

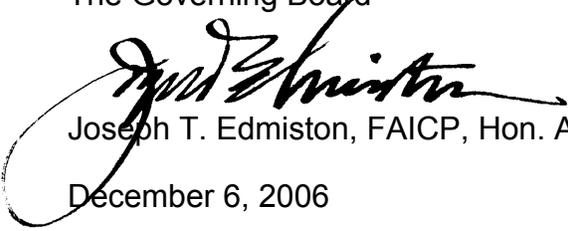


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 6, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution amending the application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Compton Creek and Los Angeles River/Lynwood project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution amending the application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Compton Creek and Los Angeles River/Lynwood project.

Background: The MRCA received a grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Prop A) for continuing public access, habitat improvements and interpretive areas along Compton Creek and the Los Angeles river in Lynwood. At the time the grant was made, specific project locations had not been identified, and it was presumed that existing public rights-of-way would be utilized for park and trail improvements. Therefore, acquisition was not specifically called out in the scope of work. It is now clear that a successful park development in the Compton Creek area is likely to require acquisition of property, because there is limited land in public ownership suitable for conversion to parklands. The amended application to the District would specifically add property acquisition to the proposed scope of work.

Funding for this grant is from Proposition section 3.b.9, which states in part that the funds are "...for the acquisition, development, improvement and restoration of lands along...Compton Creek..." and "First priority for all expenditures shall be given to land acquisition projects which result in a net increase of park, recreation, and open space lands."