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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 XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding with the City of Los Angeles for the cooperative planning, remediation, and future development of Taylor Yard G2 property owned by the City of Los Angeles and a multipurpose easement over an approximately 12.5 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823, to be acquired by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park. .**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) adopt this resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the City of Los Angeles for the cooperative planning, remediation, and future development of Taylor Yard G2 property owned by the City of Los Angeles and a multipurpose easement over an approximately 12.5 acre portion of APN 5442-002-823, to be acquired by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, located adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park.

Background: In 2017, the City of Los Angeles ("City") acquired the 41 acre G2 Property along the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park. Subsequent to that, the MRCA and the City agreed to terms on the acquisition by the MRCA of a 12.5 acre multipurpose easement for public recreational access, habitat restoration, environmental remediation, and associated uses. The acquisition of the easement was approved by the MRCA Governing Board and California Wildlife Conservation Board and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy have provided necessary funding for this acquisition project, which is now in escrow and expected to close by the end of the month.

The Governing Board previously approved entering into this MOU with the City to outline the future of the easement in relation to the City property and to provide a cooperative framework for the MRCA and City as both entities develop plans for their respective property interests at the G2 property. In particular, the MOU provides guidance for the parties for the City's obligations for remediation of the easement area, the MRCA's obligations after that cleanup is completed, and a possible joint amended remediation plan. Miscellaneous issues such as access, patrol, and special events are also addressed.

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A copy of the final draft of the MOU is attached to this item. Staff recommends approval of the associated resolution to authorize the execution thereof.