



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 4, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design to supply an artistic fence and gate.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract to LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design to supply an artistic fence and gate in the amount of \$31,615.00 for Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve project.

Background: The Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve (BWER) is a 600-acre area of protected land that is the largest and most promising opportunity for coastal wetland restoration in Los Angeles County. Acquired by the State of California in 2004, the property is owned by the Department of Fish and Game and the State Lands Commission. The Natural Resources Agency and State Coastal Conservancy have provided funding to MRCA for improvements to public access opportunities along Ballona Creek.

The proposed fence and gate will be located at the Fiji Way entrance to the reserve. The entrance is currently gated with deteriorated chain link, which would be replaced in entirety. The new fence and gate will feature naturalistic elements and improve the aesthetic quality of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. Project partners, including the funding agencies, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, and Department of Fish and Game, will have input on the design.

LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design was identified through a Request for Proposal process for the Pacoima Wash Greenway-Eighth Street Park project. The design studio was started in 2004 and has 8 years of creating public artwork projects, including multiple projects with MTA, City of Pasadena, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles Bike Coalition/Gene Autry Museum and City of Long Beach.

Consideration: The proposal from LT Mustardseed is \$28,741.06. Staff recommends that the Board approve 10% more than the proposal amount to allow for contingencies, for a not to exceed total of \$31,615.00. The contract will be funded through a combination of existing grants.