

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 29, 2012

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 17 - Consideration of resolution designating Conservancy's rights to apply for 3rd District Specified Excess Funds to (a) the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Summit Valley - Mulholland Gateway Gap Closure Projects; (b) the National Park Service for the Backbone Trail Project; (c) the City of Agoura Hills for the Agoura Hills Recreation Center Trailhead Project; (d) the City of Westlake Village for the Ridgeford Trail Development Project, and (e) to Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation for the Don Wallace Trail Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution designating the Conservancy's rights to apply for 3rd District Specified Excess Funds to (a) the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Summit Valley - Mulholland Gateway Gap Closure Project; (b) the National Park Service for the Backbone Trail Project; (c) the City of Agoura Hills for the Agoura Hills Recreation Center Trailhead Project; (d) the City of Westlake Village for the Ridgeford Trail Development Project, and (e) to Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for the Don Wallace Trail Project.

Background: The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is the designated recipient of Proposition A Regional Excess Funds for projects in the Santa Monica Mountains under the 1996 Proposition. The 3rd Supervisorial District office of Los Angeles County desires to fund a portion (\$2,024,438) of its competitive trail grant program using this funding. The County's board action would award this amount to the Conservancy which then has been asked to assign its right to apply for those said funds to five grantees in the grant program. The proposed action designates the Conservancy's right to apply to these funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), the National Park Service, the City of Agoura Hills, the City of Westlake Village, and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for the above described projects. A map of the MRCA's Summit Valley - Mulholland Gateway Gap Closure Project is attached.