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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 1, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Park to Play - Stocker Corridor Trailhead project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Park to Play - Stocker Corridor Trailhead project.

Background: The project area is located in an unincorporated portion of the County of Los Angeles (View Park-Windsor Hills) and consists of an approximately 1.5-acre project area owned by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks). Specifically, the project area and improvements include: 1) 1.2-acre Trailhead at the corner of Stocker Street and Overhill Drive which will consist of grading, retaining wall, stairs and an ADA-accessible ramp connecting to the above Ruben-Ingold Park, native plant landscaping and irrigation, parking lot, pedestrian pathways connecting to the existing Stocker Corridor trail, trailhead signage monument, bike racks, seating and other user amenities; 2) Across the street, gateway entrance improvements to the existing KHSRA eastern ridgeline trail will include grading, native plant landscaping and irrigation, pedestrian pathways connecting to the existing trail, entrance signage monument, and other user amenities; 3) Trail improvements will be constructed along select portions of the existing Stocker Corridor trail and will include resurfacing, realignments, and switchbacks with walls; 4) A trail gateway at the southwest corner of Valley Ridge Drive and Stocker Street comprises of a map kiosk, bike racks, trash receptacle, fencing, trail connection, high visibility crosswalk, and other site amenities; 5) Lastly, trail access at Presidio Drive will incorporate a new trail connection, and signage.

The Stocker Trailhead 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.

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The subject plans and specifications were prepared by California-licensed design professionals under the supervision of Alta Planning + Design, the project's landscape architect. In addition to landscape architecture, the plans include civil and structural engineering. The plans have been submitted to and reviewed by the County of Los Angeles and are awaiting final permits. Attached are a representative sample of the construction plans. Copies of the full set of plans and specifications will be available for review at the October 1, 2014 board meeting.