

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 24, 2005

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 9(b): Consideration of resolution amending Grant No. SMM-890 and Resolution No. 03-186, dated October 27, 2003, to correct an error in the amount of the grant.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy amend Grant No. SMM-890 to correct an error in the amount of the grant and adopt the attached resolution.

Legislative Authority: Section 33211 of the Public Resources Code provides in relevant part that the Conservancy may do any and all things necessary to carry out the purposes of the Conservancy Act. Public Resources Code section 5096.353 provides that the Conservancy may make grants for the enhancement and restoration of natural lands, improvement of public recreation facilities, and to increase access to parks and recreational facilities for underserved urban communities.

Background: The Conservancy adopted the above referenced resolution authorizing a grant in the amount not to exceed \$320,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to establish a matching grant program to develop a Watershed Education and Visitor center on Laskey Mesa as defined in the Ahmanson Ranch Project Plan. A recent internal review of pending grant funded projects revealed that an error had been made and that the fund balance in Grant No. SMM-890 was \$348,000. The Conservancy intended to reallocate all of the funds remaining in Grant No. SMM-890 to the Laskey Mesa Improvement Project.