



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 19, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Ballona Creek Regional Gateway project funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the Ballona Creek Regional Gateway project funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

Background: In September 2013, staff applied for a Competitive Trails Grant Program in the Fourth Supervisorial District for the Ballona Creek Regional Gateway project (Project). MRCA was awarded a grant in the amount of \$300,000.

The goal of this Project is to provide gateway improvements to identify, enhance, and formalize the heavily used entry point to the Ballona Creek bike path and to provide site amenities and an access point into the adjacent Ballona Wetlands. This grant will fund the entirety of the Project improvements including, new fencing and gate, seating, interpretive panel, bike racks, trash can, pedestrian pathway, signage, and other amenities.

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space Proposition A District (District) requires that, as a condition of receipt of funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996, grantees must spend a minimum amount on the employment of at-risk youth, as determined by grantee's Youth Employment Goal. A Youth Employment Plan must be adopted for each individual project funded by the District that includes the following:

- the tasks or elements of work to be performed by at-risk youth from the community in which the project is being performed;
- an estimate of the amount of project funds to be spent on employment of youth;

- the method or methods by which youth will be recruited and employed; and

A duly adopted Youth Employment Plan is one of the required documents needed prior to the reimbursement of development costs. Attached is the Youth Employment Plan for the Project that explains how the project works toward meeting the Youth Employment Goal.

Consideration: Adopt the attached Youth Employment Plan.

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