

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

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To: The Governing Board Members

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

Subject: **Agenda Item XI: Discussion and possible action regarding grant funding in 1996 Proposition A Section 3(b)(14) from Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire park and natural lands in the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor east of Colima Road.**

Background: Los Angeles County 1996 Proposition A Section 3(b)(14) states (in part) that the following funds shall be awarded for the purposes set forth below, in amounts not to exceed the following: [t]en million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority for acquisition, improvement, and/or restoration of park and natural lands in the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor east Colima Road.

Grant Number 58L8-17-1388 between WCCA and Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) has been fully executed. That grant is for \$1 million for the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor Acquisition Project.

In February 2017, staff of the District notified WCCA staff that the funds specified in the 1996 Proposition A for the Whittier Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor were all allocated under an alternative plan of expenditure by the Board of Supervisors in late 2016. Aside from the \$1 million already allocated to WCCA for the Rowland Heights-Puente Hills Acquisition Project, the remainder of the funding was allocated to the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Children Garden Project and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation Puente Hills Landfill Nature Center Project.

The WCCA Board may wish to discuss what, if any, action to take.