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Letter of Partnership for the Milton Park (Phase 2) Acquisition and Development

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), I am writing to express our partnership for the Milton Park Phase 2 Acquisition and Development (Project). The MRCA is pleased to be working with the County of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to support the acquisition of this land and to promote development of aesthetic, recreational, and environmental resource enhancements on this property and ultimately along the entire Ballona Creek.

This Project is phase 2 of a directly adjacent 1.2-acre natural park that is currently under construction by the MRCA and will be completed in late Spring 2015. Phase 1 features recreational, aesthetic, educational, habitat, and storm water treatment features including native landscaping, decorative gateways and fencing, pedestrian pathways, Best Management Practices (BMPs), ADA access ramp, shade structure, bike racks, seating, interpretative elements and other elements consistent with the Ballona Creek Watershed Master Plan. Phase 2 will be an extension of this multiple-benefit park and will include additional native drought tolerant landscaping, educational elements, walking paths, and other neighborhood park amenities.

The Project will connect the site and the community to the adjacent bike path creating public access where there currently is not. The location of the site along the path will encourage people to bicycle or walk to the park thereby reducing GHG emissions from transportation sources and providing a vital space for increased social interaction and improved mental and physical health. Additionally, the parks location makes it an ideal setting for educational use as it is adjacent to the Marina del Rey Middle School. The students will use this future park as a plant and wildlife learning tool, and also use it as an outdoor classroom, and a place for bird and fish watching and studying. The educational panels permanently installed at the project site will highlight the area's coastal resources and will be used by students and the general public, as well as the many community groups that lead tours along the Ballona Creek. This will ultimately contribute to environmental stewardship and aid in the preservation of and trash reduction within the adjacent Creek.

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MRCA's role will be to facilitate the acquisition and to be heavily involved in the planning, design and construction of the Project. Additionally, once completed, MRCA is committed to maintaining both Phases 1 and 2 of the Milton Park Project. MRCA is pleased to be a Project partner and supports the County of Los Angeles' grant application for funding. We urge your favorable consideration of this worthy Project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Soghor
Deputy Executive Officer