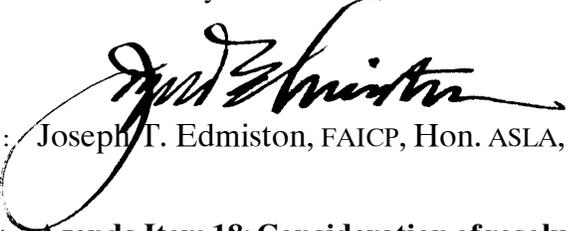


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: February 25, 2008

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 18: Consideration of resolution awarding grant to Community Partners on behalf of The City Project for project planning and design for the restoration of a portion of Griffith Park on the east bank of the Los Angeles River, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution awarding a Prop. 84 grant to Community Partners on behalf of The City Project for project planning and design for the restoration of a portion of Griffith Park on the east bank of the Los Angeles River, City of Los Angeles in the amount of \$25,000 under Prop 84.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2 of Public Resources Code.

Background: The subject Griffith Park project will transform a 28-acre service yard site in Griffith Park into a multi-benefit park with interpretive elements. The project will implement watershed protection activities within the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed consistent with section 75050(g)(2) of Proposition 84. The proposed project includes restoration of land adjacent to the river and will result in cleaner runoff from the site, helping to prevent contamination of coastal waters and watersheds. The project will result in a less intense use of the land consistent with the local area and general plan of the City of Los Angeles.

The City Project has worked in collaboration with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) over the past seven years to identify multi-benefit park and water projects to serve disadvantaged communities throughout Los Angeles. The amount of \$25,000 is being asked to be awarded to Community Partners on behalf of The City Project for planning and design. The City Project is spearheading and coordinating the project. The City Project is a part of the Community Partners organization. Community Partners provides financial and administrative oversight along with management training and technical assistance. This enables Community Partners to serve as a bridge between early stages of organization and the time when full-scale independent operation becomes possible.