

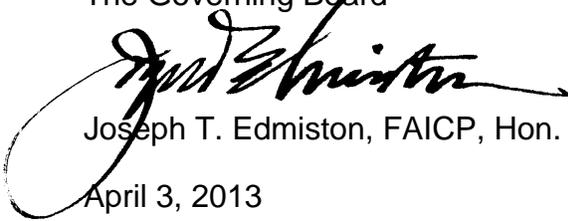


# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Park to Playa - Stocker Corridor Trailhead project funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Tree Planting Grant.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Park to Playa - Stocker Corridor Trailhead project funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Tree Planting Grant.

Background: In December 2012, Staff applied for a competitive tree-planting grant program in the Second Supervisorial District for the Park to Playa - Stocker Corridor Trailhead project. MRCA was awarded the grant in the amount of \$150,000.

The goal of the Park to Playa project (project) is to create a seamless regional trail that connects urban residents with the natural coast. This goal is being realized through coordination between multiple-agencies and jurisdictions. Once completed, the final trail will be a total of approximately 13-miles and will cross through and connect the trail systems of parks and open spaces within the Baldwin Hills, along Ballona Creek, in the Ballona Wetlands and along the Pacific Ocean.

This grant will fund irrigation related costs, and the purchase and planting of trees along a portion of the Park to Playa trail at the Stocker Corridor Trailhead.

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. A Youth Employment Plan must be adopted for each individual project funded by the District that includes the following:

- the tasks or elements of work to be performed by at-risk youth from the

- community in which the project is being performed;
- an estimate of the amount of project funds to be spent on employment of youth;
- the method or methods by which youth will be recruited and employed; and

A duly adopted Youth Employment Plan is one of the required documents needed prior to the reimbursement of development costs. Attached is the Youth Employment Plan for the Park to Playa - Stocker Corridor Trailhead that explains how the project works toward meeting the Youth Employment Goal.