



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: June 6, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with the Las Virgenes Unified School District for outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a professional services contract with the Las Virgenes Unified School District for outdoor education camp at King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Background: The subject contract from the Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) will allow the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to serve approximately 825 fifth graders from the District with a five-day, four-night residential outdoor education experience, correlated to state science and social studies standards. All of LVUSD's fifth grade students will attend camp over a period of seven weeks. The contract covers all costs associated with camp management, staffing, food and operations for the 2019 program.

As a separate item, the Governing Board will consider assigning this contract to Community Nature Connection to staff and manage the camp. Community Nature Connection has carried out the 2017 and 2018 programs at King Gillette Ranch to MRCA's satisfaction. The school district will be responsible for all LVUSD personnel required for both daytime and nighttime supervision. Counselors from Calabasas and Agoura High Schools will also participate in the program. MRCA will retain enough funds from the contract to cover the cost of a catering food service.

Consideration: The contract amount is yet to be determined, but will be negotiated to an amount of no less than \$257.50 per pupil.

Fiscal Impact: The subject grant will need to be included in the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. Funding for ongoing maintenance of King Gillette Ranch is not affected.