



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 2, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract to Outward Bound Los Angeles for development and implementation of a bi-monthly camping program for disadvantaged youth from Proposition 84 funds.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing sole source contract to Outward Bound Los Angeles for development and implementation of a bi-monthly camping program for disadvantaged youth from Proposition 84 funds.

Background: On July 9, 2007 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy authorized a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretation of the Los Angeles River Watershed, including visitor serving amenities and naturalist led interpretive programs for the public as well as programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth. The grant specifically highlighted a partnership with Outward Bound Los Angeles for their "Teach Me To Camp" program that would not only introduce families from disadvantaged areas of the city how to camp, but also interpret the natural and cultural resources of the local mountains. All programming and visitor serving amenities funded by this grant will contain interpretation directly related to the natural and cultural resources of the site and the Los Angeles and/or Santa Monica Bay Watershed.

The total contract is for \$100,000 for twelve months of programming. Funds will be disbursed on a monthly, reimbursable basis.