



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 5, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIV: Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a lease with Dell Financial Services for Agency computer equipment.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a lease with Dell Financial Services for Agency Computer Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) maintains more than 100 computers and laptops for its employees at multiple locations. With a sophisticated and up-to date system that minimizes risk and provides daily operations, the agency maintains four servers (one each at the Los Angeles River Center, Franklin Canyon, King Gillette Ranch, and Ramirez Canyon Park), and five firewalls (including one for Temescal Gateway Park).

Working with the finance Division, agency personal computers, servers, and firewalls are replaced in 3-5 year increments. Each year, one fifth to one third of the equipment is upgraded each year on a rotating basis. We have found that approximately every three years computer technology has changed and/or improved and equipment must be updated to meet the demands of an exacting workplace.

Staff proposes entering into a lease to replace those items purchased in 2009 including a server for Ramirez Canyon park, personal computers and laptop computers (including heavy duty ranger models).

Leasing computer equipment makes sense because it spreads capital costs and depreciation over time. This allows us to maintain up-to date equipment. In emergencies (such as a server failure) as budget allows, we purchase equipment outright on a case-by-case basis. Jeff Jones will negotiate the lease for the terms most favorable to MRCA. The cost of the proposed lease equipment does not exceed \$50,000 and has been included in the FY 14/15 budget.