



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

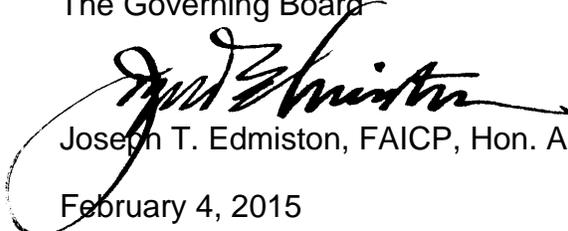
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 4, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII : Consideration of resolution authorizing MRCA to apply for membership in the California Special Districts Association**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing MRCA to apply for membership in the California Special Districts Association.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has an opportunity to apply for membership in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District along with Conejo Recreation and Parks District are currently members of CSDA.

If authorized by the Governing Board, MRCA would apply to CSDA for membership as a non-voting associate member. This is due to the fact that MRCA is a Joint Powers Authority it is not allowed to apply for a full membership with CSDA.

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is a 501c(6), not-for-profit association that was formed in 1969 to promote good governance and improved core local services through professional development, advocacy, and other services for all types of independent special districts. For over 40 years, CSDA has been offering its members cost-efficient programs and representation at the State Capitol and boasts a membership of over 1,000 organizations throughout California. CSDA is the only statewide association representing all types of independent special districts including irrigation, water, park and recreation, cemetery, fire, police protection, library, utility, harbor, healthcare and community services districts...just to name a few. CSDA provides education and training, insurance programs, legal advice, industry-wide litigation and public relations support, legislative advocacy, capital improvement and equipment funding, collateral design services, and, most importantly, current information that is crucial to a special districts management and operational effectiveness.

Associate membership annual dues are \$1,100 per year and will be paid out of unrestricted revenue.