




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(i): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a lease with Dell Financial Services for agency computer equipment.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a lease with Dell Financial Services for agency computer equipment.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority maintains more than 120 computers and laptops for its employees at multiple locations. With a sophisticated and up-to date system that minimizes risk and provides daily operations, the agency maintains four servers (one each at the Los Angeles River Center, Franklin Canyon, King Gillette Ranch, and Ramirez Canyon Park), and five firewalls (including one for Temescal Gateway Park).

We have found that approximately every three years computer technology has changed and/or improved and equipment must be updated to meet the demands of an exacting workplace. Agency personal computers, servers, and firewalls are typically replaced in 3-5 year increments, depending on the condition of the equipment and needs of the Agency. Each year, one fifth to one third of the equipment is upgraded on a rotating basis. Our current Dell lease will expire in March of this fiscal year.

We recommend entering into a lease to replace aging equipment, including a server for Franklin Canyon Park, desktop work stations, and laptop computers.

Leasing computer equipment makes sense because it spreads capital costs and depreciation over time. This allows us to maintain up-to date equipment. The cost of the proposed lease equipment does not exceed \$75,000 and has been included in the FY 18/19 budget. The Finance Department will negotiate the lease in terms most favorable to MRCA.