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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 6, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIII : Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to Friends of the Los Angeles River for Community Outreach and Engagement.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant to Friends of the Los Angeles River for community outreach and engagement in the amount of \$25,000.

Background: Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1986 to protect and restore the natural and historic heritage of the Los Angeles River and its riparian habitat through inclusive planning, education and wise stewardship. This grant will fund an outreach and engagement strategy for stakeholders, including elected officials as well as advocacy regarding river projects, including the "G-2" property. Robust community engagement and advocacy along the Los Angeles River benefits current and future efforts for a safer, greener more sustainable river corridor.

Fiscal Impact: Funded from unrestricted revenue, money for this grant was contemplated in the approved 2017-18 Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) budget.