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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 3, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with and the receipt of funds from Los Angeles County to implement the Mission Canyon Trailhead Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) adopt a resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with and the receipt of funds from Los Angeles County to implement the Mission Canyon Trailhead Project.

Background:

The County of Los Angeles recently approached MRCA staff with a proposal for funding a project for improvements at the Mission Canyon Trailhead. The subject improvements would include a parking lot, a restroom, and other visitor serving amenities trails at Mission Canyon.

Since the underlying property is owned by the County and managed by the Sanitation District, staff anticipates that subsequent agreements further describing the project and the parties' obligations will be necessary. Ultimately, the MRCA expects to be responsible for the operation of the visitor serving improvements, while the County will retain responsibility for the underlying landfill and related facilities.

Under the agreement, the County will provide funding up front within 30 days of execution. The proposed funding agreement has already been approved by the County Board of Supervisors and would provide a total of \$1,200,000 for the project.

Completion of the improvement project will greatly improve the visitor experience in this highly popular area.