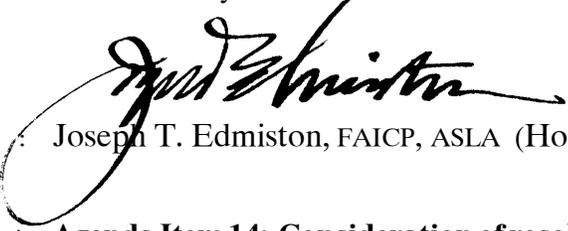


# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 23, 2006

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of grant SMM-0672 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority with Proposition 50 funds for the acquisition of upper Malibu Canyon - Calabasas grade parcel, Calabasas**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a \$40,000 augmentation of grant SMM-0672 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority with Proposition 50 funds for the acquisition of APN 2069-010-017 in the City of Calabasas.

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

Background: At its September 18, 2006 meeting the Conservancy authorized a grant (SMM-0672) of \$250,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to contribute to the acquisition of a 15 acre parcel in Calabasas (APN 2069-010-017). The staff report from that meeting is attached. The other MRCA funding sources are from the City of Calabasas, the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, and in lieu mitigation funds. The City of Calabasas approved its \$200,000 contribution in on September 27, 2006.

The MRCA did not receive anticipated in lieu mitigation funds to be able to reach the negotiated acquisition price. A letter from the Chairperson of the MRCA requesting \$40,000 of additional funds to complete the acquisition is attached.

The subject approximately 15-acre parcel abuts the Baldwin dedication portion of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority-owned Las Virgenes View Park. The property is highly visible from the 101 freeway and contains extensive riparian, oak woodland and cultural resources. A new trail on the adjacent MRCA property courses just above a blueline tributary on the subject property. The property is part of the Calabasas Grade Parcels Workprogram project.