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MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Governing Board

FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer **DATE:** February 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI(j): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with California Landscape & Design, Inc. for construction of the Milton Green Street project.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract amendment with California Landscape & Design, Inc. for construction of the Milton Green Street project in the amount of \$95,735.14.

<u>Background</u>: California Landscape & Design, Inc. (CL D) began construction on the Milton Green Street Improvements in May 2017. Project construction included demolition (concrete curb and asphalt street removal), excavation, and construction of new green infrastructure elements. Improvements to the approximately 1,000 feet roadway will include Vegetated Stormwater Curb Extensions for stormwater treatment, new park-adjacent sidewalk, curb and gutter realignment, ADA parking, asphalt paving, striping, landscaping and irrigation.

The contract for CLD was approved by the Governing Board in March 2017 in the amount of \$510,813.50. During the course of construction, all proposed change orders were reviewed by the project's construction manager and appropriate staff before approval, rejection, or negotiating a justified amount. A change order in the amount of \$45,732.76 (9.0% of contract value) was authorized in December. A second change order in the amount of \$41,299.19 is pending the subject approval. The total of both change orders is \$87,031.95, a 17.1% increase over the base contract amount. All outstanding requests / requirements have been resolved and Staff does not anticipate any additional change orders.

The vast majority of the increased costs were directly caused by deviations from the approved permit plans that were required by City inspectors. Approximately \$4,000 of the increased cost is attributed to a plan deficiency, and none of the increased costs can be attributed to discretionary changes by MRCA or the project design team. The final contract value of \$597,845.45 for CLD would still be less than the next highest bidder's cost of \$640,000.

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<u>Consideration</u>: The proposed action would authorize a contract amendment with CLD in an amount not to exceed \$87,031.95, for a final total contract value of \$597,845.45.

<u>Fiscal Impact</u>: The contract augmentation will be paid out of the existing Baldwin Hills Conservancy grant for capital improvements for the Milton Green Street, and the expenditure was anticipated in the adopted FY 16/17 budget and those grant budgets. No new maintenance obligations will result from the proposed action. The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation will be maintaining the green street in perpetuity.