



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 14, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution approving a Fire-Fuels Reduction Services Contract for fire-fuels reduction efforts to be performed on MRCA managed lands, Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1, Spring 2012**

Staff Recommendation: That the MRCA Governing Board adopt the attached resolution and approve Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1 fund expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$71,500. Funding will be used to obtain a fire-fuels reduction contract with Green Leaf GTH Inc., for brushing and weed abatement services performed on MRCA managed lands during the Spring 2012 fire clearance season.

Legislative Authority: *Government Code Section 6500 et seq.* - Joint Exercise of Powers Act.

*Public Resources Code Section 33204(c)* - Which provides for the awarding of grants to state agencies, cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and park and recreation districts for the purpose of acquiring sites identified as necessary for park, recreation, or conservation purposes and for development of essential related public facilities.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority performs required fire-fuels reduction and fire clearance work on over 1500 acres of open space lands per year. This fire clearance work is necessary to protect homes, businesses, and other public and private structures from wildfire. The requested Weed Abatement contracts will be used, along with other existing resources, to perform this important fire prevention work during the Spring 2012 fire clearance season.