



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: July 7, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Cemrock Naturalistic Environments, Inc. for fabrication of play structures for Marsh Street Park, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Cemrock Naturalistic Environments, Inc. for fabrication of play structures for Marsh Street Park, Los Angeles in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Background: The Marsh Street Park project will include landscaping, irrigation, installation of benches and paths, and installation of three-dimensional concrete play structures in the shape of a turtle, frog, and snake. The three animals represent some of the native wildlife that can be found near the Los Angeles River. All three structures will be finished with the application of ceramic tiles by ArtShare Los Angeles. A sole source contract for the ArtShare Los Angeles work on this project was previously approved by the Board.

Cemrock is the best contractor to fabricate the concrete sculptures because they have extensive experience in the fabrication of such items. Cemrock is a privately held corporation based in Tuscon, Arizona, that specializes in the construction, fabrication and installation of artificial landscape elements including rock, large scale concrete or steel and epoxy trees, sculptural elements, playground sculptures, dioramas, biological models, and animal and aquarium habitats. The three bid process or advertising is not practical for this task because the skills required are very specialized.

Project funding is provided by Proposition 13, the Safe Drinking Water; Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2000 through a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

The contract with Cemrock will not exceed \$30,000.