

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 28, 2008

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution rescinding Resolution No. 07-89 awarding a grant to the City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Advisory Committee and Conservancy adopt the attached resolution rescinding Resolution No. 07-89 awarding a grant to the City of Malibu for purchase of vans for service between various park and beach sites.

Background: This grant was approved on September 24, 2007, as the staff report shows (see attachment), the intent was to provide the capital equipment for an enhanced park transit program serving the camp sites and improvements at Charmlee Park, Ramirez Canyon, Escondido Canyon, and Corral Canyon. The program was to coordinate its service with the existing Malibu van serving Point Dume and the NPS ParkLINK shuttle.

Subsequent events: Two subsequent events have combined to make this expenditure improvident:

(a) Malibu's action on the proposed Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) largely vitiates the reason for the shuttle vans. Because Malibu would control and operate the van service, the City Council's decision to have virtually no public use at Ramirez, no camping at Charmlee, no trailhead at Escondido Canyon, and no camping at Corral Canyon means that it is highly unlikely that the city would use its resources in support of the Conservancy's program, even if such is ultimately approved by the California Coastal Commission. Without facilities aimed at the non-resident public (parking and overnight accommodation) providing capital equipment for the local van service does not meet a greater-than-local benefit test necessary for the expenditure of statewide bond funds. At such time as the Coastal Commission approves expanded public recreational facilities, and if Malibu agrees to integrate service to these facilities within their municipal shuttle service, then the Conservancy should consider reinstating this grant. Until then there are higher priority expenditures.

(b) The National Park Service has discontinued the ParkLINK shuttle service. A significant reason to fund capital equipment for the Malibu van service was the possibility of integrating an expanded coastal link to the existing ParkLINK shuttle service. With that rationale gone, even less justification exists for the grant awarded last September.

