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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 9, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIII: Consideration of resolution confirming declaration of a local state of emergency and authorizing related emergency procedures in response to the Woolsey Fire, subsequent rainstorms, and related incidents.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) declare a local state of emergency and authorize related emergency procedures in response to the Woolsey Fire and related incidents.

Background:

On November 14, 2018 the Governing Board unanimously adopted Resolution 18-195 which authorized an emergency declaration in response to the Woolsey Fire.

As discussed at that meeting, the fire resulted in a variety of conditions determined to be hazardous to public property and safety, from dead trees to exposed sinkholes to burned structures. Recent rainstorms have exacerbated these already hazardous conditions by increasing the potential for flooding, mudslides, debris flow, and other land failure that may require immediate action to remediate.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050, a local public agency may make a finding that an emergency exists and temporarily authorize the award of contracts or procurement of equipment or supplies without a formal bidding process.

Staff recommends that the Governing Board adopt the associated resolution to exercise its power under Sections 22050(a) and (b) to delegate said authority to award contracts for services or the procurement of supplies or equipment to the Executive Officer.

If this resolution is adopted and the Executive Officer takes any action authorized hereunder, he is required to report on the reasons justifying the actions under this emergency declaration and why a competitive bidding process would have caused unacceptable delays. Additionally, the Governing Board must review any actions taken by the Executive Officer within 7 days after the action or at its next regular meeting if that meeting is not later than 14 days after said action. Finally, the

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Governing Board must consider any action by the Executive Officer at every subsequent regular meeting to determine if an emergency situation continues to exist. The statute requires the emergency situation to terminate at the earliest possible date.

NOTE: The adoption of this item requires a 4/5 (four fifths) vote of the Governing Board for approval.