



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 7, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIV: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a grant agreement with the California Wildlife Conservation Board to provide funding for the acquisition of a multipurpose easement over an approximately 3.22 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823, owned by the City of Los Angeles, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorize entering into a grant agreement with the California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) to provide funding for the acquisition of a multipurpose easement over an approximately 3.22 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823, owned by the City of Los Angeles ("City"), located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.

Background: This body has previously approved the acquisition of an easement over a 12.5 acre portion of this property and has approved entering into a grant agreement with WCB for the initial 9.28 portion of this multipurpose easement. At that time, the it was not clear that funding from WCB would be available for the remaining 3.22 acre portion of the easement area, so MRCA secured an agreement in concept for an option over said portion from the City.

Subsequently, WCB determined that an additional \$5,000,000 would be available for a grant to the MRCA to exercise said option to close on the remaining portion of the easement area with the remainder of the option price to be paid with proceeds from a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The proposed resolution authorizes entering into a grant agreement with WCB for funding to exercise the option.