



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 4, 2017

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VII(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for the implementation of Park to Playa Regional Trail Wayfinding Signage project.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for the implementation of Park to Playa Regional Trail Wayfinding Signage project in the amount of \$267,000.

Background: The goal of the Park to Playa project (Project) is to create a seamless 13-mile regional trail that connects the Baldwin Hills Parklands to the Pacific Ocean. This goal is being realized through coordination between multiple-agencies and jurisdictions. Since 2008, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has been working in partnership with Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA), LA County Department of Parks and Recreation, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Baldwin Hills Conservancy, City of Culver City, Office of County Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, and others to implement the Project.

This Project encompasses several trail segments in varying stages of development with varying combinations of project partners as leads. A great majority of Park to Playa is complete with the exception of the Blair Hills Segment (which is slated to be completed in 2019) and the Wayfinding Signage.

MRCA is the project lead for the installation of the Wayfinding Signage for all segments of the Project excluding the Blair Hills segment and Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) segment. The Blair Hills signage will be installed by the County of Los Angeles as part of the installation of the new trail and the KHSRA signage is currently being installed by County of Los Angeles through the partnership and coordination with MRCA staff.

The BHRCA grant provides funding to fabricate and install wayfinding signage for the following Park to Playa segments: Stocker Trailhead (remaining signs), Norman

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O Huston Park, Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Culver City Park, and Ballona Creek bike path. Staff anticipates that by the time this signage is permitted and installed, the new Blair Hills trail and signage will also be installed and the Park to Playa Regional Trail will be complete.

Consideration: The proposed action accepts a \$267,000 grant for implementation of Park to Playa Wayfinding Signage.