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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 19, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide public safety dispatch services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$171,567 to provide public safety dispatch services for a two-year term.

Background: The existing contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation dispatch center (SURCOM) expires July 31, 2012. SURCOM is the only entity that can provide dispatch services using our existing radio system. The use of SURCOM dispatch also facilitates coordination with the State Parks and National Park Service peace officers, improving interoperability and efficiencies within our joint areas of responsibility.

The fee structure reflected in the contract is consistent with all other public agency user groups. The new contract amount of \$171,567 is slightly less than the previous agreement. This amount reflects a reduction of two ranger personnel, offset by an increased cost for inflation.