



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 6, 2016

SUBJECT: **Special Agenda Item IV: Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment and augmentation of professional services agreement with Calthorpe Analytics for consulting work on greenhouse gas reduction and cap and trade revenues.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board approve the resolution for the augmentation of a professional services agreement with Calthorpe Analytics for consulting work on greenhouse gas reduction and cap and trade revenues.

Background:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has had success using data and reports produced through its professional services agreement with Calthorpe Analytics to develop the beginnings of a strategic climate change plan for MRCA to implement in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. MRCA staff have used this research to contribute to the development of state cap-and-trade and climate programs and policies.

The proposed action would allow staff to work with the consultant to update the greenhouse gas and climate research to reflect new priorities and new developments over the last year. Pursuant to the MRCA purchasing policy, staff has delegated authority to enter into professional services agreements. Since the proposed resolution would authorize a significant augmentation to the original agreement, however, staff felt it was appropriate to obtain formal approval by the Governing Board.