



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 3, 2018

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VII(k): Consideration of resolution authorizing an Agreement for Services with North East Trees for consultant services for the River Center Water Capture and Other Improvements Project, City of Los Angeles.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an Agreement for Services with North East Trees for consultant services for the River Center Water Capture and Other Improvements Project, City of Los Angeles.

Background: In January 2018, North East Trees (NET) received a grant of Proposition 1 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) for sustainable multi-purpose infrastructure improvements to the MRCA Building to provide water quality benefits and to convert the roof into a more innovative structure and extend the useful life span of a capital asset. The project will include installation of a new roof, California native shade trees and shrubs, incorporate an educational element, and integrate Best Management Practices (BMPs) for water capture by installing water capture drains that will benefit the adjacent landscaping and divert water away from local storm drains. These improvements are necessary to provide continued safe and enjoyable public use of the River Center facility and expose more people to the site's interpretive opportunities.

Part of NET's grant is a line item in the amount of \$50,000 for MRCA to provide consultant services in order to be an involved partner, guide the design, review and approve scope of work and project plans, collaborate on types and quantities of landscaping and roofing, review and guide the interpretive material(s), conduct administrative tasks, and generally be involved to facilitate the process as the property owner. Although, NET will be implementing the improvement project, MRCA will ultimately be maintaining the improvements.

MRCA staff recently met with NET's staff to kick off the project and has since been in communication regarding developing the attached draft Agreement for Services

which stipulates roles and responsibilities. The Agreement has been thoroughly reviewed by both MRCA and NET staff and is ready to be executed.

Consideration: The proposed action would authorize entering into an Agreement for Services with North East Trees for the purpose of consulting and would allow MRCA to be reimbursed \$50,000 for said work.

Fiscal Impact: The subject contract will need to be added to the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget. The proposed agreement has no impact on the general fund.