

December 5, 2006

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE  
AGREEMENT WITH LSA ASSOCIATES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$60,000.00 FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RING  
MOUNTAIN HABITAT MONITORING AND ENHANCEMENT  
STRATEGY**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize President to execute the agreement.

**SUMMARY:** The Board's approval of the attached agreement would permit implementation of the Ring Mountain Habitat Monitoring and Enhancement Strategy. This project involves critical habitat mapping and monitoring, noxious weed surveys, and development of a critical habitat enhancement strategy. The project will guide management efforts in the protection of several special status species including the rare Tiburon Mariposa Lily found only on the slopes of Ring Mountain. Pursuant to the agreement, the District would engage the services of LSA Associates, Inc. over the next year. Implementation of the Ring Mountain Critical Habitat monitoring and Enhancement Strategy is consistent with the Department of Parks and Open Space's FY 06-07 Performance Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding is available in the Open Space District's current year budget.

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| <b>REVIEWED BY:</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auditor-Controller | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A            |
|                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Counsel     | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A            |
|                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |

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