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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: December 5, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and agreements with the County of Los Angeles for information sharing for the Los Angeles River Master Plan.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding, Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement, and other agreements as necessary with the County of Los Angeles for information sharing for the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

Background: In December 2017, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) granted funds to MRCA for the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries project planning and design, to carry out requirements as established by Assembly Bill 466 (AB 466), Chapter 341 of the Statutes of 2017. That legislation required that the Conservancy develop a revitalization plan (Plan) for the Upper Los Angeles River, the tributaries of the Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, and Verdugo Wash. Subsequent legislation and decisions by the AB466 Working Group added the tributaries of Arroyo Seco and Aliso Canyon Wash to the study area. Data analysis for the study areas is a crucial component of the planning process, particularly since these tributaries have not been the focus of many past planning efforts.

Currently, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is in the process of updating the Los Angeles River Master Plan. Both planning efforts have expressed interest in close collaboration to ensure complimentary plans and avoid duplication. In aligning the planning efforts, there is a need to share data and information in order to properly map and depict where planning and projects are taking place. The subject agreements offer an opportunity to use the County's existing data for AB466 planning purposes. This data would not otherwise be available to the AB466 team and it is available at no cost.