

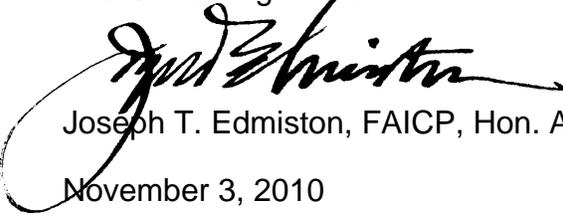


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 3, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of contract with MIG Inc. for design services for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary Natural Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution augmentation of the professional services contract with MIG Inc. for design services in the amount not to exceed \$428,505 for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary Natural Park project.

Background: The proposed project will convert a portion of a three acre site behind Washington Elementary School, in the City of Compton, into a public park with native riparian plantings, adjacent to the Compton Creek Bike Path. The site is currently vacant and is not used by the school or the public. The project is a partnership between MRCA, Compton Unified School District, City of Compton, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, and County of Los Angeles.

During spring and summer 2010, MIG, Inc. worked with MRCA Planning and Interpretive staff and a committee of five teachers from Washington Elementary to complete the initial conceptual design for the park. A series of design workshops focused on how science lesson plans could be integrated into the park elements, balanced with a physical configuration that safely accommodates the general public, the students, and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. MIG prepared a conceptual plan for the property that incorporates three types of areas: open to the public without restrictions, shared space that is closed to the public only during school hours, and school-only areas that are not open to the public.

Construction is expected to be completed in phases. The first phase (called "1A") will include the area adjacent to the creek that will be open to the public without restrictions. A second phase (called "1B") will include a portion of the shared space improvements. A later phase is planned to complete the shared space areas. Improvements to areas that are not open to the public will be undertaken by Compton USD.

Construction of Phase 1A must commence in early 2011 to take advantage of expiring state funds. Therefore, it is necessary to immediately begin work on completion of design development for the park and the construction documents for the Phase 1A improvements. Work on Phase 1B construction drawings will begin immediately following the completion of Phase 1A. The requested augmentation will be used for design development for the entire park (all phases), construction drawings for Phases 1A and 1B, construction support services for Phases 1A and 1B, geotechnical studies of the site, and agronomic soils testing and analysis.

Consideration: The requested augmentation is \$428,505 for the professional services listed above. A proposal from MIG is attached. The amount requested for the augmentation is slightly less than the proposal amount because staff were able to eliminate a few unnecessary tasks.