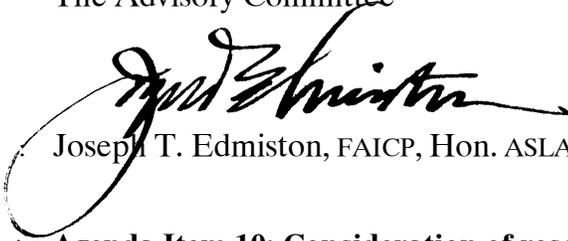


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: August 31, 2009

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 10: Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0776**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0776 in the amount of \$700,000 for the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan.

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.

On December 28, 2007, the Conservancy approved the amendment of the scope of work of grant SMM-0776 to include additional project planning and design for the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan. On June 10, 2009, the California Coastal Commission voted unanimously 12 to 0 to approve the Conservancy and MRCA proposed amendment to the Malibu Local Coastal Program. This action created an overlay for increased public access to public lands in Malibu through an expanded trail network and the development of campsites in multiple locations.

The Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan, the implementation tool of this overlay, must now be revised to incorporate comments from the LCP amendment proceedings. Additionally, the agencies committed to evaluating the safety of Ramirez Canyon Road. Full environmental review of the Plan will be necessary in the form of an Environmental Impact Report for CEQA compliance. Once finalized, the Plan will then be brought back to the Commission for approval. MRCA is requesting a grant augmentation to fund these activities.

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