

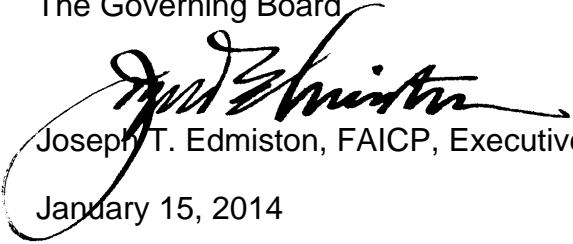


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: January 15, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Penfield and Smith for engineering work for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Penfield and Smith for engineering work in the initial amount of \$60,000 and potential amendments for an additional \$30,000 for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) are working on a collaborative effort to complete the planning and proposed conceptual designs for improvements (e.g., new stairs, ramps) to several accessways in order to provide public access to several beaches in the City of Malibu. MRCA and SCC would prepare a Public Works Plan (to be submitted to California Coastal Commission) and associated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for the proposed public access improvements. This project is being funded by a \$470,000 grant from the SCC.

At the current time, there are eight sites to be included in the Public Works Plan. These sites are a combination of the following vertical access easements, vertical access deed restrictions, land owned by MRCA, and land owned by SCC:

- (1) Las Tunas Beach- 19016 Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), vertical access easement held by MRCA;
- (2) Las Tunas Beach- MRCA-owned land;
- (3) Las Flores Beach- 20802 PCH, vertical access easement held by SCC;
- (4) La Costa Beach- 21554 PCH, deed restriction in favor of public access;
- (5) Carbon-La Costa Beach- SCC-owned land;
- (6) Escondido Beach- 27400 and 27348 PCH, vertical access easement held by SCC at Geoffrey's restaurant;
- (7) Escondido Beach- 27700 PCH, deed restriction in favor of public access; and

- (8) Escondido Beach- 27910 and 27920 PCH, public parking easement and vertical access easement held by SCC.

Penfield and Smith will provide structural/civil engineering services as directed by MRCA staff. Penfield and Smith will collaborate with the Landscape Architect hired by MRCA, as well as perform other tasks necessary in order to determine the feasibility of the proposed improvements at each site. Some tasks include: analyzing constraints for each site; collaborating with the Landscape Architect to refine and supplement, as necessary, conceptual plans/details; ensuring that each conceptual design complies with building code requirements, relevant provisions of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and associated regulations and guidance, and applicable provisions of the City of Malibu Local Coastal Program (LCP); and coordinating with other consultants (e.g., coastal engineer, geotechnical engineer).

Penfield and Smith is a multi-disciplinary engineering firm with experience in coastal access projects along Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties. MRCA is currently working with Penfield and Smith on a separate coastal accessway project at Malibu Road. Penfield and Smith has also performed satisfactorily on previous projects with MRCA.