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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 4, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with BonTerra Consulting for professional services for Milton Street Park project, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with BonTerra Consulting for professional services for Milton Street Park project, Los Angeles.

Background: The Milton Street Park project is a 1.2-acre parcel owned by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority. MRCA staff is currently responsible for planning the design and implementation of the project. The property is immediately adjacent to the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path and is across Milton Street from the Marina Del Rey Middle School. The park design includes recreational, educational, and on-site and off-site stormwater improvement components to maximize public benefit and take advantage of the project location adjacent to the heavily-used bike path, Middle School, and the soft-bottom portion of the Ballona Creek.

Funding has been granted to the MRCA by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) and State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for the planning and design phase for project management and consultants through the completion of 100% Construction Documents. Additionally, MRCA received some Proposition A funds for planning and capital improvements.

The design of the park is complete and staff is currently working with project consultants to finish the Construction Documents (CDs) for this future park. The 50% CDs are currently being reviewed by staff and project partners, and it is expected that the CDs will be fully completed by June 2012.

As part of the planning process, it is necessary to complete the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation. BonTerra's current scope

consists of an environmental constraints determination based on the design that has been developed.

This amendment is necessary to complete the CEQA process by authorizing BonTerra to prepare and complete the environmental documentation. The new scope of work would include preparation of a screencheck IS/MND (CEQA checklist) which will study impacts to air quality, biological resources, hydrology, traffic, noise, etc.; generation of a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for public distribution/comments; coordination and development of responses to public comments (if received); production of a Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP); and preparation and filing of a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the County Clerk and Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

The contract amendment with BonTerra will not exceed \$27,850 and will be funded through a Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Prop A) grant for this project.