MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Anahuac Youth Sports Association for interpretive programming at Marsh Park, City of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Anahuac Youth Sports Association for interpretive programming at Marsh Park, City of Los Angeles.

Background: Anahuac Youth Sports Association is a non profit organization that has served East Los Angeles, Elysian Valley and the community of Cyprus Park with youth recreation, skill development and environmental awareness programs for years. The MRCA has had a successful partnership with Anahuac for over 5 years, with transportation programs, family camping programs and Junior Rangers. An active community based organization serving the community surrounding Marsh Park and along the Elysian Valley stretch of the Los Angeles River, Anahuac is perfectly suited to provide interpretive programming at the new park.

Proposed programming is designed to engage the public in natural land stewardship projects, that interpret the Los Angeles River Watershed and its tributaries. The year long program will include quarterly events on site. The programming funded by this grant will be supplemented with MRCA provided Transit to Trails programs, Camping for youth and families and the implementation of our youth development series.

Consideration: The grant to Anahuac Youth Association will not exceed $15,000 of Proposition 84 Los Angeles River Watershed funds.