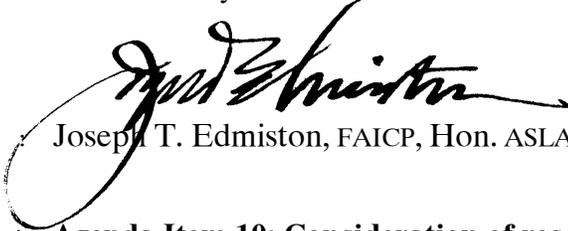


# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: May 12, 2008

From :   
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Subject: **Agenda Item 10: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Pacoima Wash Greenway-Eighth Street Park, San Fernando.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Pacoima Wash Greenway-Eighth Street Park, San Fernando.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2(a) and 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: On October 25, 2004, the Board authorized a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for acquisition of a 3-acre parcel adjacent to Pacoima Wash in the City of San Fernando. MRCA completed that acquisition in April 2005. On July 25, 2005, the Board authorized a grant of Proposition 50 funds to MRCA to design and construct public park improvements on the property. MRCA has also been awarded a grant of Proposition 50 Chapter 8 funds for the project from the Department of Water Resources, which will be administered through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Design of the park improvements is complete and the construction documents are complete. The City of San Fernando has approved the project, and the drawings have been submitted to Los Angeles County for permitting and approval. The MRCA advertised the project for construction, and received bids from six construction companies which are now under review by the MRCA's Construction Division. The apparent lowest bid is \$1.52 million.

The MRCA has submitted a grant application for funding in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 to construct park improvements for the Pacoima Wash Greenway-Eighth Street Park, from Proposition 84 Section 75050(g)(2) of the Public Resources Code. The subject grant will be combined with the other secured funding sources to cover the construction contract, as well as construction oversight by staff, fees, and contingency.

The park improvements feature best management practices for urban runoff storm water that currently drains straight into Pacoima Wash. The park will capture rainfall from the adjacent

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33-acre residential area at the end of Bromont Street and Eighth Street. Trash and the majority of solid pollutants will be removed by a device that captures suspended solids. The storm water will then flow onto the site and pass through a sand media infiltration pond with a bio-retention function. The process will slow the flow of water, allowing it to infiltrate instead of pouring directly into the wash. The project will result in less runoff entering the wash and will measurably increase the quality of water that does.

Other site improvements include installation of new fencing, restoration of native plant communities, site furnishings, and interpretive elements. All planted areas will be mulched to discourage establishment of invasive exotic plants that could out-compete the native plants. Irrigation will be used only to establish the native plants.

The project is within the upper Los Angeles River watershed and implements goals identified in Chapter 5, Section 75050(g)(2) of Proposition 84. It is consistent with the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.