



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 15, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IV: Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services and sole source contract with Tramutola LLC., for work within the City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services and sole source contract with Tramutola LLC in an amount not to exceed \$61,000 for work within the City of Los Angeles.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation is investigating the feasibility of a future open space acquisition and maintenance funding mechanism in the Santa Monica Mountains in the City of Los Angeles. Tramutola LLC. is a recognized expert in feasibility analysis, assessment, and development of local government funding mechanisms and can provide advisement specific to the needs of the MRCA.

The proposed work would be conducted in two phases. The first exploratory phase would provide a thorough analysis of the open space acquisition and maintenance needs in the Santa Monica Mountains in the City of Los Angeles. The consultant would assess the feasibility of developing a funding mechanism that would provide for these needs. This work would be covered by an initial amount up to \$15,000.

Should staff determine that the merits of the exploratory work warrant the further formulation of a funding measure, Tramutola would provide a second phase of consultation for an amount not to exceed the remainder. This second phase of work would include additional advisement to plan, develop, provide information, and finalize a measure to be approved by local voters.