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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 27, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution augmenting the professional services and sole source contract with SCI Consulting Group.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing amending an existing contract with SCI Consultant Group for further planning and survey work pertaining to the formation of a Communities Facility Districts for open space acquisition and maintenance in the Santa Monica Mountains..

Background: The Governing Board authorized entering into a professional services and sole source contract with SCI Consulting Group on November 9, 2011 for planning and survey work for future funding mechanisms in amount not to exceed \$75,000. The research and analysis performed by SCI to date has indicated that there is strong voter support for the establishment of two community facilities districts for the purpose of funding open space acquisition and maintenance in the City of Los Angeles portion of the Santa Monica Mountains.

An augmentation to the existing contract with SCI in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 would allow SCI to conduct additional research to help design the most effective measure, should the Board approve the formation of one or more community facilities districts, identify relevant issues, improvements, and services that may be included in a funding measure, create a timeline and work with MRCA staff to implement it, provide assistance with educational outreach, provide support to the establishment of the districts, assist with ballot language, and provide final research and analysis before the Board decides whether to proceed with an ballot proceeding.