

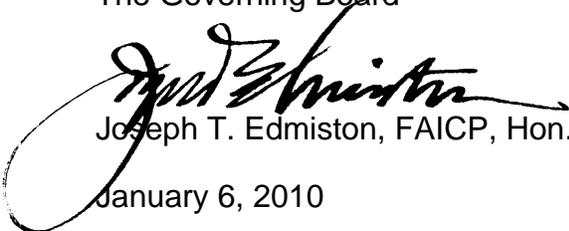


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 6, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for design-build services for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement Project, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for design-build services for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement Project, Los Angeles, in the amount of \$125,000.

Background: The Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement project will create the 0.6 mile Mar Vista Greenway between the recently improved Inglewood Boulevard gateway and Sawtelle Boulevard. This project area has a wide variety of opportunities and will consist of native landscaping improvements in addition to eventually including fence and gate improvements, water quality components and educational amenities. Through this project, MRCA staff hope to achieve stronger and safer connections to the bike path and also create a safer and greener bike path itself.

This project is a partnership between many different agencies and CBO's: We are partnering not only with LACC but also Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, the City of Los Angeles, Ballona Creek Renaissance, Friends of the Ballona Wetlands, Mar Vista Family Center, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, and Baldwin Hills Conservancy to pull our resources together and create a greenway that is truly spectacular along this 0.6 mile "Mar Vista Greenway" stretch of Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path.

Entering into a design-build contract with LACC will serve many positive purposes: It will save time and will therefore also save overall costs to the project. It will streamline the traditional "design-bid-build" process. LACC will also be able to recruit youth from the adjacent Mar Vista Gardens for paid positions to help landscape and build the greenway. They are committed to keeping the locally

hired youth on payroll as long-term staff.

LACC, based in South and East Los Angeles, is one of the largest independent non-profit agencies in the nation. LACC employs approximately 300 young adults and 2,200 junior high and high school students annually to serve the greater Los Angeles community through environmental enhancement and improvement projects. LACC has a proven history of success in greening and park projects. The MRCA has successfully collaborated with LACC on several prior projects, including the Marsh Street Park (Phase I) project. The LACC sole source contract is consistent with Section 3.5 (d) of the MRCA Purchasing and Contracting Guidelines.

Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Proposition A is the funding source for this project.

Consideration: The contract with LACC will not exceed \$125,000.