



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 5, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a joint powers agreement with the County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) adopt a resolution authorizing entering into a joint powers agreement with the County of Los Angeles.

### Background:

The MRCA provides servicing and maintenance for thousands of acres of parkland in the Santa Monica Mountains. Much of that ongoing maintenance is funded through the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood and Parks measures of 1992 and 1996, also known as Prop A.

With funding from Prop A soon expiring and future revenues for servicing and maintenance uncertain, the County of Los Angeles has approached the MRCA with a proposal to establish a joint powers authority (JPA) to carry out the necessary servicing, maintenance, and related activities on properties owned and operated by the MRCA in the Santa Monica Mountains.

The County has proposed to contribute a set amount of funding to the new JPA on an annual basis. The JPA, through contractual agreements with the MRCA, would be responsible for carrying out the proposed work on MRCA parkland in the Santa Monica Mountains. Per the joint powers agreement as proposed, the MRCA would provide executive staff for the JPA as well as provide the treasurer and auditor/controller.

It is important to note that the funding proposed with the new JPA will not be identical to the current Prop A funding the MRCA receives. Certain properties outside the Santa Monica Mountains will not be eligible for this funding while other properties within the mountains could receive maintenance funding that were not eligible for Prop A grant funds.

Replacing the expiring Prop A maintenance funding is crucial for the solvency of the MRCA and necessary, if not sufficient, to provide adequate upkeep of parkland in the Santa Monica Mountains.