



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 VI(c): Consideration of resolution approving a fire-fuels reduction servicing contract with International Environmental Corporation for fire-fuels reduction on agency managed lands for 2013.**

Staff Recommendation: That the MRCA Governing Board adopt the attached resolution and approve funds expenditures for a total of \$33,950. Funding will be used to obtain a fire-fuels reduction contract for brushing and weed abatement services performed on the following MRCA managed property during the 2013 fire clearance season: Westridge Canyon Park.

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 2013 fire clearance season.