



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 1, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution rejecting all bids for the planning, permitting, construction and operation of a solar energy facility in unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution rejecting all bids for the planning, permitting, construction and operation of a solar energy facility in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: In September 2011, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) issued a request for proposals to plan, permit, construct, and operate a solar energy facility on an 80-acre parcel in the Antelope Valley. Three proposals were received by the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, all of which were deemed qualified and invited for interviews, which took place on December 15, 2011. After the interviews, a request for information was issued to the three prospective contractors. Responses were received from two of the three candidates by the January 4<sup>th</sup> deadline.

After review of the proposals and supplemental information, staff determined that none of the proposed projects would meet the MRCA's financial objectives for the potential partnership. Staff therefore does not recommend proceeding with a contractor at this time. Pursuant to MRCA Purchasing and Contracting Procedures, which constitutes the agency's procedures, including bidding procedures, as governed by Public Contract Code Section 20815 *et seq.*, the MRCA may reject all bids at its sole discretion.