



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 3, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XVII: Consideration of resolution approving the Pacoima Wash Bikeway project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the Pacoima Wash Bikeway project.

Background: The proposed 3.25 mile Pacoima Wash Bikeway (Bikeway) will run along the banks of Pacoima Wash as one component of a future regional recreational greenway. The Class I Bikeway will be located within some of the most densely populated areas of the San Fernando Valley, along the eastern edge of the City of San Fernando and the Pacoima area of the City of Los Angeles. The Bikeway will connect these communities to the Angeles National Forest providing opportunities for experiencing the natural forest of the foothills, and is a recommended project in the City of Los Angeles' Bicycle Master Plan and the County of Los Angeles' (March 2012) Bike Master Plan. Additionally, the bikeway route will connect visitors to current and future urban parklands including MRCA's Pacoima Wash Natural Park and El Dorado Park (in planning).

The proposed bikeway includes a 12 foot wide paved bikeway, new crossings over the wash, fencing, access points, mileage markers, solar powered lighting, amenities such as seating, trash receptacles, and water fountains, erosion control measures, and native landscape plantings.

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) were prepared. Adoption of the MND is a separate item on the Board's agenda, and that action must occur prior to approving the project. Approval of the project shall occur before a Notice of Determination is filed, which is the final step of the negative declaration process.

Fiscal Impact: The subject action is a required step in the CEQA compliance process. Approving the project does not create any obligations. Staff continue to work with project partners to secure funding for construction and maintenance.