

November 22, 2005

Board of Directors  
Marin County Open Space District  
Marin County Civic Center  
San Rafael, California 94903

**SUBJECT: NEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
MARIN CONSERVATION CORPS FOR INVASIVE WEED  
REMOVAL AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AT RING  
MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACE PRESERVE**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize the President, on behalf of the Board, and the Interim Secretary to execute the attached professional services agreement with Marin Conservation Corps for invasiveweeds removal and habitat enhancement at Ring Mountain Open Space Preserve.
2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$11,000 from budget center 917, account 3187 (other charges) to pay for the services outlined in the attached agreement.

**DISCUSSION:** The Ring Mountain Open Space Preserve is home to plant species that exist nowhere else on earth. Invasive pampas grass, if unchecked, could overrun the habitat of this preserve's rare, threatened and endangered plants. Under the terms of the attached contract, Marin Conservation Corps would remove pampas grass plants that have spread across the southern slopes of Ring Mountain. The services of Marin Conservation Corps would be engaged over the next several months at a cost of \$11,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The \$11,000 cost of this contract is to be paid from budget center 917, account 3187 (other expenses). Funding for this project

comes entirely from the Per Capita Grant Program of the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000.

**REVIEWED BY:**     Auditor-Controller     N/A  
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Respectfully submitted,

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