



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: February 5, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Bionic for landscape architect 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 Bionic for landscape architecture work in the initial amount of \$35,000 and potential amendments for an additional \$15,000 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.

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.

Bionic is a landscape architecture and planning firm with extensive experience in coastal access projects along the northern and southern California coastline. The firm is familiar with most of the project sites from past experience designing accessways in Malibu. Bionic would provide landscape architectural services in order to produce conceptual designs for all project sites in a way that will make the best use of each site, will be aesthetically pleasing and enjoyable for visitors, and are able to withstand and adapt to changing physical beach conditions. Bionic will collaborate with engineering consultants and MRCA staff to ensure the designs are feasible and comply with applicable building code requirements, relevant Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and associated regulations and guidance, and applicable provisions of the City of Malibu Local Coastal Program.