



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: August 5, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(f): Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Penfield & Smith for work on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Penfield & Smith for work on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan in an amount not to exceed \$94,150.

Background: On December 28, 2007, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy approved the amendment of the scope of work of grant SMM-0776 to include additional project planning and design for the Malibu Local Coastal Plan Amendment and the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan.

On June 10, 2009, the California Coastal Commission voted unanimously 12 to 0 to approve the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and MRCA proposed amendment to the Malibu Local Coastal Program. This action created an overlay for increased public access to public lands in Malibu through an expanded trail network and the development of campsites in multiple locations. The Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan, the implementation tool of this overlay, must now be revised to incorporate comments from the LCP amendment proceedings. For example, during the Coastal hearing, the Malibu Bluffs was added to the list of park properties to consider for camping. Additionally, the agencies committed to evaluating the safety of Ramirez Canyon Road. Full environmental review of the Plan will be necessary in the form of an Environmental Impact Report for CEQA compliance. Once finalized, the Plan will then be brought back to the Commission for approval.

Penfield & Smith has done the majority of the civil engineering and mapping work for the sites in Malibu contained in the Plan. The addition of Malibu Bluffs as a project site will necessitate additional civil engineering to develop accessible trails,

campsites and associated amenities. Having already worked on grading plans for the other proposed project sites, Penfield & Smith has detailed knowledge of the various improvements necessary. MRCA staff recommends the use of Penfield & Smith for the work on the Bluffs.

To satisfy the Coastal Commission and the Los Angeles County Fire Department that Ramirez Canyon Road can provide adequate access to Ramirez Canyon Park, the road must be surveyed and any encroachments to the 40-foot easement must be analyzed. MRCA staff feels that Penfield & Smith is in the best position to complete these tasks. They are familiar with Ramirez Canyon Park from past work on the original Coastal Development Permit for the park and subsequent work on the Plan. In fact, the firm prepared the bridge reinforcement plan for the wooden bridge on Ramirez Canyon Road.

The proposals from Penfield & Smith outlining the specific work contemplated under this amendment are attached as a single document.

Consideration: The contract amendment will not exceed \$94,150. Funding for this contract would come from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant number SMM-0776.