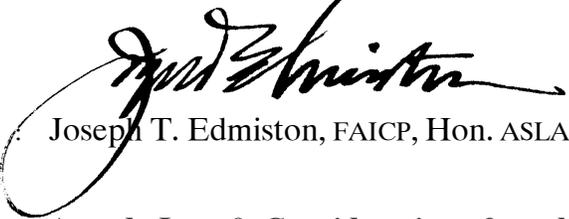


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: August 31, 2009

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 9: Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0868**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0868.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204(c), 33204.2, 33204.27, 79570(c), and 5096.650(b)(3) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), allocated funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in Article 5, 5096.650(b) of the Public Resources Code, for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources. The General Provisions in Article 1, 5096.605(c) describe development as including but not limited to improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, preservation, protection, and interpretation. Article 1, 5096.605(j) describes preservation as identification, evaluation, recordation, documentation, interpretation, protection, rehabilitation, restoration, stabilization, development, and reconstruction, or any combination of those activities. As outlined in the MRCA's application, staff finds that the proposed project are improvements and developments which will enhance the project site and thus are proper under Proposition 40.

The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, in Chapter 10, Sections 79570(c) and 79571, for purpose of protecting coastal watersheds, including but not limited to, acquisition, protection, and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs, and for the acquisition and development of facilities to promote public access to and participation in the conservation of land, water, and wildlife resources. As outlined in the MRCA's application, staff finds the proposed project consistent with Proposition 50.

In 2000 the Conservancy authorized a grant to MRCA for the Arroyo Seco/Confluence Park project. Construction of improvements commenced in May 2008 but was suspended in December 2008 pursuant to the Department of Finance Budget Letter 08-33. MRCA has requested a grant augmentation in the amount of \$450,000 to cover increased costs necessary

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to restart and complete the project.