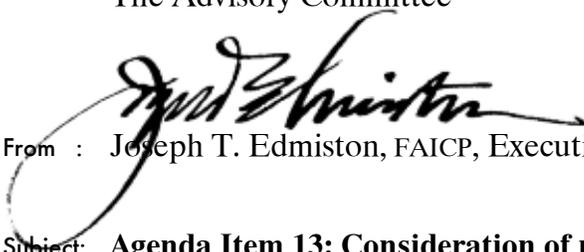


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 24, 2005

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of Malibu for acquisition of approximately 19.7 acres, APN's 4458-020-007 and -016, Malibu Civic Center area, Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of \$2 million in Proposition 50 funds to the City of Malibu for acquisition of approximately 19.7 acres, APN's 4458-020-007 and -016, Malibu Civic Center area, Malibu, contingent upon review and approval by the Office of the Attorney General.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Codes, which states in part:

The conservancy may, in accordance with the priorities of the plan, do the following: . . . (c) Award grants to state agencies, cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and park and recreation districts for the purpose of acquiring sites identified as necessary for park, recreation, or conservation purposes and for development of essential related public facilities.

Section 79570(c) of the Water Code, which states in part:

. . . twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be expended for protection of the Santa Monica Bay and Ventura County coastal watersheds, pursuant to Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The attached documents from the City of Malibu describe the project in detail. The proposed acquisition is in the Malibu Civic Center area and is also known as the Chili Cook-off site or Malibu Civic Center Wetlands project. The City has submitted a grant application to the Conservancy for two million dollars in Proposition 50 funds, which it plans to aggregate with a number of other funding sources to provide the \$25 million needed to acquire the property before the seller-imposed deadline of December 31, 2005. The City's proposed project is part of a larger civic and regional goal of improving water quality and habitat in Malibu Lagoon and Santa Monica Bay.

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This grant is subject to review by the Attorney General, and also by notification to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC). (See attached letter from the Wildlife Conservation Board to the JLBC outlining the various funding sources).