



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 7, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of contract with Penfield & Smith, Inc. for engineering work on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan – Public Works Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of contract with Penfield & Smith for engineering work and services on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan – Public Works Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report for an amount not to exceed \$84,000.

Background: Penfield & Smith has been the principal project engineer on the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan – Public Works Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report since 2007 and has worked on Ramirez Canyon Park projects since 2001. The last augmentation of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's contract with Penfield & Smith was approved by the Governing Board in December 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$77,000. In the ensuing seven months that funding authorization has been exhausted. For time reference, the 3,000 page Draft Environmental Impact Report was released on February 2, 2010 and the Final EIR is expected to be released in the first week of August 2010.

The attached request from Penfield & Smith dated July 1, 2010 estimates that up to \$84,000 in additional funding will be necessary to complete the FEIR and prepare all final documents to submit a Public Works Plan to the California Coastal Commission. Staff fully concurs with this estimate and request.

On June 28th the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy approved the Chair's request to augment SMM-0776 by \$1.1 million. This proposed Penfield & Smith contract augmentation is within the budget submitted to the Conservancy.