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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 11, 2019

To: The Governing Board Members

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

Subject: **Agenda Item XIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the grant or assignment of Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority funds in Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Project Agreement No. 58L8-17-1388 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority for the acquisition of APN 8211-018-002, approximately one acre, Whittier area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the grant or assignment of Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority funds in Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Project Agreement No. 58L8-17-1388 in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority for the acquisition of APN 8221-018-002.

Background: Staff from the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Authority) has requested matching funding for a single high priority parcel APN 8221-018-002. The proposed action authorizes the grant or assignment of up to \$55,000 to the Authority from remaining funds in WCCA's Proposition A grant that started with a \$1,000,000 balance. An aerial photo showing the parcel is attached. The subject 0.992 acres contain an old water tank but otherwise offer quality habitat that is integrated with the Whittier Hills core habitat area. The Authority must first assemble adequate funding to acquire the parcel and can then work on the removal of the water tank. This grant would essentially close out the funding from the above referenced Proposition A grant to WCCA.