



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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Attachment  
Agenda Item V(b)  
MRCA  
February 2, 2005

January 19, 2005

Rorie Skei  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant SMM-0464, Project Planning and Design Services**

Dear Rorie:

The MRCA respectfully requests an augmentation for grant #SMM-0464, Project Planning and Design Services in the amount of \$200,000.00. The budget augmentation is necessary to more fully develop potential projects and retain expert consultants.

Our Natural Resources and Planning staff have begun a comprehensive search within the Los Angeles River, Santa Monica Bay, and Ventura County coastal watersheds for potential acquisition and park restoration projects that would demonstrably protect land and water resources. This work, described in our original grant application, has turned out to be more time-consuming than expected, and will require more personnel time than anticipated. This work is a high priority for our staff and we expect to be utilizing a majority of our staff resources to complete it.

Additionally, the MRCA is planning to enter into contracts with a leading engineering firm, CH2M-Hill, as well as a community-based research organization, Community Development by Design. The consultants will provide professional services related to the project development described above. These contracts were not anticipated at the time of the grant application.

Please respond to me at the above address indicating approval of the budget augmentation at your earliest convenience, or by email at [Cara.McLane@mrca.ca.gov](mailto:Cara.McLane@mrca.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara McLane".

Cara McLane  
Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning  
Contracts Officer

cc: Phyllis Lichtenstein

## Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 24, 2005

From :   
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution augmenting Proposition 50 watershed acquisition Project Planning and Design grant (SMM-0464) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

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 \$200,000.

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

Background: On August 30, 2004 the Board authorized a \$200,000.00 grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for project planning and design services for projects in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed and Santa Monica Mountains coastal watershed portions of the Santa Monica Mountains Zone. The grant funds are used for activities directly related to the acquisition, protection and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs for a subset of projects listed on the MRCA Workprogram.

The MRCA has requested an augmentation to the grant for additional personnel time and retention of professional consultants for the development of acquisition and park restoration projects for the protection of land and water resources. The consultant contracts were not anticipated by MRCA at the time of their grant application, and the personnel time necessary to complete the work has been greater than expected. The grant augmentation would cover these additional costs.

January 24, 2005; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 05-07

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUGMENTING  
PROPOSITION 50 PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN GRANT (SMM-0464) TO  
THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects, Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants to acquire, protect, and restore land and water resources in the Los Angeles River watershed; and

WHEREAS, The MRCA has made a request for a grant from Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 79570(c); and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan, and the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project conforms to the specific geographic requirements of Proposition 50; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, where applicable.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated January 24, 2005 for this item.
5. AUTHORIZES a grant augmentation of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the Project Planning and Design services project.
6. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005 at Malibu, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director