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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 11, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the professional services contract with Meléndrez for design services for the Marsh Street Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of contract with Meléndrez for design services for the Marsh Street Park project.

Background: The proposed project converts three acres of land adjacent to the existing Skate Park and Phase One Marsh Park to form a larger public park.

In January of 2008 staff prepared and sent a request for proposal for the master planning of Marsh Street Project. Seven proposals were received from a wide variety of planning consultant teams. A three-person panel composed of representatives from the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and State of California was asked to review the proposal and make a recommendation of the most qualified team to hire for the project. The panel recommended the Meléndrez team.

In December of 2011, Meléndrez completed Design Development phase. The additional scope of services will include geotechnical studies along with a full set of architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, plumbing and electrical plans and specs for the various structures and site improvements planned for this project. Meléndrez will coordinate all subconsultants, provide construction administration and handle plan processing and permitting as required.

Consideration: The design services contract will not exceed 13% of our current construction budget.