

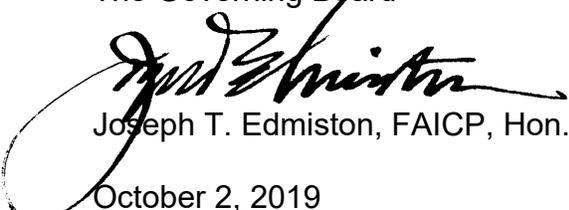


# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 2, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution approving an application to the California Natural Resources Agency for reconstruction of youth camps affected by the Woolsey and Tubbs Fires.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving an application to the California Natural Resources Agency for reconstruction of youth camps affected by the Woolsey and Tubbs Fires in the amount of \$23,500,000.

Background: The Woolsey Fire in 2018 destroyed Camp Hass Kramer and Gindling Hilltop of Wilshire Boulevard Temple and the Shalom Institute Camp and Conference Center in Los Angeles County. The Tubbs Fire in 2017 destroyed Camp Newman, operated by Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), located in the hills north of Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. Reconstruction efforts have been ongoing since the fire. These additional funds from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) will continue to support those efforts.

The State allocated \$23,500,000 for the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps, the Shalom Institute Camp, and URJ Camp Newman as part of the 2020 California State Budget. The Budget Committee will determine the funding allocated for each organization. CNRA has requested that MRCA function as the intermediary, assisting the CNRA to properly distribute and ensure appropriate use of funds. Three separate grants will be issued by CNRA to MRCA, with a portion of funds allocated to MRCA for administration costs. It is expected that MRCA will then grant funds to the camp owners, who will be responsible for implementing the reconstruction work. A site visit to the youth camps is anticipated prior to fund distribution to determine the full scope of work.

Consideration: The proposed action would authorize MRCA to accept and administer \$23,500,000 for reconstruction of the youth camps.

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Fiscal Impact: The grant from CNRA would need to be added to the fiscal year 19/20 MRCA budget. A portion of the funds will be assigned to MRCA to cover the cost of grant administration. There is no anticipated impact to MRCA's unrestricted general fund.