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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



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Youth Employment Plan Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary, 58A1-99-0808

Background:

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Proposition A Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection Proposition of 1992, provided \$400,000 in At-Risk Youth Competitive Grant Program Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the acquisition and construction of a small facility to train youth in numerous environmentally oriented job skills. The scope of work includes the following:

The project is the second phase of a natural park at Washington Elementary School, in the City of Compton, directly adjacent to the Compton Creek. The project is a partnership between MRCA, the Compton Unified School District and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (Corps). Phase Two consists of site demolition, rough grading, fine grading, installation of a 2,000 square foot prefabricated maintenance operations building, utilities, fence and gate installation, paving (decomposed granite, asphalt, concrete, and misc.), planting and irrigation, and trash enclosure.

Tasks that *may be* performed by at-risk youth:

- 1) Site preparation (finish grading and soil prep);
- 2) Groundcover, shrub and tree planting;
- 3) Mulch installation.

Estimated cost of at-risk youth employment:

Total estimated hours of at-risk youth employment: 210
Estimated cost per hour: \$13.19
Total estimated cost of youth employment: \$2,769.90

Method of at-risk youth employment:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will employ at-risk youth (Ages 14-24) either via contract with a local nonprofit organization or in-house for the work in conformance with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's definition of "at-risk youth."

Youth Employment Goal

Under the provisions of the District's policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Youth Employment Goal of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and its designee, the

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Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, is \$1,251,201.10, equal to 50% of Maintenance and Servicing funds. As of November 2014, MRCA/SMMC have completed 100% of this goal. \$132,800 was spend for youth labor on Phase 1 of this project. The 3rd phase, to be implemented by the Corps directly, will also include youth labor as a major component.