



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 7, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(d) : Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract for Linscott, Law & Greenspan for traffic engineering services for King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Linscott, Law & Greenspan for traffic engineering services for King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated Los Angeles County, in an amount not to exceed \$43,400.00.

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.

MRCA staff and the King Gillette Steering Committee have been working with Dudek & Associates on long range planning for the property. Dudek continues to refine the Design Concept Plan and prepare the documentation necessary for environmental review by the California Coastal Commission. One very important technical consultant required for this review is the traffic engineering. Linscott, Law & Greenspan have been working on the traffic engineering for this project for the last year. The planning process has been extended to include more specific detail related to the proposed Visitor Center on the property. Linscott, Law & Greenspan will need to incorporate the traffic generation numbers and vehicular circulation

proposed for the Visitor Center into their reports. The proposal from Linscott, Law & Greenspan is attached.

MRCAs staff recommends augmenting the contract with Linscott, Law & Greenspan to provide the additional traffic engineering services required to complete the environmental analysis for King Gillette Ranch.

Consideration: The contract amendment will not exceed \$43,400. Funding for this contract would come from the National Park Service Task Agreement for King Gillette Ranch Planning.