



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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DATE: June 5, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(i): Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Environmental Science Associates for environmental review and analysis services pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Environmental Science Associates for environmental review and analysis services pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the Malibu Coastal Access Public Works Plan, City of Malibu, in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

Background: In December 2013, the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) approved a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the planning, conceptual design, and environmental review of eight public beach accessways within the City of Malibu. Under this grant, the MRCA is preparing a Public Works Plan (PWP) that includes the proposed public access improvements, provisions for their operation and management, and provisions for the operation and management of other existing public accessways currently managed by the MRCA. An environmental document consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) must be prepared for the proposed PWP, and then submitted with the PWP to the California Coastal Commission for certification. The SCC augmented the grant funds in September 2017.

With the design phase nearing completion, staff expects to soon begin the environmental review phase. In 2017, the SCC contracted with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for environmental review services including, but not limited to, preparation of a CEQA document, assistance at public meetings, and other CEQA consultation services.

The full scope of ESA's services is estimated to cost \$300,000. The SCC committed to a match of \$200,000 in its recent contract augmentation with ESA. The MRCA would be responsible for the remaining \$100,000.

If approved by the Governing Board, the MRCA will execute a new contract with ESA for the same scope of work as under SCC's contract with ESA, but with specific provisions that will identify the tasks and services to be paid by the MRCA. This approach ensures that ESA will be able to provide project deliverables to both SCC and MRCA as the clients. ESA's scope of work and a breakdown of the costs between the SCC and MRCA are provided as attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed contract funding is included in the SCC's grant for the planning, design, and environmental review of the proposed PWP. This grant has sufficient funds remaining to fully fund the MRCA's portion of ESA's scope of services.