



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 5, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(f): Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of legal services contract with Joseph Caves and Associates.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorize a temporary augmentation of the legal services contract with Joseph Caves and Associates.

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

Background: Joseph Caves and Associates have been under contract with the MRCA to provide legal services related to critical MRCA priorities and opportunities.

In February 2018, the Governing Board authorized a temporary augmentation of this contract in the amount of \$10,000 through June 2018 specifically to pursue emerging opportunities for participation in new funding programs at the state level. Several of those opportunities continue to develop and staff has determined that continued services of the vendor are necessary.

The proposed resolution will extend the temporary augmentation effective July 2018 through December 2018. It will also authorize staff to execute any documentation required to extend the base retainer agreement with this vendor through June 2019 in the amount of \$50,000 per month.

The vendor will continue to represent the MRCA on legislative legal matters in addition to the services described in the temporary augmentation.