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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 19, 2010
TO: MERA Board of Directors
FROM: Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM A-3: PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR FY09-10 AUDIT SERVICES – MAHER ACCOUNTANCY

Recommended Action: As recommended by the Executive Committee on May 12, 2010, approve the Agreement with Maher Accountancy for the audit of MERA's financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, at a cost of \$10,950, plus \$850, for the preparation of the Annual 2010 Report of Financial Transactions to the State Controller and authorize the Executive Officer to execute same.

Background: Attached is a copy of the proposed agreement for services from Maher Accountancy to conduct the FY2009-10 MERA Annual Audit. The cost quoted is \$1,625 less than last fiscal year's auditing services. John Maher has conducted MERA's audits since FY03-04 and has performed well. As auditing is a professional service, a formal bid process is not required. While the general practice is to issue an RFP for auditing services every three to five years, continuation of Maher's engagement is appropriate based on his history with the organization, special projects performed successfully for MERA and experience in auditing similar agencies within the County.

ATTACHMENT: Letter from Maher Accountancy