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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 3, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the contract with BlueGreen Consulting for additional design services for the Caballero Creek and Los Angeles River Confluence Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation of the contract with BlueGreen Consulting for additional design services for the Caballero Creek and Los Angeles River Confluence Park project.

Background: The Caballero Creek and Los Angeles River Confluence Park project is currently in the design and planning phase. The proposed project will convert a 1.6-acre site owned by the City of Los Angeles (City) adjacent to the confluence of the Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek into a natural multiple benefit park. The project is part of a larger vision to create a network of parks along a future Los Angeles River bikeway connecting the San Fernando Valley to Long Beach. Once constructed, it will provide multiple-benefit parkland with educational opportunities, water quality improvements, flood protection, and habitat restoration serving a disadvantaged community. Planned improvements include native plant landscaping and irrigation, nature trails, outdoor classroom, stormwater treatment, interpretive elements, bike racks and other visitor amenities. The project is a partnership between MRCA, the City's Department of Recreation and Parks, the City's Bureau of Sanitation, and the County's Department of Public Works.

In 2012, MRCA was awarded funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) for design and planning of the park. In 2014, design and construction funds were awarded from the Strategic Growth Council's Urban Greening Project for Sustainable Communities program.

In November 2014, the Governing Board authorized a design services contract with BlueGreen Consulting in an amount of \$168,925 and approved a 10% margin than the proposal amount to allow for additional required services that were not known at that time. Shortly thereafter, staff began working with BlueGreen on developing

schematic designs for the future park. Based on these new design plans and a now larger scope of work, the Caballero Creek Park will require additional design and construction drawings for an expanded outdoor classroom structure, more developed park amenities, and the addition of a wetland for habitat and interpretive activities which were excluded from the initial design contract. These additional elements will also will require further design and engineering specifications from BlueGreen resulting in the additional proposal for the expanded services in the amount of \$44,890.

Due to the 10% increase previously authorized by the Board for BlueGreen's original contract amount of \$168,925, staff is requesting an additional augmentation authorization of \$27,997, as opposed to the \$44,890 shown in the BlueGreen proposal, attached.

Consideration: The proposed action would authorize a \$44,890 augmentation of the original contract amount of \$168,925, bringing the total contract amount to \$213,815.