



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 5, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Newman Midland Corporation for construction of the Marsh Street Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Newman Midland Corporation in the amount of \$2,933,277.00 for construction of the Marsh Street Park project.

Background: The Marsh Street Park project was put out for public bid in March 2013. Project construction will include demolition of two existing buildings, grading, park construction and landscaping. Improvements to the three-acre site will include an open-air picnic shelter, landscaped walking and nature trails with health and fitness stations, a restroom building and storage shed, a free play meadow, picnic tables, a community gathering/outdoor classroom area, bioswales, and parking for forty-three cars. Bid alternates included: 1) an additive alternate for an owner's allowance of \$50,000; 2) a deductive alternate to eliminate all site furnishings; and 3) a deductive alternate to substitute chain link fencing for aluminum picket fencing.

On April 19, 2013, 21 bids were received from general contractors. Section 3.2(c) of the MRCA's Purchasing and Contracting Procedures states that all construction and improvement contracts in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by the Governing Board. Staff, in consultation with MRCA's construction manager, reviewed the bids and references and found Newman Midland Corporation to be the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in accordance with Public Contract Code section 20815 *et seq.* A Notice of Intent to Award Bid was issued on May 29, 2013. The full list of bids and Newman Midland's bid form are attached.

Consideration: Newman Midland Corporation's base bid is \$2,883,277.00, and staff recommends exercising bid alternate 1 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,933,277.00.