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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 5, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to prepare a traffic engineering study for select parkland operated by the MRCA.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorize a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to prepare a traffic engineering study for select parkland operated by the MRCA..

Background: The proposed contract is proposed to assist MRCA park personnel and rangers to more effectively and efficiently manage vehicular traffic patterns in MRCA parkland and to ensure the safety of all park visitors, especially pedestrians.

The scope of the contract will be to (a) assess the adequacy of seven stop sign locations located in four parks managed and operated by the MRCA; (b) perform a general assessment of traffic conditions at the study locations and identify potential safety enhancements; and (c) prepare a technical memo documenting any specific recommendations for traffic control at the selected locations.

Parkland throughout the region have seen a significant increase in popularity and the number of visitors in recent years. The increased popularity of the parks, coupled with the rise of technology that provides private vehicle commuters with real-time alternate routes, the interface between cars and pedestrians in the parks presents serious public safety concerns. As mentioned above, the proposed contract will allow MRCA public safety personnel to see current usage data and provide the MRCA with recommendations to enhance public safety and vehicle regulation in its parks.

The study will focus on four MRCA-operated parks that contain some of the most problematic locations: Franklin Canyon Park, Temescal Canyon Park, Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park; and Top of Topanga Overlook.

Kimley-Horn is an experienced traffic engineering firm that provides similar services to many municipalities around the region, including Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, Calabasas, and Agoura Hills.