



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: October 3, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Outward Bound Adventures, Inc. for restoration of Stokes Creek.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Outward Bound Adventures, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 for restoration of Stokes Creek.

Background: Outward Bound Adventures, Inc. (OBA) has submitted a proposal to have a youth crew perform restoration of Stokes Creek at King Gillette Ranch, including bank stabilization, removal of exotic invasive plants, and replanting with native plants. MRCA staff will train the crews in these tasks, monitor the work performed, and conduct educational sessions about the relevant natural sciences. OBA proposes to work 2 days a week over a five-month period to complete the tasks. OBA's proposal is for \$45,546.98. A not-to-exceed amount of \$46,000 is recommended to cover unexpected incidental costs. Per Section 11.0 of MRCA's Purchasing and Contracting Procedures, competitive bidding is not required because Outward Bound is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

1992 Proposition A funds from the Build Youth grant #58A1-94-0125 are available and eligible for this purpose, as are in-lieu fee funds already received by MRCA. The Build Youth funds can only be used for youth employment, and they must go to a non-profit organization. Utilizing Outward Bound for this project will aid MRCA in meeting the Youth Employment Goal required by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 (Prop A).

Outward Bound Adventures, Inc. provides students, educators and civic leaders opportunities to develop a better understanding of their capabilities and value to their communities. Through innovative work programs, OBA aims to teach leadership, craftsmanship and self-reliance, foster a greater understanding of community, and inspire continued commitment to the values of fitness, compassion, service, and care for the environment.