



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 7, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution adopting a Youth Employment Plan for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens Tree Planting funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution adopting a Youth Employment Plan for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens Tree Planting funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

Background: In April 2013, staff was informed that the application for competitive tree planting funds for the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens submitted in August 2012 had been successful. The grant award is \$50,438 and will fund the planting of 18 new trees and the removal of 8 damaged and/or weak and unhealthy trees.

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. The District has determined the agency's Youth Employment Goal to be \$1,251,201.10. A Youth Employment Plan must be adopted for each individual project funded by the District that includes the following:

- a list of tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth;
- an estimate of the amount of grant funds to be spent on youth employment;
- the method by which youth will be recruited and employed; and
- a discussion of how the plan relates to the Youth Employment Goal.

Attached is a Youth Employment Plan for the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens Tree Planting project.