



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: November 6, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for Emergency Coastal Resiliency Fund grant program for Simi Hills Malibu Creek Watershed Oak Woodland Fuel Break Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board authorize application to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for Emergency Coastal Resiliency Fund grant program for Simi Hills Malibu Creek Watershed Oak Woodland Fuel Break Project.

Background: The subject grant program is administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The funding is for post disaster restoration from specific disaster events across the country. The 2018 Woolsey fire is one of these events. The funder seeks projects that bring about significant permanent landscape change. Applications are due November 12th.

The proposed Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority project is to strategically plant thousands oak trees within the Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve to create woodland fuel breaks. The locations will be determined by staff and no habitat type conversion would occur.

The grant requires some match. Staff intends to use existing tree planting mitigation funds and contributions from non-profit sources.

The application is being prepared for the MRCA by the Environmental Restoration Group. Staff intends to subcontract part of the grant administration, field monitoring, and reporting to this small firm.