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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 7, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XVII: Consideration of resolution rejecting all bids for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution rejecting all bids for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.

Background: In June 2015 MRCA staff initiated a competitive bidding process for construction of the Franklin/Ivar Park project pursuant to Public Contract Code. On August 4, 2015, nine bids were received. Upon initiation of a competitive bidding process as required by Public Contract Code section 20815 *et seq.*, the Governing Board has the discretion to do any of the following with the received bids, in addition to awarding a contract: (1) Reject all bids and readvertise; (2) By a four-fifths vote, elect to purchase the materials or supplies in the open market; (3) By a four-fifths vote, elect to construct the building, structure, or improvement by force account.

After review of the bids and supplemental information, staff and the project's construction management consultant determined that all of the submitted bids exceed the secured funding for construction of this project. The shortfall, including a contingency for unforeseen conditions, is approximately \$500,000. The project team is currently researching options for additional funding and reducing costs, while maintaining all of the project elements that are required by the project's grantors (California State Parks and the Natural Resources Agency). These efforts are a high priority but will not secure adequate funding before the bids expire on November 2, 2015. Staff therefore recommends that the Governing Board reject all bids.