



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 3, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 68 funds for news exhibits in the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, Franklin Canyon, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 68 funds for new exhibits in the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, Franklin Canyon, Los Angeles.

Background: The exhibits in the Sooky Goldman Nature Center at Franklin Canyon were installed over 25 years ago and are in need of significant upgrade. A private donation has funded a design process that will result in proposed exhibits, which will then be shared with the Board and funded in phases based on total costs and available funding. Proposition 68 funds are appropriate for funding the initial \$100,000 of the project management, design and build process for Phase I of the exhibits.

These funds will be assigned to Community Nature Connection to manage the nature center improvements as well as identify and secure necessary matching funds.