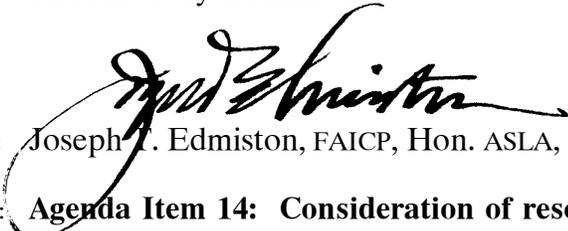


## Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: September 22, 2008

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 07-100 to further assign the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to be the Conservancy's designee to implement Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Project Agreement No. 58A1-94-0132 to acquire property within the Escondido Canyon Watershed, Santa Monica Mountains, Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution amending Resolution No. 07-100 to further assign the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to be the Conservancy's designee to implement Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Project Agreement No. 58A1-94-0132 to acquire property within the Escondido Canyon Watershed.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33211 (c) of the Public Resources Code

Background: The Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-100 at its October 22, 2007 meeting. A copy of the 2007 resolution and staff report are attached. The 2007 staff report provides additional background. The remaining funds in the subject Proposition A agreement are proposed to be used to acquire Coastal Slope Trail property in the Escondido Canyon watershed.

Since Resolution No. 07-100 was adopted, two things have changed. First staff has determined that it is more efficient for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to acquire the subject property when a final parcel is selected as opposed to the Mountains Restoration Trust. Second, the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District staff has assured staff that the subject funding can be assigned and expended to the MRCA.

The proposed action would amend Resolution No. 07-100 to allow the Conservancy to assign the subject \$200,295 to either the MRCA or the Mountains Restoration Trust within Project Agreement No. 58A1-94-0132.