



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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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 IX: Consideration of resolution approving grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District excess funding for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District excess funding for Pacoima Wash Bikeway project.

Background: In November 2012, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) funds were obligated to the MRCA for the planning and design of the Pacoima Wash Bikeway project (Bikeway). MRCA staff is currently working with consultants, project partners, and community stakeholders to complete the design and engineering and to identify construction funds for the Bikeway. In November 2014 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Proposition A grant from Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's Office in the Third Supervisorial District for native plant landscaping along portions of the 3.25 mile Bikeway. The grant amount is \$72,000.

The goal of the Pacoima Wash Bikeway project is to create a 3.25 mile bike path that will run along the banks of Pacoima Wash as one component of a future regional recreational greenway. The future Class I Bikeway will be located within some of the most densely populated areas of the San Fernando Valley, along the eastern edge of the City of San Fernando and the Pacoima area of the City of Los Angeles. The Bikeway will connect these communities to the Angeles National Forest providing opportunities for experiencing the natural forest of the foothills, and is a recommended project in the City of Los Angeles' Bicycle Master Plan and the County of Los Angeles' Master Plan. Additionally, the bikeway route will connect visitors to current and future urban parklands including MRCA's Pacoima Wash Natural Park and El Dorado Park (in planning).

Project partners for the Bikeway project include the City of San Fernando, the City

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of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, and Pacoima Beautiful. Staff from all of these organizations have been collaborating for several years to plan the Bikeway.

This grant will assist with planning and planting of native landscaping along portions of the 3.25 mile Pacoima Wash Bikeway.