



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 1, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(g): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Linscott, Law and Greenspan for a traffic study for King Gillette Ranch Coastal Development planning, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Linscott, Law and Greenspan for a traffic study for King Gillette Ranch Coastal Development planning in an amount not to exceed \$29,600.00.

Background: One of the most stunning locales in the Santa Monica Mountains, 588-acre King Gillette Ranch is situated in the heart of the Malibu Creek Watershed (Santa Monica Bay watershed), by the confluence of five major tributaries, and adjacent to Malibu Creek State Park. This scenic parkland at the lower end of the Las Virgenes Valley is a haven for larger mammals of the Santa Monica Mountains. At the same time, it offers a rare unspoiled view of California's rich archaeological, cultural, and historic resources, including a Chumash settlement, and nationally significant structures designed for razor magnate King C. Gillette in the 1920's by Wallace Neff, architect of California's Golden Age. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) manages the park in cooperation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area unit of the National Park Service, and California State Parks.

The MRCA has contracted with Dudek & Associates to assist in assessing land use opportunities and development constraints for King Gillette Ranch. Additionally, Dudek will be facilitating the project's processing requirements consistent with the applicable environmental policies of the California Coastal Act. In order to prepare a final document for submission to the Coastal Commission, a traffic study must be completed. Dudek has discussed the project with traffic engineering firm Linscott, Law and Greenspan. This firm is very familiar with the project site. They have worked on multiple projects in the vicinity. They, in fact, provided the traffic engineering consulting services for the original Soka University Master Plan project.

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MRCAs staff recommends retaining Linscott, Law and Greenspan to provide the necessary traffic engineering study required for King Gillette Ranch.

Consideration: The contract will not exceed \$29,600. Funding for this contract would come from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant number SMM-0729.