

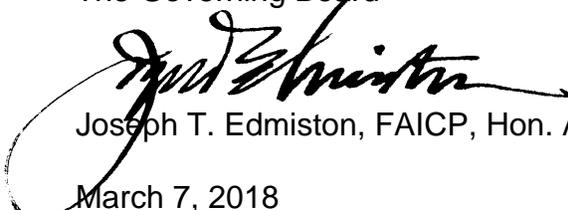


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 7, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional consulting services contract with Environmental and Energy Consulting.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional consulting services contract with Environmental and Energy Consulting (EEC): in the amount of \$12,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 6500 *et seq.* of the Government Code

Background: One of MRCA's core functions is the development of wildlife connectivity resources, including the prominent Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor. As MRCA's core areas of operation become increasingly urbanized, MRCA staff have sought to acquire and develop strategic wildlife habitat corridors to build wildlife migration, connectivity and habitat resiliency. Environmental and Energy Consulting (EEC) has developed a unique statewide wildlife corridor consulting project and working group dedicated to providing consulting and coordinating services to allow entities like MRCA better leverage and align existing assets and expertise with statewide funding and planning opportunities. MRCA staff believe EEC's consulting services will allow MRCA to better plan, prioritize and develop funding opportunities for wildlife connectivity projects.

Fiscal Impact: this contract will cost MRCA \$12,000 from its unrestricted general fund to pay for the consulting services, but save an unknown amount of staff time compared to MRCA seeking the same information and capacity building without these consulting services.