



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 VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the AmeriCorps Wildland Fire Recovery grant.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the AmeriCorps Wildland Fire Recovery grant.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) in conjunction with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps and the National Park Service, is an ideal candidate for providing a high yield return on investment from the AmeriCorps grant. As an Office of Emergency Services (OES) fire suppression agency, the MRCA provides fire protection services not only to agency managed or owned parkland, but also to the State of California.

The MRCA has built a permanent framework for our volunteer firefighter program, as evidenced by the MRCA Fire Academy and our service agreements. However, we are in need of grant funding to stimulate the continued growth of this critical program. This grant will fund 22 positions for Wildland Firefighter Trainees. Individuals between the ages from 18-25 years old with no fire experience or training can apply.