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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 9, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to a professional services contract with BlueGreen Consulting for construction observation and support services of the 8th Street Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing amendment to a professional services contract with BlueGreen Consulting (BlueGreen) for construction observation and support services of the 8th Street Park project.

Background: Project plans for the Pacoima Wash Greenway 8th Street Park project, in the City of San Fernando, were completed by BlueGreen in early 2008. The 4.50 acre multi-benefit project was planned to contain stormwater treatment and infiltration capabilities, wildlife habitat, and a landscaped neighborhood park with passive recreation .

The project went into construction in June 2008 and in December 2008 the project was placed on hold due to the State freeze.

Most recently, staff resumed work on this project assessing options to most efficiently complete the project, and determined that construction by force account was in the best interest of the agency. MRCA construction crews began mobilizing in mid-September.

At the time the project was suspended an amount remained in the BlueGreen contract to perform limited construction observation. This remaining amount is now insufficient. Additional work required, due to the suspension, includes re-mobilization, assessment of the condition of the partially-constructed site, recommendations for the ways to address erosion, assistance with bidding and materials procurement, additional value engineering, and issuance of a fully updated set of plans. BlueGreen will also be more closely involved with stream and BMP construction than was necessary with the previous general contractor to ensure that these elements function properly.