



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 1, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(I): Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Interwest Consulting Group for construction management and inspections services for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Interwest Consulting Group for construction management and inspections services in an amount not to exceed \$48,492 for the Compton Creek-Washington Elementary School Natural Park project.

Background: MRCA, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, and Compton Unified School District have partnered to build the Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary School project. On March 2, 2011 the Governing Board granted funds to the Corps for construction of the first phase of the project. Although MRCA staff are providing project management, additional technical expertise is required to implement the project.

Field inspection services are required to verify that construction elements and systems work individually and together as intended and required. Construction inspection shall verify that work complies with the approved construction documents and applicable codes and regulations. When work is found to be in non-conformance with the approved documents or applicable codes and regulations, the Project Inspector will document the deficiencies and provide notification of the deficiencies to MRCA staff.

Construction management services will support MRCA staff to prevent delays and/or cost increases as issues arise during construction. Services may include providing recommendations to prevent and/or resolve technical issues with the project team, assistance with value engineering, and assistance with developing and evaluating proposed change orders and providing technical recommendations related to their design, cost, and schedule considerations.

Interwest Consulting Group specializes in providing professional and consulting services to municipalities. Their staff's expertise includes all areas that are found in a city or county public works, engineering, or building department. In addition to construction management and inspection services, the firm provides engineering, planning and development services.

Consideration: The cost of inspection services will not exceed \$24,832 and the cost of construction management will not exceed \$23,660. The contract will be funded by existing grants from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Natural Resources Agency.