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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 5, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XVII: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Mia Lehrer and Associates for analysis of Los Angeles River parkway opportunities and conceptual design alternatives for implementation of Proposition 84 upper Los Angeles River Watershed projects in conjunction with the Universal City Master Planning process, Universal City, unincorporated Los Angeles County and City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional service contract in the amount of \$10,000 with Mia Lehrer and Associates for analysis of Los Angeles River parkway opportunities and conceptual design alternatives for implementation of Proposition 84 upper Los Angeles River Watershed projects in conjunction with the Universal City Master Planning process, Universal City, unincorporated Los Angeles County and City of Los Angeles.

Background: The proposed study will explore opportunities to create linkages along the Los Angeles River from the Studio City area to the Universal/Griffith Park/Forest Lawn corridor. The study will examine human connectivity, including walking and cycling, as well as habitat linkages. The project will examine potential opportunities for access and movement. The study will also explore open space strategies for land in both the public and private domain.

The contract will conform with MRCA's Purchasing and Contracting Procedures with a bidding process not needed for professional services contracts less than \$25,000.