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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 VI(f): Consideration of resolution authorizing adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Development/Restoration of Trails in N and NE San Fernando Valley Improvements funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Development/Restoration of Trails in N and NE San Fernando Valley Improvements funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

Background: In 2001, the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District provided \$500,000 in grant funding for the Development/Restoration of Trails in Northern and Northeastern San Fernando Valley connecting to the Angeles National Forest. Improvements included: construction of trails, enhancements of trails, and installation of trailhead facilities that connect to the Angeles National Forest and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. Since the grant's award, MRCA has used project funds to develop and improve trails and trailheads connecting to the Angeles National Forest and the Rim of the Valley Trail.

MRCA plans to utilize the remaining grant funds, in combination with funds remaining from the Lopez Canyon Park Acquisition to develop a regional multi-use trailhead at Lopez Canyon Park. The trailhead will include a parking lot for both equestrian trailers and passenger vehicles, a connection to Kagel Canyon Truck Trail, a widened driveway, restroom, potable water, gates, fencing and signage. Disturbed areas will be planted with native species.

Proposition A requires that, as a condition of receipt of funds, grantees must spend a minimum amount on the employment of at-risk youth and adopt a Youth Employment Plan for each individual project. The proposed Youth Employment Plan for the subject grant is attached. Tasks to be completed by youth include erosion management and the planting of trees and shrubs.