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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: March 14, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XII : Consideration of resolution authorizing a professional services and sole source contract with Miguel Luna for organization and facilitation of a community forum on interpretive programming at Ramirez Canyon Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the MRCA Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a professional services and sole source contract with Miguel Luna for organization and facilitation of a community forum on interpretive programming at Ramirez Canyon Park.

Background: This contract is for the development and implementation of a community forum involving representatives from the specific target communities for interpretive programming at Ramirez Canyon Park. These communities include agencies and organizations serving special needs populations, seniors and at-risk youth. The contract, which will not exceed \$5,000, will be funded by the previously authorized Proposition 84 interpretive grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for interpretation of the Santa Monica Bay Watershed, including visitor serving amenities and naturalist led interpretive programs, including those designed for special populations. Miguel Luna is uniquely qualified to organize this forum, having spent 10 years working as a social worker with special populations before becoming an organizer of environmental programs for at-risk youth. This experience, his demonstrated effectiveness as a community organizer, and his familiarity with Ramirez Canyon, make him uniquely qualified for this role.