



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 4, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIX: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funding from the California Coastal Commission for coastal access improvements at Malibu Beach Inn, Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorize acceptance funding from the California Coastal Commission for coastal access improvements at Malibu Beach Inn, Malibu.

### Background:

The California Coastal Commission and the owners of the Malibu Beach Inn recently agreed to settle a long standing coastal act violation stemming from the failure of previous owners to satisfy certain conditions of a coastal development permit. Under the original permit, the permittees were required to construct and open two public access stairways on the property, which is located adjacent to the Malibu Pier and Carbon Beach at 22878 Pacific Coast Highway.

The terms of the settlement, which was negotiated cooperatively between the current owners and the Commission, call for the owners of the Inn to construct the stairways, pay a fine into the Commission's violation remediation account, and to pay three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the MRCA for the operation, maintenance, and any other costs associated with the construction of the stairs.

Approval of the associated resolution will authorize MRCA to accept the funding and to undertake any and all actions necessary related to the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the public access stairways.

Assuming appropriate budgeting and resource allocation, the fiscal impact of this action will be a net positive to the agency in the near term, as this action will provide funding for a core part of the agency's mission along the coast to ensure safe and reliable public beach access.

