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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 29, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with SCI Consulting Group for analysis, research, planning and proceedings to formulate two Community Facilities Districts.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services contract with SCI Consulting Group for analysis, research, planning, and proceedings to formulate two Community Facilities Districts in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Background: On April 6, 2016 this Board approved a resolution authorizing a professional services contract with SCI Consulting Group for planning and survey work for potential funding mechanisms. In 2012, SCI Consulting Group had previously assisted the MRCA with establishing two Community Facilities Districts (CFDs) in the Santa Monica Mountains.

In the last four years there has been a more than 50 percent increase in use of the facilities owned and operated by the MRCA in the two CFDs. There are also opportunities to purchase remaining parcels of open space habitat critical to the preservation of wildlife corridors in these areas of the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. Because SCI Consultants helped to establish CFDs four years ago, they are uniquely qualified to perform the necessary analysis on page in the areas proposed for inclusion in the CFDs and to provide a rational basis for determining the best methods for identifying relevant issues, improvements, and services that might be included in a funding measure. Prior to this Board deciding to go forward with an election, SCI will work with staff to prepare a preliminary public hearing report which will summarize the purpose of the CFDs, the affected properties, costs, and other information to assist the Board with making its final decisions regarding the CFDs and prepare all documents required for the CFD formation proceedings and public hearings and assist with informational outreach.