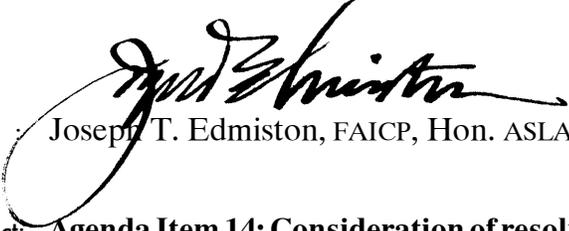


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: February 25, 2008

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of memorial donations in the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for implementing new signage for the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a Conservancy Fund grant of \$10,000 to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for implementation of signage for the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code; Section 33215 of the Public Resources Code; AB 1927 (Ch. 378), Statutes of 2000.

Background: Legislation carried in 2000 by then-Assembly Member, now State Senator Sheila Kuehl, renamed the Rim of the Valley Trail as the "Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail," in honor of trail activist Marge Feinberg. Her commendations are listed in the attached copy of Assembly Bill 1927. The bill provided "...the conservancy to determine the cost of erecting appropriate plaques and markers showing the special designation, and upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering that cost, to erect those plaque and markers."

Dr. Milton Feinberg, Ms. Feinberg's husband, donated \$10,000 last year to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to go toward new signage at appropriate trailheads and completed sections of the trail that are under Conservancy or MRCA ownership. The recommended action would grant the donated fund amount to the MRCA to cover costs for providing graphic design services, sign fabrication, map development and printing, and installation at park kiosks or trailheads by the MRCA's Facilities and Maintenance and/or Ranger staff. Completed sections along the conceptual trail route include trailheads at Wilson Canyon Park, Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Santa Clarita Woodlands Park (Weldon Overpass trail location), and Rocky Peak Park.

The main Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail entry point was dedicated by the Conservancy in January 2003 at the Conservancy's Saddletree Open Space near the City of Los Angeles' Stetson Ranch Park in Sylmar. That location includes a large decorative overhead arch denominating the trail's namesake, interpretive panels describing her contributions, and a bronze plaque. Funding for those amenities was from Los Angeles County Proposition A.