



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 4, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to Brett Goldstone to supply artistic fence panels.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract to Brett Goldstone to supply artistic fence panels in the amount of \$28,732.55 for Compton Creek-Washington Elementary Natural Park project.

Background: Compton Creek is one of the southern most tributaries of the Los Angeles River and drains 42 square miles of a mix of residential, commercial, park and heavy manufacturing land uses. The Creek runs through a concrete U-channel, which varies from 40 to 60 feet in width, for the majority of its 8.5 miles. The highly urbanized nature of the Creek contributes to it being federally listed as an impaired waterway. Existing parks and schools located along the Creek provide ideal opportunities to transform the Creek into an educational open space corridor to foster environmental stewardship. The Compton Creek-Washington Elementary Natural Park project is part of a larger effort to enhance the usability and sustainability of the 3.75 miles of the Creek that run through the City of Compton.

The proposed project will convert over four (4.2) acres behind Washington Elementary School, owned by Compton Unified School District in the City of Compton, into a natural park. The joint-use park will have native riparian plantings, stormwater best management practices, interpretative signage, amphitheater, passive recreation elements, two (2) multi-purpose fields, exercise machines, public restrooms and a satellite office for LACC, adjacent to the Compton Creek Bike Path. The undeveloped project site is vacant and is not currently used by the school or the public.

The Compton Creek-Washington Elementary Natural Park budget provided for design and fabrication of artistic fence panels at the park's main public and school entrances. The public entrance is along West Cressey Steet and the school

entrance is along the eastern edge of the park.

Brett Goldstone, an artist who created several decorative gates on the Los Angeles River, including the Great Heron gates and the Water with Rocks gates at Fletcher Drive, and also created the gate at Compton Creek outdoor classroom at Compton High School, is an independent artist. These designs feature naturalistic elements and add to the aesthetic quality of the project. In order to maintain aesthetic continuity among the creek improvements. He will be contracted to supply artistic fence panels in connection with the MRCA's Compton Creek-Washington Elementary Natural Park's goals. The artistic fence panel design for this project will be similar to Brett Goldstone's fence panel design at Vista Hermosa Park entries and edge of the park shared with Edward R. Roybal Learning Center.

The contract with Brett Goldstone will not exceed \$28,732.55. Brett Goldstone has submitted a price quote based on 95% complete plans and specifications and subsequent clarifications. Staff recommends that the Board approve 10% more than the price quote amount to allow for contingencies and conditions that may not be evident in the plans.

Consideration: The amount of the contract is \$28,732.55. The contract will be funded through a combination of MRCA's Natural Resources Agency and Proposition A grants for the project.