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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 6, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Marsh Street Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Marsh Street Park project.

Background: Marsh Street Park is located in the community of Elysian Valley in the City of Los Angeles, adjacent to the Los Angeles River. Improvements to the three-acre site will include an open-air picnic shelter, landscaped walking and nature trails with health and fitness stations, a restroom building and storage shed, a free play meadow, picnic tables, a community gathering/outdoor classroom area, bioswales, and parking for forty-three cars. Project construction will include demolition of the two existing on-site buildings, site grading, park construction and landscaping.

The project is funded in part by a grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Proposition A). A required document for reimbursement of construction expenses is Board approval of the plans and specifications. The Proposition A District adopted a new Procedural Guide in June 2009 with this requirement.

The subject plans and specifications were prepared by California-licensed design professionals under the supervision of Meléndrez, the project's landscape architect. In addition to landscape architecture, the plans include architecture, civil, structural, electrical, mechanical and plumbing engineering. The plans have already been submitted to the City of Los Angeles for plan check and all City comments have been incorporated. Attached are a representative sample of the construction plans. Copies of the full set of plans (approximately 80 large sheets) and specifications (approx 250 pages) will be available for review at the meeting.