



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: December 3, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(f): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract amendment with Bionic for additional landscape architecture 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 Bionic for additional landscape architecture services for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

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.

Bionic was hired in March to provide 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 is collaborating 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.

On February 5, 2014 the MRCA Governing Board previously approved the contract agreement with Bionic and a potential contract amendment for \$15,000. However, the additional cost for Bionic to revise the draft conceptual designs may cost more than \$15,000. These revisions are crucial in finalizing the PWP and associated CEQA document for submission to the California Coastal Commission. Therefore, staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize the MRCA to amend the contract budget for an additional amount not to exceed \$15,000 to the initial anticipated \$15,000 amendment.