



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: October 5, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIV: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a term extension and augmentation of grant agreement SMM-0482 for interpretation of land, air and water resources at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Temescal Gateway Park, Franklin Canyon Park, Mentryville, Towsley Canyon and Ramirez Canyon.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a term extension and augmentation of grant agreement SMM-0482 for interpretation of land, air and water resources at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Temescal Gateway Park, Franklin Canyon Park, Mentryville, Towsley Canyon and Ramirez Canyon.

Background: This resolution would authorize acceptance of an augmentation of \$564,401 of Proposition 40 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the interpretation of land, air and water at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Temescal Gateway Park, Franklin Canyon Park, Mentryville, Towsley Canyon; add Ramirez Canyon Park and extend the term agreement of Grant SMM-0482 to June 30, 2006.

This augmentation will enable the MRCA to continue to provide interpretive services through June of 2006. For the purposes of this grant, interpretation includes any exhibits, displays, kiosks, brochures, docent interpretive programs, ranger interpretive programs, and written materials.

All programs target regional audiences from our city's most impacted urban areas. The attached grant agreement spells out the specific scope of services that will be provided, including:

1. Interpretation of land, air, and water resources at Temescal Gateway Park, including written materials, docent interpretive programs, and ranger interpretive programs. These programs will directly relate to the Park's natural history and water resources.
2. Interpretation of land, air, and water resources at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve. This program directly relates to the Park's rich natural resources. Programming will focus on interpretation of the site's endangered species, ecology, importance in the watershed, conservation, biodiversity, Mediterranean ecosystem, wildlife corridors, and fire ecology.
3. Interpretation of land, air, and water resources at Mentryville. This program directly relates to the Park's unique geology and natural resources. Interpretation will focus on endangered species, ecology, watersheds, conservation, geology, biodiversity, Mediterranean ecosystems, wildlife corridors, and fire ecology.
4. Interpretation of land, air and water resources at Towsley Canyon. This program directly relates to the Park's rich natural resources. Interpretation will focus on endangered species, ecology, watersheds, conservation, geology, biodiversity, Mediterranean ecosystems, wildlife corridors, and fire ecology.
5. Interpretation of land, air, and water resources at Franklin Canyon Park. This program directly relates to the Park's water resources, including the Franklin Canyon Reservoir and the Heavenly Pond. Additionally, programs focus on natural resource conservation and the dynamics of urban/wildland interfaces.
6. Interpretation of land, air, and water resources at Ramirez Canyon Park. This program directly relates to the Park's unique natural resources. Interpretation will focus on endangered species, ecology, watersheds, conservation, geology, biodiversity, Mediterranean ecosystems, wildlife corridors, and fire ecology.
7. Interpretation of land, air and water resources on parkland owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy focusing on the relevant natural resources found at those specific sites.

Timeline and progress reports:

This scope of work for the augmentation will take place in Fiscal Year 05-06. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority shall provide the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy with detailed quarterly updates that will include: grant milestones, grant compliance, percentage of work completed as of the date of the quarterly report (the number of programs delivered, materials developed, attendance rates, and survey and evaluation responses), and any current issues that affect project compliance with the grant's work program and funding.

Budget

**Planning:**

Includes planning and development of performance standards and objectives for interpretive materials and programs, evaluation of interpretive materials and programs as specified in the scope of work.

Deputy Executive Officer, Interpretation \$68.91 @1000 hours	68,910
Interpretive Project Specialists \$45 @1000 hours	45,000
	<b>\$113,910</b>

**Direct Project Management:**

Includes all direct management related to and required for the performance of the project.

Deputy Executive Officer, Interpretation \$68.91 @1000 hours	68,691
Interpretive Project Specialist \$45 @1000hours	45,000
	<b>\$113,691</b>

**Program Delivery:**

Includes interpretation of land, air, and water resources of specific parks under SMMC jurisdiction, as specified in the scope of work

Senior Naturalists, \$40 @ 3040 hours	\$121,600
Naturalists \$30 @ 3330 hours	\$ 99,900
Rangers \$45 @ 1500	\$ 67,500
	<b>\$289,000</b>

**Brochures, Exhibits, and Displays:**

Includes expenses for production of brochures,  
printing, exhibits and other written materials interpreting  
land, air, and water resources of specific parks under SMMC  
jurisdiction as specified in the scope of work

Professional specialist \$40 @250	\$10,000
Interpretive Project Specialist \$45 @500hours	\$22,500
Printing	\$10,000
	<b>\$42,500</b>

**Direct Expenditures:**

Including postage, delivery charges, transportation

**\$ 5,300**

**Total:**

**\$564,401**