



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 5, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Dudek and Associates, Inc. for work on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Dudek and Associates, Inc. for work on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan in an amount not to exceed \$487,955.

Background: On December 28, 2007, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy approved the amendment of the scope of work of grant SMM-0776 to include additional project planning and design for the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan.

On June 10, 2009, the California Coastal Commission voted unanimously 12 to 0 to approve the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and MRCA proposed amendment to the Malibu Local Coastal Program. This action created an overlay for increased public access to public lands in Malibu through an expanded trail network and the development of campsites in multiple locations. The Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan, the implementation tool of this overlay, must now be revised to incorporate comments from the LCP amendment proceedings. For example, during the Coastal hearing, the Malibu Bluffs was added to the list of park properties to consider for camping. Additionally, the agencies committed to evaluating the safety of Ramirez Canyon Road. Full environmental review of the Plan will be necessary in the form of an Environmental Impact Report for CEQA compliance. Once finalized, the Plan will then be brought back to the Commission for approval.

Dudek and Associates, Inc. has done the majority of the work on the preparation of the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan over the last several years. MRCA staff recommends the continued use of this firm for the revisions to the Plan

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and the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for the project. Dudek will use its own staff to prepare many of the technical studies necessary for the EIR. These include fire hazards, archaeology, noise analysis and biology. Dudek will also subcontract the traffic study. Additionally, they will coordinate other specialized consultants that will be hired directly by MRCA. The proposal from Dudek is attached.

Consideration: The contract amendment will not exceed \$487,955. Funding for this contract would come from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant number SMM-0776.