



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 1, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(k): Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with AN West, Inc. for the Malibu Road Accessway.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services contract with A-N West, Inc. for the Malibu Road Accessway.

Background: The existing construction plans for the Malibu Road Accessway project were developed by the design team of Vallier Design Associates, Inc. (VDA), and A-N West, Inc. Those plans were commissioned several years ago by the State Coastal Conservancy. Staff believes that it will be most economical to retain the same design team to make changes to the plans that will be required as part of the building permit approval and bidding process.

On April 6, 2011, the Governing Board approved a contract with Vallier Design Associates (VDA) to revise the plans and specifications. At that time it was expected that VDA would provide both the landscape architecture services required and the engineering required via a sub-consultant, namely A-N West, Inc. However, the two firms prefer to each contract directly with MRCA.

An engineer/employee-owned civil and structural engineering consulting firm based in Richmond, California, A-N West, Inc was formed in 1984 by the senior staff of a predecessor firm already located in Richmond. Practice areas include storm drainage, flood control, roadways, land development, bridges and waterfront engineering.

Consideration: MRCA staff are working with A-N West to refine their scope of services and costs. The contract amount is expected to be under \$25,000. The contract will be funded by an existing grant from the State Coastal Conservancy.