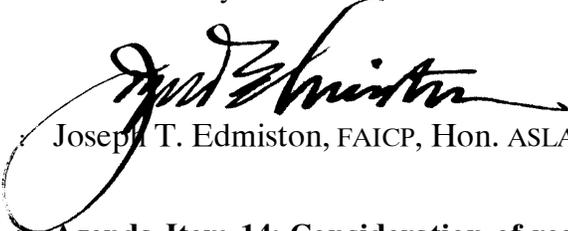


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: June 1, 2009

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution authorizing a technical grant amendment to allow for advance payment:(a) SMM-0815; (b) SMM-0816; (c) SMM CF-907; (d) SMM-05054.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing the amendment of each of the above grants to authorize advance payments.

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

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, as grantee under the above listed grants, has requested that the Conservancy amend its grants to authorize the payment of advances. Please see the attached letters from the MRCA.

The December 17, 2008 freeze significantly impacted the MRCA's ability to initiate capital improvement projects.

There are no legal impediments to making the advances to the MRCA. The State of California Standard Grant Agreement form 215 provides at section 10 (Payment Terms) for progress payments, reimbursable payments, and advance payments. Form 215 allows the grantor to indicate more than one form of payment. Each of the listed grants currently indicates that payment will be made on a reimbursable basis. Each grant agreement would be amended to provide for the requested advance.