



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 6, 2020

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A funds for Santa Monica Mountains habitat and trail acquisitions grants currently awarded to the National Park Service, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A funds to acquire property interests in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area related to the Backbone Trail view corridor vicinity and to adopt a youth employment plan.

Background: The staff of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area recently deemed it most effective to transfer its existing Proposition A grant with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The current grant scope is for properties in the Backbone Trail Corridor area. The remaining funds in the grant total approximately \$465,000. Staff will work with the NPS staff on shaping a proposed acquisition list. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Governing Board staff will submit an application for the funding. The District staff and the 3rd Supervisorial District planning staff are all on board this action.