

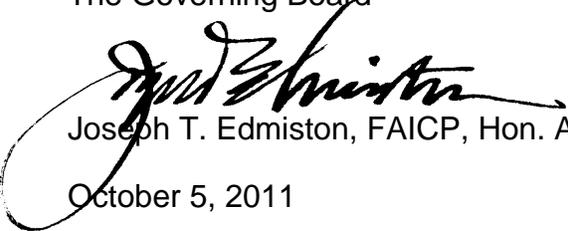


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 5, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(f): Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens improvements funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the plans and specifications for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens 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 have the project plans and specifications approved or adopted by the grantee's governing body.

MRCA was awarded a grant from the Proposition A district for improvements to the River Center property. The scope of work includes remodeling of the Sierra Madre Building's vacant second floor, minor improvements to the adjacent Barbacoa Building restrooms, and other necessary improvements to infrastructure including roofing, HVAC, and A/V systems. The work will be performed concurrent with other work funded by a Proposition 84 grant for maximum efficiency.

MRCA will use a combination of force account labor and a few specialty subcontractors to complete the work. Much of the work will be completed in a collaborative design-build manner with staff and extensive plans and specifications will not be necessary. The attached plans are primarily for the remodeling of the Sierra Madre Building second floor, the most complex project element and the first that will be undertaken.