



# 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 VIII: 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, City of Santa Rosa, in the amount of \$4,900,000.

Background: The Tubbs Fire in 2017 destroyed the Union for Reform Judaism's (URJ) Camp Newman in Santa Rosa. The State of California 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 URJ Camp Newman rebuilding project. The grant agreement with CNRA explicitly states that URJ Camp Newman 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 URJ staff to develop the scope of work, budget, and timeline for implementation. The subject grant funds will be used to rebuild infrastructure at the site, including potable and fire protection water, sanitary sewer, electrical system, gas, data & communication, storm drainage, electrical and power system, emergency access roads and retaining walls. See attached application for project details. Union for Reform Judaism will be responsible for implementing the reconstruction work, providing documentation required by CNRA, and for securing all funds needed in addition to the subject grant. 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 \$4,900,000 to Union for Reform Judaism for reconstruction of their youth camps.

Fiscal Impact: The full cost of the grant to Union for Reform Judaism will be covered by 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.