

MOORPARK WATERSHED PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY EXERCISING JOINT POWERS OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6500 ET SEQ

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2020

TO: The Governing Board Members

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

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V: Consideration of resolution approving a Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Moorpark and accepting a donation for planning and design project for trail connection from 80-acres in Tierra Rejada Valley (519-0-210-025) to Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA).**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving a reimbursement agreement with City of Moorpark and accepting a donation for Planning and Design Project for Trail Connection from 80-acres in Tierra Rejada Valley (519-0-210-025) to COSCA.

Background: In March 2020, the Moorpark Watershed Parks, Recreation and Conservation Authority(the 'Authority') applied for a planning and design grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to prepare a trail alignment and feasibility study for a trail connection between the 80 Acres and the COSCA open space. Staff was notified in June 2020 that the Authority had received the grant.

The Proposition 68 grant will provide for the services of a civil engineer to determine the feasibility and master plan the alignment for a trail connection. The grant is a reimbursement grant and the Authority does not currently have resources with which it can pay for the \$51,000 civil engineering services. In October 2020, the City of Moorpark approved a \$41,000 loan to the Authority, which would be repaid by the grant. The loan is non-interest bearing and carries the same term as the grant funding. In addition, the City Council approved a donation of \$10,000 to the Authority which is the required match funding for the grant.

The City has prepared a reimbursement agreement for the Authority for the \$41,000 in funding. The attached resolution approves the reimbursement agreement, authorizes the Board Chair to sign the Agreement, and accepts the \$10,000 donation from the City of Moorpark.