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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: December 6, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for Temescal Gateway Park improvements, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 40 funds for Temescal Gateway Park improvements in the amount of \$350,000, City of Los Angeles.

Background: Located in the Santa Monica Bay Watershed in the Pacific Palisades, Temescal Gateway Park is one of the most popular parks in the Santa Monica Mountains. The park encompasses 141 acres of oak and sycamore canyons, ridgetop views, and access to trails in Topanga State Park and Will Rogers State Historic Park. Park amenities include trails, picnic areas, open outdoor areas, restrooms, meeting rooms, an auditorium and classrooms. A targeted investment in the park's infrastructure and buildings will lengthen their lifespan and increase usability.

The proposed grant would be used to plan, design, and implement natural and developed resource protection and restoration. These improvements will enhance the utility and safety of the existing park and will contribute to a more enjoyable user experience. Elements to be rehabilitated or restored include flooring in both Elizabeth A. Cheadle Hall and Stewart Hall, various improvements to park residences, expansion of data service lines, and minor accessibility improvements to pedestrian pathways. Materials will be chosen to minimize maintenance costs where possible. The requested grant would fund project planning and design and construction of improvements. Work will be accomplished by a combination of MRCA staff and subcontractors.

Consideration: The grant application is for \$350,000 of Proposition 40 funds.

Fiscal Impact: The subject grant was not anticipated in the adopted FY 17/18 budget and will need to be added if the funds are awarded. The funds will be spent during multiple fiscal years. Where possible, the improvements will be designed to decrease the amount of existing maintenance costs for the site. The proposed work will not result in any new maintenance obligations. If the grant is not awarded, the proposed improvements could be slightly scaled back but not eliminated. These costs would then have to be paid from the general fund, Benefit Assessment District, or Proposition A/Measure A operations and maintenance funds.