




# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Governing Board

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

**DATE:** March 6, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract extension and augmentation of a professional consulting services contract with Environmental & Energy Consulting (EEC).**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract extension and augmentation of a professional consulting services contract with Environmental & Energy Consulting (EEC) in the amount of \$12,000 and an extension of 12 months.

Background: One of MRCA's core functions is the development of wildlife connectivity resources, including the prominent Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor. As MRCA's core areas of operation become increasingly urbanized, MRCA staff have sought to acquire and develop strategic wildlife habitat corridors to build wildlife migration, connectivity and habitat resiliency. Environmental and Energy Consulting (EEC) has developed a unique statewide wildlife corridor consulting project and working group dedicated to providing consulting and coordinating services to allow entities like MRCA better leverage and align existing assets and expertise with statewide funding and planning opportunities. MRCA staff believe EEC's consulting services will allow MRCA to better plan, prioritize and develop funding opportunities for wildlife connectivity projects. In March of 2018, the MRCA approved a professional consulting services contract with EEC for these services. The proposed resolution will authorize staff to execute any documentation required to extend these services for an additional 12 months in the amount of \$1,000 per month.

Fiscal Impact: this contract will cost MRCA \$12,000 from its unrestricted general fund to pay for the consulting services, but save an unknown amount of staff time compared to MRCA seeking the same information and capacity building without these consulting services.

