



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 4, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution supporting the amended California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.**

Staff Recommendation: That the MRCA Board adopt the attached resolution supporting the amended California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.

Background: In 2004, the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism adopted the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights for the purpose of recommending a fundamental list of experiences that every child in California would benefit from experiencing before entering high school.

Numerous studies document that children who do these things are healthier, do better in school, have better social skills and self-image, and lead more fulfilled lives. MRCA has made it a priority to incorporate these "rights" into our program offerings.

The Roundtable has recently published an amended version of the list, which now reads as follows:

Every child should have the opportunity to:

- . Play in a safe place
- . Explore nature
- . Learn to swim
- . Go fishing
- . Follow a trail
- . Camp under the stars
- . Ride a bike
- . Go boating

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- . Connect with the past
- . Plant a seed