



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: June 2, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(f): Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Topanga Underground for water line construction at Red Rock Canyon Park, Topanga Canyon.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Topanga Underground in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for water line construction at Red Rock Canyon Park.

Background: To date, the MRCA Governing Board has authorized two sole source contracts (\$20,000 and \$27,000) with Topanga Underground for permitting and construction costs associated with the installation of a water line that would extend to the boundary of Red Rock Canyon Park. Now the water line must be extended from the park boundary to the existing and proposed park improvements. The two-inch water line will service the two ranger residences and the proposed At Risk Youth Camp facility as well as provide fire fighting capability to the site. Water is currently being trucked in periodically to replenish a dry well that services the existing structures.

Topanga Underground is an optimal choice for this project considering their involvement with the water line construction project along Red Rock Canyon Road to date, and their knowledge of the constraints and conditions of the Red Rock Canyon area. They have been involved with this project prior to December 2000.

In February, 2004 the California Coastal Commission waived the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's requirement for a coastal permit on this project. Topanga Underground is ready to start construction of the water main immediately. This project is estimated to cost \$40,000 (labor and materials). The contract will be funded by the \$400,000 Prop A Red Rock Canyon At Risk Youth grant.