



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 1, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Los Angeles for the planning, improvement, and operation of the G2 Property adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) adopt this resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Los Angeles for the planning, improvement, and operation of the G2 Property adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.

Background: Earlier this year, the City of Los Angeles ("City") acquired the 41 acre G2 Property along the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park. Subsequent to that, the MRCA and the City agreed to terms on the acquisition by the MRCA of a multipurpose easement for public recreational access, habitat restoration, environmental remediation, and associated uses. The acquisition of the easement was approved by the Governing Board and the California Wildlife Conservation Board also has agreed to provide funding for the acquisition of the easement, which is expected to happen by early 2018.

City and MRCA staff have had a series of discussions about the planning, improvement, and operation of the G2 Property and the multipurpose easement area and have agreed, as part of the easement purchase agreement, to enter into this MOU that will outline the parties' respective roles, responsibilities, and rights.

The MOU will be a valuable tool for the MRCA to ensure that the rights transferred in the grant of multipurpose easement are protected, but also that the agencies approach the future use of this regionally significant project in a meaningful and collaborative manner.