

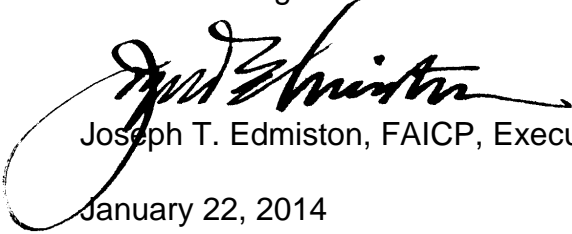


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: January 22, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Simon Computer Systems for information technology and computer support services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Simon Computer Systems in an amount not to exceed \$87,000 annually plus an additional \$10,000 to cover unforeseen expenses for Information Technology and Computer Support Services.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority maintains more than 100 networked computers and field computers for its staff with a multitude of applications including e-mail, mapping, graphic arts, word processing, landscape and construction design, and government accounting software. It also maintains four servers at eight office locations.

In 2008 the Governing Board authorized a professional services contract with Simon Maguire for Information Technology and Computer Support Services. Since that time, the contractor has provided excellent computer support services for the agency. Previous to that, the principal of Simon Computer Systems, Simon Maguire, provided Information Technology and Computer Support Services for the MRCA as an independent contractor from 2004-2008.

Simon Maguire was formerly employed by the MRCA from 2002-2004 to provide Information Technology and computer support to the agency. He was project manager when the agency networked its computers at multiple locations. His knowledge and understanding of the unique needs and constraints of the agency and its computer and software equipment is exceptional. He has considerable expertise in providing support to the agency in an efficient and timely manner. As the

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technology needs of the agency continue to increase, it would be most efficient for agency operations to continue contracting with Simon Computer Systems for its Information Technology needs.