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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: August 5, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Southwestern Engineering Geology 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 Southwestern Engineering Geology for work on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan in an amount not to exceed \$19,800.

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 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.

Southwestern Engineering Geology prepared the initial reconnaissance of geologic constraints to development for the original park improvements proposed under the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan. The geology for these parks,

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Ramirez Canyon, Escondido Canyon and Corral Canyon, needs to be updated. Additionally, new reconnaissance of engineering geologic constraints for development of proposed improvements at the Malibu Bluffs and in Latigo Canyon must be prepared. The proposal from Southwestern Engineering Geology is attached.

Consideration: The contract amendment will not exceed \$19,800. Funding for this contract would come from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant number SMM-0776.