



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 6, 2016

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Facility Modification Agreement with the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District for the Ballona Creek Milton Street Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Facility Modification Agreement with the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District for the Ballona Creek Milton Street Park project..

Background: The Milton Street Park project is a 1.2-acre natural park adjacent to the Ballona Creek located in the City of Los Angeles. It includes pedestrian pathways, new entry gateway, shade structure, overlooks, native landscaping, interpretive panels, bike racks, seating, and other amenities. The park is owned by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) and was opened to the public on February 5, 2016. MRCA has a Memorandum of Understanding with BHRCA to design, construct and maintain the park. MRCA received a permit from Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) for the improvements. A condition of this permit is to execute a Facility Modification Agreement (Agreement). This is a new requirement set forth by the District and is related to the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) 408 permit process. Regardless, the District allowed for the park to open prior to execution of this final paperwork as it has no bearing on the completeness of the actual park elements.

The attached Agreement is a draft that was created by the District and is being reviewed by the necessary MRCA staff and County departments prior to execution. As mentioned, MRCA is required to enter into this Agreement in order to fulfill the requirements of the District permit. As part of this permit process, the District has also applied for a 408 permit from the Corps and will conduct a 'Risk Assessment' required by the Corps in order to finalize the 408 permit. Once both this Agreement and the Risk Assessment are finalized, all of the paperwork required by the District will be fulfilled.