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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 6, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(f): Consideration of resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for Marsh Park Phase II.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for Marsh Park Phase II.

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. The DWR Grant Program through IRWM is structured so that all projects within a watershed are combined to form a group application. For the upper Los Angeles River watershed, the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District is the lead agency for the application.

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. The adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District by the Governing Board is a requirement for receiving the funds for Marsh Park. The County has entered into a grant agreement with DWR, now needs to enter into separate agreements with each of the local implementing agencies for the funded projects. The proposed action will authorize MRCA to enter into this agreement with the County, thus enabling MRCA to access the funding authorized for the project.

The draft agreement is attached and no substantial revisions are expected.