

## Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date : March 27, 2006

From :   
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Subject: **Agenda Item: 15: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretation of natural and cultural history of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Chautauqua movement of Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the following resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the interpretation of natural and cultural history of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Chautauqua movement of Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2 of the Public Resources Code provides, in part, as follows:

The conservancy may award grants to nonprofit organizations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501 (c) (3)), and private educational institutions that file the statement with the Superintendent of Public Instruction required by Section 33190 of the Education Code, to carry out improvements, maintenance, acquisitions, or educational interpretation programs that directly relate to a project that the conservancy is otherwise authorized to undertake pursuant to this division.

Section 33204.27 (a) of the Public Resources Code provides, in part, as follows:

The Conservancy may award grants to school districts or other local agencies for any of the purposes for which it may award grants to nonprofit organizations pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 33204.2

Section 33215 of the Public Resources Code provides, in part, as follows:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund is hereby established. Money deposited in the fund pursuant to Sections 33202,

33203, 33204, 33205, and 3306 shall be available for the purposes of this division, upon appropriation therefore by the Legislature.

Section 3810-301-0941 of the 2003-04 Budget Act appropriates, in part, as follows:

... Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, payable from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund..... 77,000

Background: In 2004 the Conservancy granted \$66,000 to the Friends of the Conservancy (Friends) from the Conservancy Fund for the interpretation of land, air and water resources in a variety of our mountain parks, including Temescal Canyon. The Friends are disbanding as a non-profit organization with \$37,000 of this grant unspent. It is the staff recommendation that the unspent money be reallocated to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the continuation of the “Chautauqua Series,” a popular monthly public program in Temescal Gateway Park. These programs directly relate to the Park's history as a major site for the Chautauqua movement during the 1920s and 1930s, in addition to the natural and cultural resources of the Santa Monica Mountains. This budget will support staff, guest lectures, and materials through June 30, 2007.

**Budget**

<b>Planning:</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>
Includes planning and development of performance standards and objectives for interpretive materials and programs, evaluation of interpretive materials and programs.	
<b>Direct Project Management:</b>	<b>\$21,500</b>
Includes all direct management related to and required for the performance of the project.	
<b>Program Delivery:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Includes interpretation of natural and cultural history of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Chautauqua Movement of Temescal Canyon, as specified in the scope of work	

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**Brochures, Exhibits, and Displays:**

Includes expenses for production of brochures,  
printing, exhibits and other written materials supporting the  
public presentations of the Chautauqua Series.

Printing \$2,500

**Total:** \$37,000