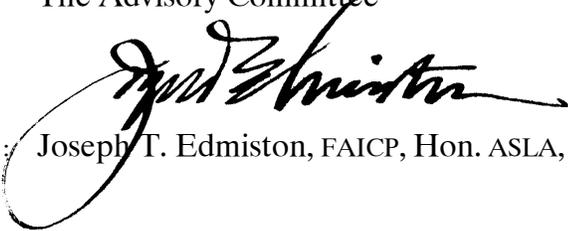


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 20, 2008

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design, Malibu Bluffs, Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$200,000.00 for project planning and design, Malibu Bluffs, Malibu.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2(a), 33204.27(a), and 75060(d)(1) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), allocated funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in Chapter 7, 75060(d)(1) of the Public Resources Code, for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent the contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote the access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state. As outlined in the MRCA's application, staff finds the proposed project consistent with Proposition 84's policy to promote the access to and enjoyment of coastal resources.

In 2005, the California Department of Parks and Recreation conveyed approximately 94 acres of the Malibu Bluffs unit to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The developed portion of the property (approximately 10 acres of municipal sports complex and community center) was sold to the City of Malibu and the Conservancy retained 84 acres of native coastal bluff habitat. The property is operated by the MRCA.

MRCA has requested funds for project planning and design activities for the Malibu Bluffs property. The funds would be used for analysis of the site, evaluation of public access opportunities, and a management plan for sensitive habitat areas. Areas of study will include biology, geology, hydrology, archaeological and cultural resources, traffic, topography including grading, drainage, and erosion issues, and public recreational and access needs.

Consideration: The amount of the grant to MRCA would be \$200,000.