MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 4, 2014

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution approving the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Background: Attached for your review and approval is the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Section 6500 et. seq. of the Government Code, and MRCA Joint Exercise Powers Agreement, Section 11.3 state

"...The Authority shall prepare an annual budget, in a form approved by the Conservancy and the Districts, which shall be submitted in the time and manner as specified by the Conservancy and the Districts..."

The preliminary budget is presented to the governing boards of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Parks District, and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District at either their June or July meetings.

The preliminary budget submitted for the governing boards consideration is the 2013-14 adopted budget. A final budget is under development and will be presented to the governing boards for approval in the late July / early August 2014 time frame.

The preliminary budget acts as a stimulus to begin the public hearing process. A public hearing on the 2014-15 budget will held during the MRCA’s July 2, 2014 regularly stated meeting.