



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 3, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contact with Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc. to perform brush clearance.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc. to perform brush clearance in the amount of \$32,995.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority performs a required reduction of hazardous fire-fuel loads on over 1500 acres of open space lands per year, directly protecting surrounding structures and park features. The requested contract will be used along with other resources, to perform fire prevention work during the 2015 fire clearance season.

Bids for the 2015 fire-fuel load reduction and clearance work were obtained through a publicly advertised bid process published on March 11, 2015. The contract with Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc. will cover Wilacre Park. Pepo Weed Abatement is based in Palmdale and holds a current D64 Weed Abatement licence with the California Contractors State License Board.

Consideration: Pepo Weed Abatement submitted a bid for \$29,995. Staff recommends that the Board approve 10% more than the proposal amount to allow for contingencies and additional services that are not known at this time, for a total authorization amount of \$32,995. Funding for the contract will be drawn from Benefit Assessment District funds.