MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 7, 2013

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Pacoima Wash - Eighth Street Park project funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Tree Planting Grant.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Pacoima Wash - Eighth Street Park project funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Tree Planting Grant.

Background: In March 2013, staff requested funding from the Third Supervisorial District tree-planting grant program for the Pacoima Wash - Eighth Street Park project. MRCA was awarded a grant in the amount of $100,000. This grant will fund the purchase and planting of 150 additional trees on the site.

Proposition A District requires that, as a condition of receipt of funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996, grantees must spend a minimum amount on the employment of at-risk youth, as determined by grantee’s Youth Employment Goal. A Youth Employment Plan must be adopted for each individual project funded by the District that includes the following:

• a list of tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth;
• an estimate of the amount of grant funds to be spent on youth employment;
• the method by which youth will be recruited and employed; and
• a discussion of how the plan relates to the Youth Employment Goal.

Attached is the Youth Employment Plan for the Pacoima Wash - Eighth Street Park project.