



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: April 4, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing contract with Echo X Park Artist Studio for design, engineering, fabrication, and installation of an artistic gate for 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park project, San Fernando.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing contract with Echo X Park Artist Studio for design, engineering, fabrication, and installation of an artistic gate for 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park project, San Fernando.

Background: MRCA construction crews resumed work recently on the Pacoima Wash Greenway - 8th Street Park in San Fernando. The 4.50 acre multi-benefit project is planned to contain stormwater treatment and infiltration capabilities, wildlife habitat, and a landscaped neighborhood park with passive recreation. Crews began mobilizing in mid-September and are in full swing working on all of the components of the park including planting, arbor, bridge, and BMP construction, concrete work, fencing installation, gate installation, etc.

Prior to the suspension of construction work in December 2008, all of the required gates needed for the park were purchased and stored for future use except for one. Standard pre-fabricated gates will be used at the park's secondary and maintenance entrances, but a decorative artist gate is desired for the primary entrance from Eighth Street. The project budget provides for design and fabrication of one artistic gate at the park's main public entrance.

In January MRCA staff issued a public Request for Proposals for this decorative gate, including design, engineering, fabrication, and installation work. The RFP was directly distributed to over fifty local artists and designers, and posted publicly on MRCA's website. Two artists submitted proposals, including pricing, schedule, references, prior work experience, and conceptual design sketches for the gate. Staff reviewed all materials, interviewed both artists, and determined that Echo X Park Artist Studio was the most responsive and responsible for this project.

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The artistic gate design will be similar to other entries MRCA has previously installed along the Los Angeles River, Compton Creek, and Ballona Creek while respecting and matching the design intent of this specific park.

Consideration: The proposal from Echo X Park Artist Studio is \$25,000. Staff recommends that the Board approve 10% more than the proposal amount to allow for contingencies, for a not to exceed total of \$27,500. The contract will be funded through an existing Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant for the project.