February 24, 2011

Barbara Romero,
Chief of Urban Projects and Watershed Division
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

Re: MRCA Compton Natural Park Project at Washington Elementary School

Dear Ms. Jennings,

As a community youth development agency, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps is continually searching for meaningful projects that require hard work where young people have an opportunity to learn and grow and at the same time help enhance their environment. We have worked with the Mountain Recreation & Conservation Authority on several projects in the past, and greatly appreciate this new opportunity to work with the MRCA and build even a stronger partnership.

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps is the largest non-profit conservation corps in the nation. In order to fulfill our mission, we train and educate our young people, by coupling our state accredited charter high school with various conservation work projects. We utilize work projects such as, but not limited to, graffiti removal, habitat restoration, recycling, urban forestry, fire fuel reduction, invasive vegetation abatement, community garden development, and light construction to assist in the training of our participants and provide them with marketable work skills while at the same time help preserve and restore our local environment.

The scope of work will include but will not be limited to the following construction tasks based on the information given to us so far.

Scope of Work

- Vehicular DG path way leading from parking lot to the bike trail and school campus
- Vehicular DG parking lot at the entrance of the park
- DG walking paths connecting the bike trail, school campus and the park
- Sidewalk ways throughout the entry of the park
- Pedestrian side walk along Cressey St.
- Amphitheater with concrete seat walls and concrete steps leading to the top section
- Concrete mow curbing around lawn areas
Construction and Installation of the following
- A community plaza area to include the installation concrete curb, paver stones, concrete pads and picnic benches
- Half circular interpretive sites with the installation of concrete curb, seat walls, paver stones and some site furnishings
- Half circular exercise sites through out the park to include installation of header boards, and exercise equipment stations
- Concrete pads with bike racks, trash & Recycle containers, benches & drink fountains
- Coverts & at grade bridges over bio swale areas throughout park
- CMP unit for drainage and water catch / filtration system
- Construction of the irrigation system for 34 RCVs
- Installation of pump from the CMP unit to used recycled water for irrigation purposes

Construction and plantings of the following
- Planter / filtration trench for selected planter areas
- Vegetated bio-filtration swale with native plantings
- Plantings of native plants, trees, shrubs, seedlings, ground coverings, lawns, mulching and hydro seeding

Sub-contracted out construction and installation of the following
- Electrical POS/POC and switch gear control box for site power
- Sewer line and drainage connection to manhole and POC capped and left in parking lot area for future connection
- Water source with two water meters for POS / POC for drinking and irrigation water source
- Fencing to be installed through out the park with perimeter and interior fencing of 4 – different types of fencing

The total cost of the MRCA Washington Natural Park Project is estimated at $1,404,920.00. This includes all management, construction labor, equipment, materials and all necessary insurance/bond requirements to complete the job. Please note, the LA Conservation Corps will use approximately 8,607 at-risk youth labor hours during this phase of construction.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Bruce Saito
Executive Director
Los Angeles Conservation Corps