

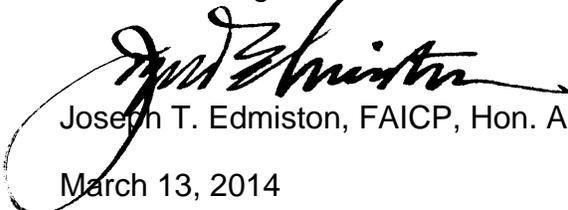


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 13, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(j): Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to execute updated management and maintenance agreement with Community Conservation Solutions 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 updated management and maintenance agreement with Community Conservation Solutions for the Studio City/Los Angeles River Greenway Project.

Background: The updated agreement is an amendment to the Management and Maintenance Agreement, dated May 12, 2012, between CCS and MRCA regarding operations and maintenance of the Los Angeles River Greenway project site between Whitsett Avenue and Coldwater Canyon. The amendment is necessary because the project has received additional grants from agencies that were not included in the first Agreement. The update contains appropriate references to all granting agencies, which are necessary for the project permitting process.

This phase of the Los Angeles River Greenway project consists of a 0.5-mile walking trail along the river banks; connections to the existing adjacent Greenway Trail downstream; benches for river-viewing; a public use, picnic and Los Angeles River history and natural habitat interpretive area, including a signed native habitat walk; an artistic entrance gate and safety fencing that convey the river's rich history; public access ramps and a stairway. The project also includes extensive native plant habitat establishment. This project is an important piece of the entire 51-mile long Los Angeles River Greenway and provides a critical link in the densely-populated San Fernando Valley.