

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: February 26, 2007

From :  Joseph J. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 8 (d): Consideration of resolution adding the Sage Ranch Park Additions and Cold Creek-Red Rock Connector projects to Proposition A (Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996) Workprogram**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution amending the Sage Ranch Park Additions and adding the Cold Creek-Red Rock Connector projects to the Proposition A (Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996) Workprogram.

Legislative Authority: 33211 (c) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Conservancy's Proposition A Workprogram was first adopted in 1997. It has been added to periodically as it become necessary for either the Conservancy or the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to acquire land with Proposition A funding. The MRCA has two pending Chapter 8 (tax default) parcels to acquire with Proposition A Excess Funds that are not on the Proposition A Workprogram. The proposed action would amend the Sage Ranch Park Additions project to accommodate one parcel and add a Cold Creek - Red Rock Connector project to accommodate the other parcel. The attached maps show the projects.

### Sage Ranch Park Additions

It is important to connect Sage Ranch with Chatsworth Reservoir and the whole Dayton Canyon area. The subject parcel provides important linkage between the two areas, previously omitted in 1997 due to lack of integrated aerial photos and parcel data.

### Cold Creek-Red Rock Connector

Continuity between the Red Rock Canyon and Cold Creek watersheds is important to implementing the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, and maintaining the Cold Creek core habitat area. MRCA has a tax defaulted parcel on a ridge line between the two watersheds.