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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 2, 2012

SUBJECT: **Special Agenda Item IV: Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to execute agreements with Community Conservation Solutions and the California Department of Transportation for the Studio City/Los Angeles River Greenway Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to execute agreements with Community Conservation Solutions and the California Department of Transportation for the Studio City/Los Angeles River Greenway Project.

Background: Community Conservation Solutions (CCS) has been awarded a grant from the California Department of Transportation Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program (EEMP) to restore native habitat along an half-mile of the Los Angeles River in Studio City, adjacent to the proposed L.A. River Natural Park site. CCS will subcontract with MRCA to carry out the restoration work, including removal of non-native trees and shrubs, site preparation and grading, planting over 4,000 native trees and plants, installing irrigation, and related permitting and planning activities. Once the work is completed, MRCA will conduct on-going maintenance estimated at \$20,000 per year.