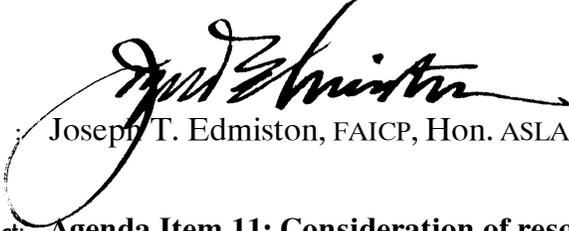


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 22, 2007

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 11: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire ten acres of vacant land and an appurtenant easement, APN 694-0-210-500 in Encinal Canyon, unincorporated Ventura County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds in the amount of \$235,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire ten acres of vacant land and an appurtenant easement, APN 694-0-210-500 in Encinal Canyon, unincorporated Ventura County.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2(a) and 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached application to acquire a 10-acre property located in Encinal Canyon on the Etz Meloy Motorway in unincorporated Ventura County. The 10-acre parcel contains important coastal habitat, and acquisition will facilitate development of an important link in the Backbone Trail. The property provides and promotes access to and enjoyment of coastal resources of the state, and acquisition would protect land and water resources. Acquisition of this parcel is a priority of National Park Service. National Park Service and Mountains Conservancy Foundation are also contributing funds to the purchase.