



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: May 7, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(b): Consideration of a resolution authorizing a contract with Zusser Company, Inc. for construction of the Confluence Park project, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract in the amount of \$1,656,000 with Zusser Company, Inc. for construction of the Confluence Park project, Los Angeles.

Background: As described in the project plan for Confluence Park, adopted by the Board in January 2002, the confluence of the Los Angeles River and the Arroyo Seco was critical to the founding and development of Los Angeles because the area provided a steady source of water. This site's cultural and ecological significance is enhanced by its location as a critical link in the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

Project plans for the first phase of Confluence Park were created by Mia Lehrer and Associates to create a paved plaza with raised planter beds. The project was put out for public bid in March 2008 and five bids were received. The low bid, at \$1,656,000.00, was from Zusser Company, Inc. MRCA staff has reviewed the bids and found Zusser Company, Inc. to be the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation awarded a grant to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the Arroyo Seco/Confluence Park project in the amount of \$4.73 million. The Conservancy contracted with the MRCA under SMM-868 to complete the project. The Zusser contract will be paid for with these funds.

Section 3.2(c) of the MRCA's Purchasing and Contracting Procedures states that all construction and improvement projects in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by the Governing Board.