

DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board



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

DATE: September 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing modification of contract with Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for administration, property maintenance, and restoration of the 480-acre Fairmont Butte mitigation property, and an advance of said funding, unincorporated Antelope Valley.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing modification of contract with Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for administration, property maintenance, and restoration of the 480-acre Fairmont Butte mitigation property, changes of which will permit an advance of funding upon written request of the MRCA.

Background: DMCA contract number 10-DMCA-09 with the MRCA became effective in August this year. The contract covers a host of professional services associated with the new 480-acre DMCA Fairmont Butte property transferred as mitigation by AV Solar Ranch One. The first scope item was for administrative and acquisition expenses for the property. The second scope item is for securing the site with \$30,000 provided with the property for this purpose. The third and last item is for five years of annual patrol and maintenance at a rate of \$15,000 annually.

The MRCA is expediting the construction of substantial vehicle gates to prevent dumping on the new DMCA property. Time is of the essence to expend the majority of the \$30,000 to get the property well signed and buttoned up to prevent both resource damage and expensive clean ups. To accomplish these goals quickly and without significant cash flow interruption, the MRCA has requested an advance of \$30,000.

That advance would be available to cover both the securing of the property and necessary ranger services from the annual allotment. The MRCA would provide full detailed invoices and back up for all staff time and materials used for such purposes. If necessary the contract would be amended to allow for such an advance.