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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 2, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(n): Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Hutchinson Grading and Excavation, Inc., for grading services in Browns Canyon, unincorporated Chatsworth.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a sole source contract in and amount not to exceed \$65,000 with Hutchinson Grading and Excavation, Inc., for grading services in Browns Canyon, unincorporated Chatsworth.

Background: MRCA habitat restoration staff have been working on a large restoration project in Browns Canyon since Fall 2009. Hutchinson Grading and Excavation, Inc performed the grading work for this project in Fall 2009. Additional grading work is needed in both the upstream and downstream areas adjacent to the currently installed project area.

Having performed the principal project earth work, Hutchinson Grading and Excavation, Inc. knows the site well, and has provided a superior product with only minor supervision across the board. There will be no learning curve for them on this next phase. Their rates are equal to or less than other operators for comparable time and materials costs.

This action would authorize up to \$65,000 for ongoing work over two years. It is not anticipated that all funds will be spent, but it is efficient to have the authority to spend it if necessary.

This contract will be for grading activities within Browns Canyon, associated with Army Corps of Engineers permit 2004-00766-MDC, issued to Caltrans for their impacts in Alamos Canyon. The principal work sites will be up and down stream from the current main work area. The total amount of funding provided for the project was \$915,980.