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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 7, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Community Nature Connection and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services for ongoing park programming.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Community Nature Connection and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services for ongoing park programming.

Background: In 2016 MRCA received a grant from the California Coastal Conservancy to provide a pilot camping program at the Cameron Nature Preserve in Malibu for at-risk youth, including youth in the foster care system. This funding was assigned by the MRCA to Community Nature Connection (CNC) for development, recruitment and staffing of the program. CNC has been working with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to develop policies, protocols and outreach plans for this program.

While the pilot ends this summer, it is the desire of DCFS and CNC to enter into a long term Memorandum of Understanding in service to future programming for this high need audience.