MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution adopting a Youth Employment Plan for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens improvements funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution adopting a Youth Employment Plan for Los Angeles River Center and Gardens improvements funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

Background: The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (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. The District has determined the agency’s Youth Employment Goal to be $1,251,201.10. 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 a Youth Employment Plans for the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens improvements project that explains how the project works toward meeting the Youth Employment Goal.