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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 VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Shalom Institute for reconstruction of youth camps destroyed by the Woolsey Fire, County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant to the Shalom Institute for reconstruction of youth camps destroyed by the Woolsey Fire in the amount of \$5,880,000.

Background: The Woolsey Fire in 2018 destroyed the Shalom Institute and Conference Center in the Santa Monica Mountains. 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 17, 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. The Shalom Institute 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 \$5,880,000 to the Shalom Institute for reconstruction of their youth camps.

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Fiscal Impact: The full cost of the grant to Shalom Institute 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.