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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(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide public safety dispatch services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide public safety dispatch services in the amount of \$190,868.22.

Background: The existing contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation dispatch center (SURCOM) expired July 31, 2016. SURCOM is the only entity that can provide dispatch services using our existing radio system. The use of SURCOM dispatch also facilitates coordination with the State Parks and National Park Service peace officers, improving interoperability and efficiencies within our joint areas of responsibility.

The fee structure reflected in the contract is consistent with all other public agency user groups. The term will be August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2018.

Consideration: The new contract amount of \$190,868.22 represents an 11% increase over the previous contract. The adopted budget for fiscal year 2016/17 did not anticipate such a substantial increase. The additional expense will be offset by reduced costs that will be identified in a mid-year budget review.