

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: June 20, 2005

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution adopting the Calleguas Creek Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution adopting the Calleguas Creek Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33211 of the Public Resources Code

Background: The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy staff has been part of the Calleguas Creek Watershed planning efforts since 1996. These efforts have resulted in the development of a management plan for the Calleguas Creek Watershed. The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan (CCWMP) Phase I Report (Volume I) was completed in November 2004, and Addendum (Volume II) was completed in June 2005.

Preparation and adoption of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan are prerequisites for receiving funding under the Proposition 50, Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management program. The CCWMP, Volumes I and II, comprise an IRWMP for the Calleguas Creek Watershed and incorporate all of the information required by the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Guidelines.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is working with a number of other participating agencies on the IRWMP and related Proposition 50 Grant application, specifically the Cities of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Camarillo; Calleguas Municipal Water District, Camrosa Water District; Ventura County Waterworks District Nos. 1 and 19; and Ventura County Resource Conservation District. The Proposition 50 Grant Application includes a request for \$513,750 in funding for the Conejo Creek North Fork - Wildwood Park Water Management Enhancement Project. Having an IRWMP adopted by all of the participating agencies by the deadline for grant applications (July 14, 2005) substantially increases the funding opportunities available to the Watershed group.