



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 7, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(p): Consideration of resolution assigning operations and funding of the outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution assigning operations and funding of the outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch to Community Nature Connection per the reciprocal services agreement.

Background: On May 4th, 2016 the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) approved a reciprocal service agreement with Community Nature Connection (CNC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. This agreement allows for the continuation of valuable education and interpretive services previously provided by the MRCA Division of Interpretation. At the same meeting, the MRCA Governing Board adopted a resolution authorizing assignment of MRCA funding received for education and interpretation programs and services to CNC for continuation of funded programming. Staff recommends that the board reauthorize these provisions each year. The outdoor education camp season begins this month and lasts until June 2018.

The contract between the MRCA and Las Virgenes Unified School District provides for all elements of camp operation including, food, lodging, the provision of a health clerk, curriculum development, interpretive and environmental education programs and coordination with the school district. MRCA contracts directly with a catering service for all meals. All other funds will be assigned to CNC for the above required contract elements.

The outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch serves the entire 5th grade of Las Virgenes School District and uses LVUSD high school students as counselors. The school district pays MRCA \$257.50 per pupil.