



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 3, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(j): Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of the contract with DIRTONU, Inc. dba MUROW CM for hillside stabilization at the Trebek Open Space property, Nichols Canyon.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation of the contract with DIRTONU, Inc. dba MUROW CM for hillside stabilization at the Trebek Open Space property, Nichols Canyon in the amount of \$65,500.

Background: On October 1, 2014 the Governing Board authorized a contract with DIRTONU, Inc. dba MUROW CM for hillside stabilization at the Trebek Open Space property, Nichols Canyon, in the amount of \$176,378.75. The work was in relationship to litigation described in the October 2014 report. As previously noted, staff counsel for the MRCA, in consultation with outside insurance defense counsel, determined that, regardless of the resolution of the issues in litigation, the most effective way to limit liability for future land failures at Trebek would be to stabilize the hillside.

The original stabilization work was completed in accordance with plans approved and permitted by the City of Los Angeles. Nevertheless, the City's inspectors opined that additional work was required, and will not sign off on the project. Revised engineering plans, incorporating the new requirements, were submitted and have been approved. The new work includes installation of gabion baskets, additional soil export, enlargement of a debris basin, placement of approximately 1,000 sandbags, and additional debris removal.

Consideration: The amount of the augmentation of the contract with DIRTONU, Inc. dba MUROW CM is \$65,500, for a new total contract value not to exceed \$241,878.75.