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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 9, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services and sole source contract with SCI Consulting Group.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services and sole source contract with SCI Consulting Group in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for planning and survey work for potential funding mechanisms.

Background: SCI Consulting Group was the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) consultant on the successful Benefit Assessment District measures that led to the establishment of Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District Nos. 1 and 2 in the City of Los Angeles. Both districts have led the acquisition significant open space between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Griffith Park. Since the establishment of these districts in 2003 staff has been working with SCI on future funding sources. SCI has a proven record and knows the specifics of what the MRCA needs for open space funding.