&ttl=2014%20Public%20Draft%20IRWMP%20Update>