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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: December 6, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing vehicle purchase.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the purchase of up to six vehicles with Fairview Ford Sales, Inc in a total amount not to exceed \$428,196.36 dollars.

Background: On October 13th, MRCA solicited bids for the purchase of up to six vehicles, including (five) four wheel drive crew cab trucks to be built out as Wild land fire patrol/crew transport; (one) of which will also be a stake side dump and (one) extra cab truck also to be built out as a Wild land patrol/Supervisor Strike Team leader vehicle. The vehicles will be in support of Daily operations of both Fuel modification Brushing and fire suppression as needed. One bid was received by Fairview Ford Sales, Inc. Of San Bernardino, as a result they are both the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Funding for the vehicles will be out of the recently SMMC approved Prop 1 grant for fuel modification through out the agency.

All six vehicles in this purchase are replacing existing vehicles that will subsequently be disposed of due to age and substantially diminished reliability. Various public agencies use a public auction process to dispose of vehicles, mobile equipment, and surplus property. Using an auction service is a common, convenient, and efficient method that ensures that MRCA receives the highest possible value for the vehicles sold. All vehicle purchases will continue to be made pursuant to the agency's Purchasing Policy.

MRCA vehicles are used for the express purpose of conducting MRCA business, and any other use is expressly prohibited by the Vehicle Usage Policy. Only employees with a valid California Driver's License that have been put on the agency's insurance may operate MRCA vehicles. To the extent that MRCA vehicles are used for commuting to and from an employee's home, in compliance with IRS reporting rules, such use is required to be reported by the driver as taxable income.

Consideration: The total cost for the purchase of all six vehicles will not exceed \$428,196.36. All of the vehicles under consideration for purchase are eligible for grant funding. The execution of these particular purchases will not occur until such grant funds became available.

Fiscal Impact: Purchase is grant funded and funds are secured. There is no impact on the general fund.