



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 3, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(k): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Community Nature Connection for operation and management of the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Community Nature Connection for operation and management of the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom.

Background: The William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom provides public and school-based interpretive programs in Franklin Canyon. It is funded by a grant from the National Park Service for training, management and operating interpretive programs with a volunteer corps as well as operating the Sooky Goldman Nature Center.

Since the abolishment of the MRCA Division of Education and Interpretation in 2016 Community Nature Connection (CNC) has been assigned the funds from the National park Service to operate WODOC interpretive programs and the nature center.. The CNC auditor has recommended a contract between MRCA and CNC to document the responsibilities associated with operation and management of WODOC program covered by that assignment of funds.