

# BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

*A public entity of the State of California exercising joint powers of the County of Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Governing Board

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

**DATE:** April 9, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing retroactive contract(s) with the President and Fellows of Harvard College for a design Studio to address urban oil/parkland interface in the Baldwin Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into one or more contracts with the President and Fellows of Harvard College to address urban oil/parkland interface in the Baldwin Hills.

Background: Harvard College conducted the design studio in the Fall of 2008. The contract(s) was not executed prior to the work being performed as a result of an error by staff.

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Resolution No. 09-

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETROACTIVE CONTRACT(S)  
WITH THE PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF  
HARVARD COLLEGE FOR A DESIGN STUDIO TO  
ADDRESS URBAN OIL/PARKLAND INTERFACE  
IN THE BALDWIN HILLS.**

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority ("Authority") requires specialized assistance related to addressing urban oil field/parkland interface in the Baldwin Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Harvard College Design Studio has the specialized landscape architecture expertise to render these specialized services; and

WHEREAS, contracts for landscape architectural services may be let pursuant to Government Code Section 4525 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, this sole source contract is justified because of the Harvard College Design Studio's ongoing relationship with Mia Lehrer, landscape architect, a principal author of the Baldwin Hills Master Park Plan. Mia Lehrer's extensive background in and familiarity with the Baldwin Hills park planning process, oil field issues, and current work with the BHRCA in developing the landscaping criteria for the current Baldwin Hills Community Standards District, make the Harvard College Design Studio, under the direction of Ms. Lehrer, uniquely qualified to render these services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the President and Fellows of Harvard College desire to enter into one or more contracts to provide the required services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Authority hereby approves the contract(s) for the Design Studio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Authority hereby instructs the Executive Officer to execute the contract(s) for the Design Studio and take all actions necessary to implement the contract(s).

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Chair

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Governing Board of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 9th day of April, 2009.

Date:

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Executive Officer