

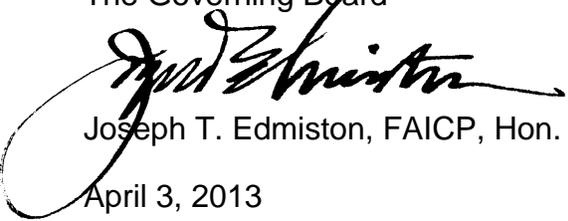


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing adopting a revised Youth Employment Plan for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvements funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing adopting a revised Youth Employment Plan for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvements funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

Background: The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Proposition A District) requires that, as a condition of receipt of funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996, grantees must spend a minimum amount on the employment of at-risk youth, as determined by grantee's Youth Employment Goal. A Youth Employment Plan must be adopted for each individual project funded by the District that includes the following:

- the tasks or elements of work to be performed by at-risk youth from the community in which the project is being performed;
- an estimate of the amount of project funds to be spent on employment of youth;
- the method or methods by which youth will be recruited and employed; and

A duly adopted Youth Employment Plan is one of the required documents needed prior to the reimbursement of development costs. However, Prop A also allows for Youth Employment Plans to be revised and re-approved by the Governing Board.

On November 5, 2008 the Board approved a Youth Employment Plan for this project. Since then, it was discovered that the youth employment goals and estimates that were previously developed were overestimated in terms of both hours and hourly rates. Attached is the revised Youth Employment Plan for the Ballona

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Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvements that explains how the project works toward meeting the new Youth Employment Goal. The revised Plan better reflects the youth employment activity for this project. If adopted, MRCA will have met our youth employment goal and staff will be able close-out the completed project with Prop A.