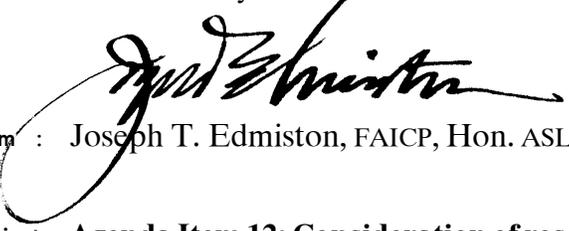


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: March 24, 2008

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution authorizing Tujunga Wash Greenway expansion project on the Conservancy Workprogram.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing Tujunga Wash Greenway expansion project on the Conservancy Workprogram.

Legislative Authority: Section 33208 of the Public Resources Code

Background: The Tujunga Wash Restoration Project has been on the Conservancy's Park Improvements and Development Workprogram since its adoption in 2001. Tujunga Wash is a channelized tributary of the Los Angeles River that drains the area from above Big Tujunga Wash to the main stem of the Los Angeles River in Studio City. The original geographic boundary of the Tujunga Wash Restoration Project was not precise and focused on the portion of the channel by Oxnard Street. The wash has great potential for restoration and recreation projects. The description of the project on the Workprogram should be expanded to include the length of the wash from the Los Angeles River to Hansen Dam as a proactive step to seek funding. An aerial photograph of this area is attached.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), in conjunction with Los Angeles County, improved a one-mile-long section of the wash rights-of-ways immediately upstream from Oxnard Street. Future grant applications will seek to expand this restoration and trail project northward from Vanowen Street.