



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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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(b): Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Milton Street Park and Green Street project.**

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

Background: The Milton Street Park and Green Street project is located in the City of Los Angeles adjacent to the Ballona Creek and consists of a 1.2-acre vacant rectangular parcel owned by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA). The current project scope includes on-site park improvements as well as off-site "green street" improvements. The on-site work will include a shade structure on elevated platform for shade and birdwatching opportunities, multi-functional lawn space, pedestrian pathways, bicycle garden with bike racks, new entry gateways with ADA-accessible ramp, outdoor classroom, overlooks, native landscaping, interpretive panels, seating, and other park amenities. Green street improvements to the adjacent street include Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as Vegetated Stormwater Curb Extensions (VSCEs) located on both sides of the street to clean dry and wet-weather runoff, native landscaping including native street trees and shrubs, cross walk, and sidewalk on south side to improve public safety.

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 SWA Group, the project's landscape architect. In addition to landscape architecture, the plans include civil, structural, and electrical engineering. The plans have been submitted to the City of Los Angeles for plan check and are awaiting permits. Attached are a representative sample of the

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construction plans. Copies of the full set of plans and specifications will be available for review at the meeting.