



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 3, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing contract with Vinit Mukhija for evaluation of the State Parks Resiliency Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing contract with Vinit Mukhija for evaluation of the State Parks Resiliency Project in the amount of \$20,000.

Background: On December 2, 2015 the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorized acceptance of a grant from the Resource Legacy Fund for consulting services on the State Parks Resiliency Project. This project advances the development and implementation of an innovative outreach and engagement model for the California Department of Parks and Recreation and includes contracts with community partners. The MRCA will contract with UCLA professor Vinit Mukhija to provide his expertise in evaluating the project. Specifically, the proposed funding will cover the development of an evaluation model that can be used at both Los Angeles State Historic Park and Candlestick State Park. In addition to the development of the evaluation model, the proposed funding will also cover the analysis of the data collected at Los Angeles State Historic Park.

Consideration: The contract is for \$20,000. This expense was anticipated in the adopted Fiscal Year 16/17 budget and will be paid by the existing grant from Resource Legacy Fund.