



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 8, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing purchase of emergency medical equipment for assignment to agency divisions and at strategic park locations.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing purchase of emergency medical equipment for assignment to agency divisions and at strategic park locations in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority operates and manages dozens of well used park sites, trail heads, and thousands of acres of open space located throughout Los Angeles and Ventura counties. An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is a portable medical device that facilitates a rapid response to a medical emergency where sudden cardiac arrest has manifested. The secluded nature of our parks and trails can lend to slower response times from emergency services. The purchase and distribution of AED's to strategic park locations and patrol vehicles grants rapid accessibility to life saving equipment and improves chances of survival.

Many MRCA staff are trained in basic life support techniques, first-aid and AED use on a regular basis. The AED program will involve refresher training for MRCA staff on the AED device and in CPR, implementing an ongoing maintenance inspection, and incorporate AED location into site specific emergency response plans.

Consideration: The cost of purchasing about 40 AED units shall not exceed \$50,000. Staff is currently evaluating eligible funding sources to cover the cost of the equipment.

Fiscal Impact: Staff is currently evaluating eligible funding sources to cover the cost of the equipment including but not limited to the MRCA Unrestricted General Fund.