



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 1, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with FS Construction for construction of improvements to the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with FS Construction for construction of improvements in the amount of \$162,900 for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path project.

Background: Project plans and Construction Documents for Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path project were created by Gruen Associates to significantly improve existing, but deteriorated, public access points along the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path located at Sepulveda Blvd., Inglewood Blvd. and McConnell Ave. These improvements include new signage, interpretive panels, decorative gates, fencing, bike racks, trash cans, benches, native landscaping and irrigation (to mimic the existing Centinela entrance project). The project will convert under utilized public spaces into safe and accessible parklands.

This project is funded by an existing and executed Proposition A grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

This project was put out for public bid in December 2008 and seven bids were received. The low bid, at \$162,900, was from FS Construction. MRCA staff has reviewed the bids and found FS Construction to be the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Section 3.2(c) of the MRCA's Purchasing and Contracting Procedures states that all construction and improvement projects in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by the Governing Board.