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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: October 3, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII(i): Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for Pacoima Wash Greenway – El Dorado 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 84 funds for Pacoima Wash Greenway – El Dorado Park improvements, City of Los Angeles, in the amount of \$800,000.

Background: The Pacoima Wash Greenway - El Dorado Park project will convert a 1-acre vacant site owned by the City of Los Angeles into a multiple-benefit natural park adjacent to the Pacoima Wash. When complete, El Dorado Park will be the second project in place to implement the Pacoima Wash Greenway vision. The completed park will provide public parkland, interpretive features, water quality improvements, flood protection, and habitat restoration. The project has secured grant funding from California State Parks, the Natural Resources Agency's Urban Greening program, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Staff recently received an updated cost estimate for the park construction and found that additional funds are needed. The project is currently in permitting phase and construction documents are being reviewed by the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles Flood Control District and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2019.

Consideration: The grant application will be for up to \$800,000 of Proposition 84 funds, which will cover some staff time but mostly implementation of capital improvements at the El Dorado Park project.

Fiscal Impact: The subject grant was not included in the fiscal year 18/19 budget and, if awarded, will need to be added. If additional funding is not secured, the project will be delayed until sufficient funding is secured. There is no feasible way to phase implementation. There is no impact on the general fund.