



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 2, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Michael Burke for solar energy consulting services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Michael Burke for solar energy consulting services.

Background: Mr. Burke has over thirty years of energy industry experience spanning the regulatory, consulting and regulatory fields. He has previously held positions as Manager of Regulatory and Environmental Programs at the California Public Utilities Commission, and Assistant Executive Director of the California Energy Commission.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) intends to request changes in existing and proposed SCE tariffs and, if necessary, from the Public Utilities Code. California Public Utility Commission (PUC) regulations currently prohibit Joint Powers Authorities from participating in certain solar generation programs. Mr. Burke is uniquely qualified to assist the MRCA in achieving this objective.

Scope of Work: To remove existing JPA restrictions from existing and proposed SCE tariffs and, if necessary, from the Public Utilities Code. Specific language includes SEC's Schedule RES-BCT, Advice Letter filings regarding the implementation of SB 43, and sections of the PU Code amended by SB 43.

Consideration: Payment up to \$2,500 per month for time and expenses for a term not to exceed six months. A one time lump sum of \$15,000 to be paid upon completion of the approved scope of work.