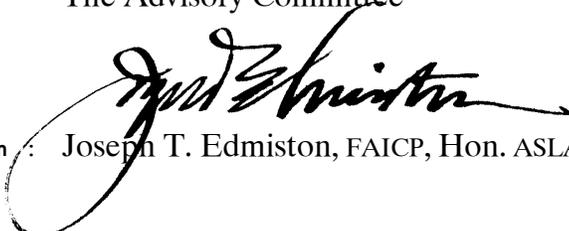


# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 20, 2008

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 17: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Conservancy Fund grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to satisfy the terms of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act (Proposition A) grant for acquisition and improvements in Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a Conservancy Fund grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$326,533 to satisfy the terms of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act (Proposition A) grant for acquisition and improvements in Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2(a), 33204.27(a), and 33215 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Conservancy used a grant from the 1992 Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act (Proposition A) to acquire and develop 141 acres of property in Temescal Canyon. These funds originated from section 8(c)(4) of the bond, which provides funding for "acquisition of land and development of facilities for at-risk youth and gang prevention". The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) operates Temescal Gateway Park.

On December 15, 1997, the Conservancy authorized two sales of property in Temescal Canyon to solve encroachment issues for a total of \$34,117. In late 2007, the Y.M.C.A. exercised a purchase option and the Conservancy received a net total of \$292,416, deposited into the Conservancy Fund. The Project Agreement with the Proposition A District requires that the Conservancy reimburse the District for any disposed properties that were acquired or developed using the Proposition A funds. As an alternative to cash reimbursement, the District will allow the use of sale proceeds for the stated scope of work. The District will not close out the Proposition A grant nor refund the final withholding of over \$120,000 until the additional funds have been spent.

The proposed action would grant \$326,533 to the MRCA for health and safety improvements to facilities as recommended by outside consultants, and continuation of the renovation of the cabins and other buildings. These renovations will include upgrading the furniture and fixtures

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within the buildings. The MRCA will undertake all the improvements with the goal of enhancing public serving amenities within the park. Full expenditure of these funds will satisfy the terms of the original Project Agreement with the District.

Consideration: The grant to the MRCA would be \$326,533. The funds were appropriated to the Conservancy as part of the FY 08/09 budget and the agreement with MRCA will have a start date of July 1, 2008.