



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: November 7, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Lechuza Beach project planning and design, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Lechuza Beach project planning and design.

Background: It has been approximately eighteen years since the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) acquired Lechuza Beach in northern Malibu. At its October 3, 2018 meeting the Governing Board authorized entering into an agreement with the Malibu Encinal Homeowners Association regarding the MRCA's proposed public access improvements. Since that MRCA meeting the Malibu Encinal Homeowners Association also approved the agreement.

To move the project forward, some minor plan changes to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements will require refreshing the MRCA's Coastal Development Permit CDP application to the City of Malibu, and per the City's requirements a limited scope California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review must also occur. The proposed additional funding would address these described tasks and allow staff to shepherd the project through the City's hearing process.

Once a CDP is obtained, staff would seek a grant to construct the improvements. The improvements now include one ADA parking space, an ADA drop off zone, a deck, and a restroom with leach field on East Sea Level Drive. At West Sea Level Drive they include one ADA parking space and improvements to the viewing pad. Stairway and gate improvements are also included.