



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 06, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to URJ Camp Newman for reconstruction of youth camps destroyed by the Tubbs Fire, City of Santa Rosa.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant to URJ Camp Newman for reconstruction of youth camps destroyed by the Tubbs Fire in the amount of \$4,900,000.

Background: The Tubbs Fire in 2017 destroyed Camp Newman of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) in Santa Rosa. The State allocated funds for the rebuild of camps destroyed in the Woolsey and Tubbs Fires as part of the 2020 California State Budget. The Budget Committee determined the funding allocated for each organization. The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) is responsible for allocating the funds and asked MRCA to assist with properly distributing the funds and ensuring compliance with CNRA terms. MRCA will be responsible for administering the grant funds to the camp after the agreements with CNRA are executed.

A site visit to the camp location was conducted on October 16, 2019 to review the extent of the damage and the proposed work for the allocated funds. MRCA, in coordination with camp project managers, will submit project information packages to CNRA that describe the proposed work in more detail. Union for Reform Judaism will maintain the responsibility for implementing the reconstruction work and providing necessary documentation as requested by CNRA. The grant agreement terms will include indemnification of MRCA, and acknowledgment that the grantee is responsible for documentation and compliance with CNRA terms.

Consideration: The proposed action would authorize MRCA to award a grant in the amount of \$4,900,000 to Union for Reform Judaism for reconstruction of their youth camps.

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Fiscal Impact: The full cost of the grant to Union for Reform Judaism will be covered by the funds from CNRA, including MRCA's grant administration costs. MRCA will request an advancement of funds from CNRA to reduce or eliminate any impact on the agency's cash flow. There is no anticipated impact on the general fund.