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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 6, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into contracts with the Santa Monica Mountains Resource Conservation District for habitat restoration both on and off Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority property in the 101 freeway corridor, Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into contracts with the Santa Monica Mountains Resource Conservation District for habitat restoration both on and off Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority property in the 101 freeway corridor, Liberty Canyon, City of Agoura Hills.

Background: The proposed project consists of native plant restoration on land owned by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) south of Agoura Road and part of enhancement of Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor. Funding would be provided by a grant from Wildlife Conservation Board to Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCD).

The details of the final scope and dollar amount are to be worked out. MRCA would bill on an hourly basis to a not-to-exceed amount. The estimate for the combined contracts is \$250,000-\$300,000. MRCA would bill RCD monthly.

A set of restoration/enhancement plans have been prepared. MRCA would begin weed removal and container planting as soon as the contract is signed. Any seeding would have to occur next fall. The existing habitat restoration projects in the area will be enhanced by the establishment of the proposed RCD sites. These combined restoration efforts will make the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor a stronger wildlife corridor overall.