



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 3, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Fehr and Peers, Inc. for the Mission Canyon Park project, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Fehr and Peers, Inc. for the Mission Canyon Park project, Los Angeles, in an amount not to exceed \$36,014.

Background: The Mission Canyon Landfill is an approximately 500-acre property west of the San Diego Freeway in the Santa Monica Mountains. The landfill was operated from approximately 1959 to 1980 by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. From the Landfill's inception, Mission Canyon was intended to be used for park and recreation purposes after the landfill ceased operations. In 2005 the operational agreement was amended to terminate the District's rights to areas of Mission Canyon no longer in use, and set aside funding to create a public park. In November 2014, Los Angeles County granted funds to MRCA in the amount of \$1,200,000 to create a public access trailhead at Mission Canyon. An additional amount of \$359,900, provided by Caltrans for mitigation of negative impacts to the Getty View Trailhead during the I-405 widening project, is earmarked for the project.

Pursuant to the of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), MRCA initiated the preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Mission Canyon Park project and released it for public comment from August 16, 2018 to October 31, 2018. MRCA received comments regarding the traffic study and environmental impacts related to the proposed access from Mulholland Drive and entry from Sepulveda Boulevard. Additional transportation studies are required to fully address these issues, including study of a modified vehicular access from Sepulveda, the impact of eliminating access from Mulholland Drive, and impacts of proposed trail connections. Traffic count data will be updated and expanded to include an additional intersection.

MRCA received recommendations from the County and the project's environmental consultant for three qualified traffic engineering firms. Fehr and Peers' experience

with the Puente Hills Landfill project gives them significant expertise and experience to support the Mission Canyon Park project. The results of the additional transportation study will be incorporated into a revised MND that will be circulated for public comment.

Consideration: The proposed action would authorize a professional services contract to Fehr and Peers, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$36,014. Feer and Peers, Inc. submitted a proposal for the amount of \$32,740 for the complete preparation, review, and execution of a Transportation Study that will be used in the updated (MND) for the project. Staff recommends that the Board approve 10% more than the proposal amount to allow for contingencies and additional required services that are not known at this time.

Fiscal Impacts: The contract will be funded through the existing grants for the project and will have no impact on the general fund. This expense was anticipated in both the fiscal year 18/19 budget and the project budget. The proposed action will reduce the amount of funding available for construction, however the project cannot proceed without this work being completed.