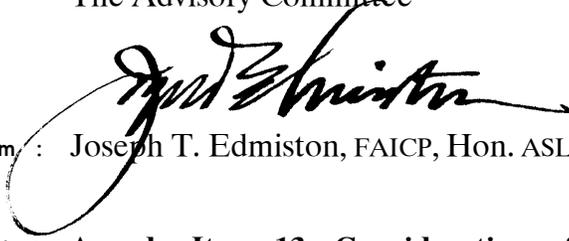


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: March 24, 2014

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution authorizing a budget augmentation of Proposition 50 funds for grant SMM-50-1108 in an amount not to exceed \$17,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution approving a budget augmentation of Proposition 50 Santa Monica Bay Public Access funds in an amount up to \$17,000 for grant SMM-50-1108 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project.

Legislative Authority: Public Resources Code 33204.2(a) and 33204.27(a) and Water Code Section 79570.

Background: The Mountain Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached application for an augmentation of grant SMM-50-1108 of up to \$17,000 for its Lechuza Beach public access project in Malibu. The MRCA owns Lechuza Beach and has easements for disabled parking spaces over land owned by the Malibu Encinal Homeowners Association (MEHOA). The map in the grant application shows the extent of the MRCA's ownership and the project elements. Legal and design complexities for this project have pushed the design stage into its tenth year.

The grant augmentation request would be funded from a restricted section of the Conservancy's Proposition 50 funding that must be spent on public access projects in the watersheds of Santa Monica Bay as defined by the proposition.

The scope of the project has not changed. As the project is winding down to the final elements of legal agreements with MEHOA and a coastal development permit application, the scope is more focused. The attached application describes this narrowed down scope for the remaining funding.

The final lay out and elements of the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements project are set. These elements include new beach stairways, observation platforms, disabled parking

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spaces, gates, signage, and an ADA compliant restroom right at the beach at East Sea Level Drive.

The final project steps are for the MRCA and MEHOA to finalize legal documents and then for the final elements to be reflected in all of the consultant reports that must accompany the permit application to the City. The MRCA staff states a need for a last element of funding to knit all of these components together and achieve a complete application with the City. The MRCA's final steps will be addressing questions from City staff and going through the committee and commission hearing processes.

To cover all remaining consultant, staff, and permit fees the MRCA has approximately \$25,000 to date remaining in the \$100,000 subject grant (SMM-50-1108). The MRCA estimates that the requested \$17,000 should be adequate to pay off all accumulated consultant costs and complete the application and public hearing processes.