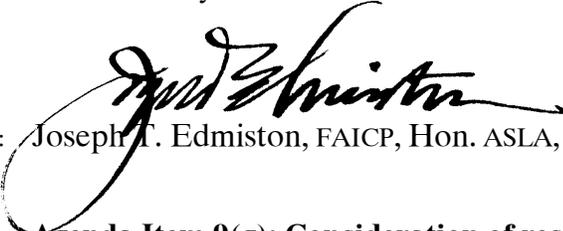


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: June 5, 2007

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 9(g): Consideration of resolution augmenting Proposition 50 Project Planning and Design grant SMM-0464.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution augmenting Proposition 50 Project Planning and Design grant SMM-0464 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$150,000.

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

Background: Beginning in August 2004, the Conservancy authorized a series of Proposition 50 Project Planning and Design grants to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The last augmentation was in February 2006.

The MRCA's Natural Resources and Planning Division and Legal Division staffs utilize the subject funds for activities directly related to the acquisition, protection, enhancement, and restoration of land and water resources, and associated planning, permitting, and administration costs for a subset of projects shown on the attached project lists. The lists are divided between the Los Angeles River watershed projects and those within the coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay. Additional work remains to be completed on a broad range of Proposition 50 funded, and other projects, in both the Santa Monica Bay drainages and upper Los Angeles River watershed.

The MRCA sent the attached letter requesting a final augmentation of Proposition 50 Project Planning and Design funds. The requested amount is \$150,000 with \$90,000 to be spent on projects in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and \$60,000 in the coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay as defined by the Proposition. An augmentation in the amount of \$150,000 will allow these activities to continue through the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

The geographically specific projects on the two attached lists include both land acquisition and improvement projects that protect land and water resources in order to reduce pollution, capture additional storm water runoff, protect and manage groundwater, reduce pollution of the Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and to provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife. The attached list is slightly amended to include projects not contemplated at the juncture of

the last Conservancy augmentation action in February 2006.