



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 1, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(m): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design to supply artistic gates for the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract to LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design to supply artistic gates in the amount of \$17,000.00 for the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve.

Background: The Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve (BWER) is a 600-acre area of protected land that is the largest and most promising opportunity for coastal wetland restoration in Los Angeles County. Acquired by the State of California in 2004, the property is owned by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Lands Commission. The Natural Resources Agency and State Coastal Conservancy have provided funding to MRCA for improvements to public access opportunities along Ballona Creek and within the BWER.

LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design is an art fabrication and design company that was previously commissioned by MRCA to fabricate the artistic gate and fence for the Fiji Gateway to the BWER. Decorative gates for two or three other entrances to the reserve are needed, depending on coordination with MRCA's project partners who are planning habitat restoration in the BWER. Staff and project partners desire that the decorative gates be similar in style to the Fiji Gateway gates. LT Mustardseed's work on the Fiji Gateway gates was satisfactory and completed within budget and on schedule. The design studio was started in 2004 and has 9 years experience with public artwork projects, including multiple projects with MTA, City of Pasadena, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles Bike Coalition/Gene Autry Museum, City of Long Beach, and MRCA.

Consideration: Staff recommends the Board to approve a contract to LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00. The contract will be funded through a combination of existing grants.