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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: June 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(I): Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services' Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for hazardous fuels reduction at Temescal Gateway Park, City of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services' Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$88,125 for hazardous fuel reduction at Temescal Gateway Park, City of Los Angeles.

Background: The State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) manages a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) that funds hazard mitigation projects such as hazardous fuel reduction. The HMGP is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proportionally as part of any Presidential Disaster Declaration in California. Projects on land owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy are eligible, so long as they are consistent with the California State Hazard Mitigation Plan. CalOES is now accepting applications for HMGP projects that will be funded pursuant to the 2018 wildfire declaration, which included the Woolsey Fire in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Staff have identified approximately 35 mature, non-native Eucalyptus trees in Temescal Gateway Park that pose an elevated risk during fire related events. Removal of these trees is a good fit for HMGP funds, and fuel hazard reduction within this wildland-urban interface area is consistent with the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Large equipment will be used for tree removal where access allows, and other trees will be removed by arborist crews supported with small equipment.

Consideration: The proposed action would approve a grant application to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$88,125. This amount may be reduced after staff can individually assesses each tree in preparation for the grant application.

Fiscal Impact: If funding is not secured, the project will be postponed until suitable funding is secured. If awarded, the subject grant would need to be added to the fiscal year 19/20 budget. The grant requires a 25% match of \$29,375 for a total maximum project cost of \$117,500. Funding for the match is expected to come from funds granted for fire resilience activities. The funds would be spent over one or more fiscal years.