

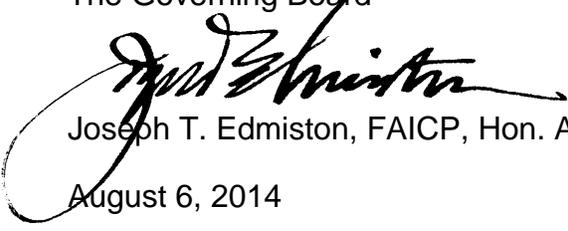


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 6, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution approving the application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District competitive grant program for Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail infrastructure improvements.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District competitive grant program for Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail infrastructure improvements.

Background: In May 2014 Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich announced the availability of \$5,000,000 for a competitive grant program in the Fifth Supervisorial District. The minimum grant amount is \$15,000 per project. Eligible projects under the grant program include improvements to and rehabilitation of existing public parks. Applications for the funds are due on September 3, 2014.

Staff has identified rehabilitation work to the Saddletree Trailhead for the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail as a project for which the funds could be used. Visitor amenities at the trailhead were destroyed in a wildfire several years ago. Staff are developing an application for the specific components to be rehabilitated or restored, including signage and picnic tables.

A Youth Employment Plan will developed in conjunction with the application for funding. This plan will identify a minimum of \$1,000 cost of at-risk youth employment. This represents approximately 30-80 hours of youth employment (depending on benefits). When/if the grant is awarded, staff will determine how to fulfill the requirement depending on whether any current staff qualify as at-risk youth. If not, youth could be hired on a temporary basis, or a contract may be awarded to an organization such as Los Angeles Conservation Corps.