



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 4, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for design-build services for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for design-build services for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement Project, Los Angeles.

Background: The Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement project will create a 0.5 mile Greenway on presently vacant land along northern portions of the bike path between the improved Inglewood Gateway and the 405 Freeway. The project's scope of work consists of installation of native landscaping, irrigation, pedestrian path improvements, and interpretive panel installation. MRCA has contracted with LACC for the native planting and irrigation improvement portion of the scope.

To date, LACC has completed a portion of the overall irrigation work including installation of the water meter and mainline run through the Mar Vista Gardens Housing and placement of lateral lines, backflow unit, and some irrigation heads in the project area itself.

Project delays have occurred as a result of the difficulty in establishing viable water meter locations, and finding acceptable locations/corridors for the required irrigation mainline runs. In order to resolve these issues, MRCA Staff and LACC have spent considerable time investigating possible solutions which have subsequently involved executing a right-of-entry agreement with the adjacent Mar Vista Gardens Housing project for one water meter in addition to conducting numerous meetings with the Mar Vista Family Center (MVFC) and their neighbor to the west (the Rand Family) in order to negotiate an easement agreement for the placement of the irrigation mainline through their shared driveway to connect to the water meter at the sidewalk.

MRCA's legal counsel is currently working with the MVFC's counsel to establish an easement agreement. Once the easement is in place and the water meter has been installed by Department of Water and Power, LACC will move forward with completing the irrigation and native plant installation. This work is anticipated to commence early next year..

As it was unknown exactly where this mainline and water meter installation work would occur and how much work would be required, LACC could not provide accurate cost estimates until now. LACC submitted a revised budget in the amount of \$24,882. Staff recommends that the Board approve 10% more than the proposed amount to allow for more contingencies and additional required services that may not be known at this time. Staff requests authorization for a total augmentation of up to \$27,370 to cover cost of the additional and unanticipated costs required for demolition, trenching, mainline installation, and replacement of one section of an asphalt driveway located on property owned by the MVFC.