

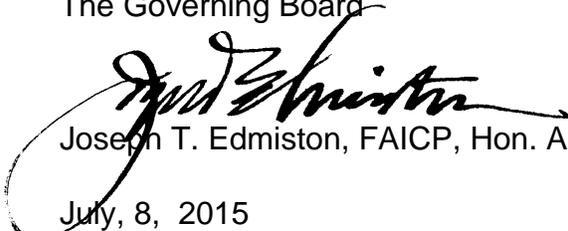


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July, 8, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Mr. Bruce Saito for consultation services regarding the development of a youth development and job training program for at-risk youth.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Mr. Bruce Saito for consultation services regarding the development of a youth development and job training program for at-risk youth: in the amount of \$11,250.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has a long history of youth development and job training programs that provide career opportunities in the parks to young, diverse residents from the communities it serves. Success of the recent Bridges to Park Careers program has resulted in inquiries regarding expanding that program beyond interpretation to include all aspects of park careers, however most existing programmatic funding sources do not cover training expenses.

This contract to Mr. Bruce Saito, former Executive Director fo the Los Angels Conservation Corp, would result in a report and recommendations regarding a comprehensive parks training program, including an analysis of available funding sources for youth development and job training. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy approved a grant of \$11,250 to the MRCA at the June 29 meeting for the purpose of contracting with Mr. Saito for such a report.