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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 2, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI: Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Compton Creek–Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Compton Creek–Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.

Background: The Compton Creek-Washington Elementary School Natural Park project is part of a larger effort to enhance the usability and sustainability of Compton Creek. The project is a partnership between MRCA, Compton Unified School District (CUSD), and Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC). LACC will maintain the park and is proposed to build the first phase of the four acre project. The project is funded in part by a grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Proposition A). A required document for reimbursement of construction expenses is Board approval of the plans and specifications. The Proposition A District adopted a new Procedural Guide in June 2009 with this requirement.

The first phase of the proposed project will convert two acres behind Washington Elementary School into a public park with native riparian plantings, stormwater best management practices, interpretative signage, amphitheater, walking trails, and multi-purpose fields. Future phases will include construction of a public restroom and a facility for LACC's at-risk youth programs. The subject plans and specifications include only the first phase elements, and were prepared by a California-licensed landscape architect and civil and electrical engineers. Attached are a representative sample of the construction plans. Copies of the full set of plans (40 large sheets) and specifications (approx 175 pages) will be available for review at the meeting.