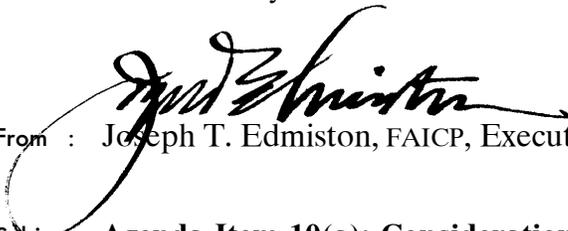


# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: December 5, 2005

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 10(a): Consideration of resolution augmenting the budget for Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant No. SMM-0485.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution augmenting the budget for Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant No. SMM-0485 in the amount of \$1,858.34.

Legislative Authority: Section 33211 of the Public Resources Code provides in relevant part that the Conservancy may do any and all things necessary to carry out the purposes of the Conservancy Act. Section 79570(c) of the Water Code provides that the Conservancy may make grants for the purpose of protecting coastal watersheds including acquisition, protection, and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs.

Background: On October 25, 2004, the Board authorized a grant in the amount of \$560,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for acquisition of property adjacent to Pacoima Wash. The MRCA completed the acquisition in April 2005. During a recent review of projects completed during the 04/05 fiscal year, the MRCA found that their expenses for this project exceeded the budget. When the grant application was made, the MRCA did not anticipate making an \$8,000.00 relocation payment to an existing tenant. The grant amount was exceeded by \$1,858.34 and MRCA has requested that the grant be augmented for a new total of \$561,858.34.