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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 4, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(d): Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Los Angeles River Parkway Improvements.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Los Angeles River Parkway Improvements.

Background: The Los Angeles River Parkway Improvements were funded in part by a grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Proposition A). MRCA staff are currently working with Proposition A staff to close out that grant. A required document for closing the grant is Board approval of the plans and specifications.

Funds from the grant were used to acquire and/or improve several sites, including Steelhead Park (1999), Oso Park (2000), and Elysian Valley Gateway Park (1995). These parks were constructed in partnership with North East Trees on a design/build basis. Therefore, detailed plans and specifications were not produced. The only item that could be found in the archives is a schematic plan for Steelhead Park (attached). MRCA staff approved and accepted the design of the parks as they were constructed, and have been maintaining the sites since their construction in 1995-2000.

The Proposition A District adopted a new Procedural Guide in June 2009. Previous guides did not specify that plans must be approved by the Governing Board, therefore staff were unable to comply at the time the parks were constructed.