



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 6, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(I): Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Vallier Design Associates, Inc. for the Malibu Road Accessway.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Vallier Design Associates, Inc. for the Malibu Road Accessway.

Background: On October 21, 2010, the State Coastal Conservancy granted \$994,000 to MRCA for construction of the Malibu Road Accessway beach stairway project in the City of Malibu. The project will establish a new public access way in Malibu that will allow the people to reach Amarillo and Malibu Colony beaches. When completed, this project will be the only public access point between Malibu Lagoon State Park and Amarillo Beach. The design for the stairway has undergone extensive review for feasibility, cost, environmental impacts, and accessibility compliance. The project has received the necessary planning approvals including a Coastal Development Permit. The final approval necessary is a building permit from the City of Malibu.

The existing construction plans developed by Vallier Design Associates, Inc. (VDA) were commissioned by the State Coastal Conservancy. Now that MRCA will be undertaking construction of the project, it is desired to have the same landscape architect and engineer make any changes to the plans that will be required as part of the building permit approval process. Since the plans were created, the City's building code and development requirements have changed, and therefore some minor revisions to the plans and specifications are expected. City staff already reviewed the project as part of the Coastal Development Permit process, and significant design changes are not anticipated. A construction management consultant has also recommended minor alterations that could facilitate lower construction bids, and VDA would also be making those revisions.

Vallier Design Associates is a landscape architecture, planning, and design firm

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located in Point Richmond, California.

Consideration: MRCA staff are working with VDA to refine their scope of services and costs. The contract amount is expected to be on the low end of a range from \$10,000-\$25,000.