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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 3, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(g): Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 2015 Countywide Competitive Grant Program for Caballero Creek Park and adopting a youth employment plan.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 2015 Countywide Competitive Grant Program for Caballero Creek Park and adopting a youth employment plan.

Background: The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District is currently accepting grant applications for a county-wide competitive program. Approximately \$5 million is available. Applications for the grant funds are due on June 3, 2015.

The Caballero Creek Park will convert a 1.6-acre underutilized site owned by the City of Los Angeles adjacent to the confluence of the Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek into a natural multiple-benefit park. The Project is a partnership between MRCA, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Bureau of Sanitation. The Proposition A grant request will fund site amenities including native landscaping, picnic tables, fitness stations, drinking fountain, and interpretive components. Once completed, the park will be operated and maintained by the City.

Proposition A District requires that, as a condition of receipt of funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996, grantees must spend a minimum amount on the employment of at-risk youth, as determined by grantee's Youth Employment Goal. MRCA fulfilled their required Youth Employment Goal in 2014 but must still provide a plan for youth employment on all projects.

Consideration: The grant application will be for approximately \$300,000.