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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 7, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. for construction of the Park to Playa-Stocker Corridor Trailhead.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$1,469,181.00 for construction of the Park to Playa-Stocker Corridor Trailhead.

Background: The Park to Playa-Stocker Corridor Trailhead project was put out for public bid in September 2014. Project construction will include demolition, grading, trailhead and gateways improvements, and native landscaping. Improvements to the 1.2-acre site will include pedestrian walkway/ramp/stairs, trail improvements, stormwater catchment basin, parking lot, decorative gateway, retaining wall, fencing, native landscape and irrigation, and site furnishings.

On November 4, 2014, five bids were received from general contractors. Section 3.2(c) of the MRCA's Purchasing and Contracting Procedures states that all construction and improvement contracts in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by the Governing Board. Staff, in consultation with MRCA's construction manager (TELACU), reviewed the bids and references found Los Angeles Engineering Inc. (LAE) to be the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in accordance with Public Contract Code section 20815 *et seq.* The full list of bids and LAE's bid form are attached. Now that construction costs are fixed, the project's budget has a shortfall of \$585,208. Staff have requested this amount of additional funding from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC), and the BHC Board will consider the request this month. Staff recommends that the MRCA award the contract contingent that the additional funding is secured, in order to proceed without further delays. The bids are good for 90 days, and after February 2, 2015 the work will have to be re-bid.

Consideration: Staff recommends authorizing the full contract amount for a total of \$1,469,181.00 to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. contingent on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy awarding additional funding to the project at their January 16, 2015

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