



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 22, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Pepo Weed Abatement Inc. for fuel modification on the MRCA land at Westridge Canyon/Mandeville Canyon in the amount of \$48,500 for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire-fuel loads, and erosion protection.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Pepo Weed Abatement Inc. for fuel modification on the MRCA land at Westridge Canyon/Mandeville in the amount of \$48,500.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) performs required fuel modification and fire clearance work on over 1,500 acres of open space lands per year. This fire clearance work is necessary for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire-fuel loads, and erosion protection

The requested contract for fuel modification will be used along with other resources to perform important wildfire prevention work on MRCA property during the Spring 2017 fire clearance season.

Bids for the 2017 fire-fuels and clearance work were obtained through a publicly advertised bid process. Funding for the contract will be drawn from Benefit Assessment District funds.