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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 14, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(i): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with Energy Choice, Inc.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with Energy Choice, Inc.

Background: Staff went through an in depth Request for Proposal (RFP) process at end of 2011 seeking a company willing to develop a photovoltaic facility on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) property. At its February 1, 2012 meeting, the Governing Board adopted a resolution to reject all bids associated with this RFP process.

The RFP process highlighted the need for the MRCA to have its own qualified representative on any facility development teams. The process also revealed how important it is assemble a development team to meet the unique requirements of MRCA property and financial conditions.

Mike Burke is the founder and CEO of Energy Choice, Inc. His bio is attached. Mr. Burke's company provides the best fit with the MRCA's needs for developing photovoltaic facilities on MRCA property.

Energy Choice, Inc. would be the MRCA's representative on project development teams that may include the MRCA as a co-developer. The fees of Energy Choice, Inc. would be paid by the MRCA with funds provided by the facility developer.