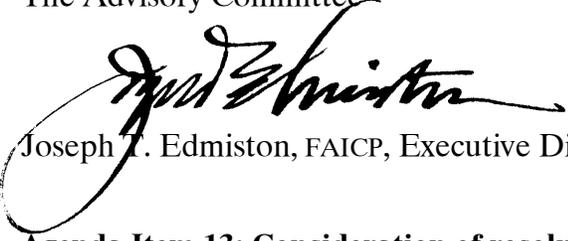


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: July 31, 2006

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for preparation of Concept Report and studies for the Hansen Dam Recreational Area Parking Lot and Wetlands Restoration Project to secure Proposition O funding.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds in the amount of \$50,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for preparation of Concept Report and studies for the Hansen Dam Recreational Area Parking Lot and Wetlands Restoration Project to secure Proposition O funding.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204(c) of Public Resources Code.

Background: The Hansen Dam Recreational Area Parking Lot and Wetlands Restoration Project proposes the installation of bioswales, sand filtration systems and treatment wetlands to capture, treat and reuse wet and dry weather flows from three parking lots at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area. Currently, untreated stormwater and dry weather urban run-off from the parking lots drain to sensitive riparian habitat at Hansen lake that is occupied by numerous special status species, including multiple breeding pairs of the least Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*). The project would redesign and resurface portions of one parking lot and redirect flows from this and two other parking lots into a complex of bioswales, sand filtration systems and a treatment wetland.

Proposition O, approved by City of Los Angeles voters on November 2, 2004, authorized \$500 million of bonds for projects to protect public health by cleaning up pollution, including bacteria and trash, in the City's watercourses and waterbodies. In addition, the measure will fund improvements to protect ground water quality, provide flood control, and increase water conservation, habitat protection, and open space.

In order to secure Proposition O funding for implementation of the project, additional studies and project development is required.

The proposed grant is consistent with the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) Chapter 10, Section 79508 and Section

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79570(c), and is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. It is consistent with the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the *Los Angeles River Master Plan*, and the *Tujunga Watershed Management Plan*.