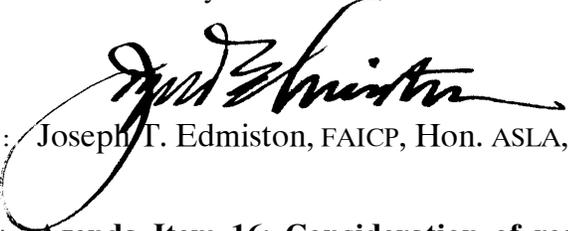


## Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: February 25, 2008

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 16: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 84 grant to the Altadena Foothills Conservancy for a Cal Poly Pomona Studio 606 study of the “Emerald Horseshoe,” Upper Los Angeles River Watershed between Eaton Canyon and the Arroyo Seco.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a matching grant of up to \$15,000 in Proposition 84 Los Angeles River Watershed funds to the nonprofit Altadena Foothills Conservancy for a Cal Poly Pomona Studio 606 study of the “Emerald Horseshoe,” for trail and open space linkages between Eaton Canyon, the Arroyo Seco, and the Los Angeles River.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The nonprofit Altadena Foothills Conservancy (AFC) has requested matching funds in the amount of \$15,000 toward a \$35,000 study conducted with the California Polytechnic University, Pomona, Department of Landscape Architecture’s Studio 606 program. The attached proposal to the AFC, “Emerald Horseshoe Vision Plan,” more fully outlines the scope of the study which is currently underway. Problems exist with fragmentation and privatization of segments of the historic trails in the Altadena foothills area between the Arroyo Seco and Eaton Canyon. The study goal is very ambitious, but the SMMC’s interest in awarding a grant is geared to finding solutions for the Altadena Crest Trail, linkages, and habitat connectivity in the watershed areas above Altadena and Pasadena. As listed under the Recreation and Open Space heading: “Create a plan for trail access and linkages to existing and future recreation and open space opportunities;” that task alone would provide useful planning information if specific segment recommendations can be made for continued or future public access.

This grant to a nonprofit is subject to review and approval by the Department of General Services Office under the provisions of Public Resources Code Section 33204.2(b), in addition to that of the Attorney General.