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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 29, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Coastal Commission for acceptance of funds for the development of low-cost visitor serving overnight accommodations in Puerco Canyon.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Coastal Commission ("Commission") for acceptance of funds for the development of low-cost visitor serving overnight accommodations in Puerco Canyon.

Background: On April 2, 2014, the City of Malibu submitted a proposed Amendment to its Local Coastal Program ("LCPA"), proposing changing the land use designation of a 24-acre blufftop parcel formerly known as the "Crummer Trust" parcel and now known as "Malibu Coast Estate" from Commercial-Visitor Serving to Planned Development. This allows for development of five estate homes and a small public park, and precludes use of the site for visitor serving accommodations.

The owner of the Malibu Coast Estate site proposed a \$4,000,000 in-lieu fee as part of the LCPA, in order to help address the loss of the valuable Commercial-Visitor Serving land used designation at the Malibu Coast Estate site. On August 12, 2015, the Commission entered into an Escrow Agreement with the Project Owner, and now desires to release the funds to the MRCA to develop low-cost visitor serving overnight accommodations (i.e., campground facilities) at MRCA's Cameron Nature Preserve in Puerco Canyon.

The Coastal Camping at Puerco Canyon program will create new low-cost camping facilities at the Cameron Nature Preserve at Puerco Canyon, including group campground available to community-based organizations and an overnight camp for disadvantaged youth throughout Southern California by introducing them to California's coastal resources.