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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 2, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Lopez Canyon Park Improvement project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Lopez Canyon Park Improvement project.

Background: Lopez Canyon Park, located in unincorporated Los Angeles County adjacent to the Angeles National Forest was acquired in 2008 to preserve and join three previously unconnected sections of the Angeles National Forest along the watershed divide between Lopez and Kagel Canyons. The property includes numerous existing trails and offers the best alignments for the Rim of the Valley Trail between Pacoima and Kagel canyons, as well as direct access to the national forest via the Kagel Canyon Truck Trail to the northeast, Indian Canyon Lateral to the south, and Pacoima Motorway to the southwest.

MRCA has plans to make minor improvements to the property including a trailhead parking lot for horse trailers and vehicles, connection to Kagel Canyon Truck Trail, widened driveway, restroom, potable water, gates, fencing, landscaping, and interpretive signage. A path that is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) would connect the parking lot and restroom.

The subject plans and specifications were prepared by California-licensed design professionals under the supervision of Breen Engineering, Inc. The plans include civil and structural engineering. The plans have been submitted to and reviewed by the County of Los Angeles and are awaiting final permits. Attached are a representative sample of the construction plans. Copies of the full set of plans and specifications will be available for review at the meeting.