MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Agenda Item XIV: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the City Project to evaluate environmental justice issues in Southern California.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with the City Project to evaluate environmental justice issues in Southern California in an amount not to exceed $20,000.

Background: The City Project is well known and respected for its extensive research and publications on the issue of environmental justice and the dire need for public parkland in urban areas of Southern California. As future funding mechanisms are proposed it is essential that the issue of environmental justice is well represented. The research conducted under this contract is essential to guide the agency's efforts in future planning endeavors.