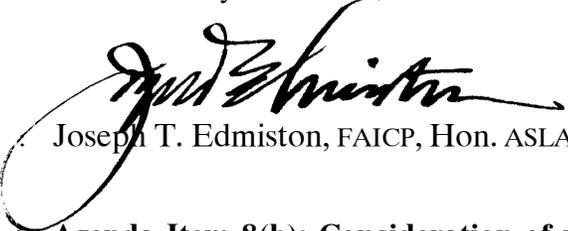


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: November 26, 2007

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 8(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing payment of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's share of Directors and Officers insurance policy for the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing payment of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's share of Directors and Officers insurance policy for the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 3321(c) of the Public Resources Code and Section 6500 *et seq.* of the Government Code.

Background: The Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority (DMCA) is an authority created by the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Agreement signed on August 9, 2006 between the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District (AVRCD) and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC). The DMCA was established to help acquire, identify, and manage areas that will preserve open space habitat located in the more norther portion of Los Angeles county. A discussion regarding the purchase of Directors and Officers insurance for the DMCA was brought forth by Staff Counsel on November 8, 2007 at a Governing Board meeting. The purpose of Directors and Officers insurance policy is to provide coverage for any claims brought against the DMCA based on actions of the Governing Board Members or Officers. The Governing Board approved a motion that suggested that each entity from the Joint Powers Authority, the AVRCD and the SMMC, pay for their respective members and officers based on an approximate estimated premium of \$2,800. Because all of the DMCA Officers, Executive Officer and Deputy Executive Officer, consist of SMMC employees, the Conservancy share will be more than 50 percent of \$2,800.

The proposed funding source is either the Conservancy Fund or the Conservancy's support budget.