



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 06, 2020

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: 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, County of Los Angeles, in the amount of \$5,880,000.

Background: The Woolsey Fire in 2018 decimated the Shalom Institute's Camp and Conference Center in the western 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) requested that MRCA assist with properly distributing the funds and ensuring compliance with CNRA terms. CNRA executed a grant to MRCA in April 2020 for the Shalom Institute's rebuilding project. The grant agreement with CNRA explicitly states that Shalom Institute is responsible for carrying out the project.

MRCA staff visited the camp location in October 2019 to review the extent of the damage, and have subsequently been working with Shalom Institute staff to develop the scope of work, budget, and timeline for implementation. Approximately 90,000 square feet of building are included in the overall project, which will be permitted as a "like for like" project. The total cost is estimated at over \$30 million. The Shalom Institute is responsible for securing all funds needed in addition to the subject grant. See attached application for project details. Shalom Institute will be responsible for implementing the reconstruction work and providing documentation required by CNRA. MRCA will not be responsible for providing any labor, materials, supplies, equipment, or supervision required to complete the Work.

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 camp and conference center.

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 has requested a 90% 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.