



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(j): Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of mitigation funds for the purchase of heavy equipment through the California Department of General Services' California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS).**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the use of mitigation funds for the purchase of heavy equipment through the California Department of General Services' California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS).

Legislative Authority: Section 10298 of the Public Contract Code (PCC).

Background: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) uses heavy equipment in the development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of land and water resources. The purchase of a new compact track loader and flatbed trailer for MRCA's Restoration Crew would be beneficial for attending to the agency's various restoration projects and maintenance emergencies in a timely manner.

In reviewing the parameters of the State of California Department of General Services' California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS), MRCA is an eligible entity (as per PCC Section 10298) to participate in the CMAS program. The CMAS transaction is considered a "Request for Offer" (RFO) that is made directly to the selected CMAS contractor. All pricing, products and/or services offered through CMAS must have been previously bid and awarded on a Federal General Services Administration (GSA) multiple award schedule; however, the CMAS Unit establishes an independent California agreement for the same products and services at equal or lower prices.

Staff investigated current competitive bid pricing for the desired compact track loader and flatbed trailer and concludes that the CMAS program will save staff time and resources in the purchase of said heavy equipment.

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Consideration: Staff previously solicited estimates for a compact track loader that ranged from \$51,800 to \$71,400; estimates for a flatbed trailer to haul the compact track loader ranged from \$7,200 to \$8,200. The anticipated combined cost of both units would not exceed \$80,000.

Fiscal Impact: MRCA has the necessary mitigation funds available to purchase the compact track loader and flatbed trailer. There are no fees for local government agencies to place orders through CMAS. It is expected that some savings to the general fund will result because staff will spend less time coordinating future equipment rentals and equipment pickup and/or drop off.