



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: December 3, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with Penfield & Smith for additional engineering design services for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an amendment to a professional services contract with Penfield & Smith for additional engineering design services in the amount of \$23,874.50 and potential future amendments not to exceed \$12,000, if necessary, 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 propose the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan (PWP). The PWP will include improvement plans, and operation and maintenance plans for eight public beach accessways within the City of Malibu. MRCA and SCC are preparing and will submit to the California Coastal Commission the proposed PWP and associated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document. This project is being funded by a grant from the SCC.

The PWP includes eight distinct sites that will provide new beach access to some of the most scenic and secluded beaches in Malibu. 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- 19016-19020 Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), vertical access easement held by MRCA; deed restriction in favor of public access;
- (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- 27400-27348 PCH, vertical access easement held by SCC;

- (7) Escondido Beach- 27700 PCH, deed restriction in favor of public access; and
- (8) Escondido Beach- 27910-27920 PCH, public parking easement and vertical access easement held by SCC.

Penfield & Smith was hired in January to provide structural/civil engineering services related to the improvement plans for the PWP. The initial scope of work includes: analyzing constraints for each site; collaborating with the landscape architect to refine conceptual plans/details; ensuring that each conceptual design complies with building code requirements, relevant provisions of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and associated regulations and guidance, and applicable provisions of the City of Malibu Local Coastal Program (LCP); and managing geotechnical and coastal engineering subconsultants.

On January 15, 2014 the MRCA Governing Board previously approved the contract agreement with Penfield & Smith and a potential contract amendment for \$30,000. However, the additional cost for Penfield & Smith to manage the geotechnical and coastal engineering subconsultants requires a total amount of \$53,874.50. Therefore, staff recommends that the Governing Board approve an additional budget amount of \$23,874.50 in order to cover all necessary costs to produce the geotechnical and coastal engineering analysis reports for the eight proposed sites. These analyses are crucial in determining the feasibility of the improvements proposed in the PWP.