

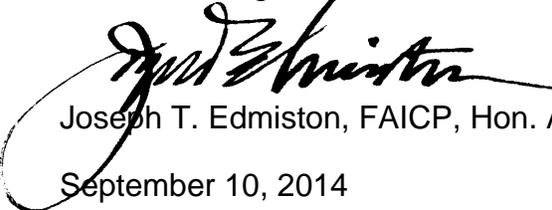


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 10, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Compton Junior Posse for interpretive programming at Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary School, City of Compton.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Compton Junior Posse for interpretive programming at the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary, City of Compton.

Background: Compton Junior Posse (CJP) is a non profit organization that has served Compton and areas of South Los Angeles with dynamic and effective youth development programs that "Keep kids on horses and off the streets." The MRCA has had a successful partnership with CJP for over 5 years, graduating both Junior Rangers and Naturalist Explorers. An active community based organization based in Compton just minutes from the Compton Creek Natural Park, CJP is perfectly suited to provide interpretive programming at the new park.

Proposed programming is designed to engage the public in natural land stewardship projects, that interpret the Los Angeles River Watershed and its tributaries. The year long program will include quarterly events on site. The programming funded by this grant will be supplemented with MRCA provided Transit to Trails programs, Camping for youth and families and the implementation of our youth development series.

Consideration: The grant to Compton Junior Posse will not exceed \$15,000 of Proposition 84 Los Angeles River Watershed funds.