



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: March 2, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Office of Emergency Services for grant funds available under the California Disaster Assistance Act and authorizing release of any information necessary as requested by the Office of Emergency Services for said purposes.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Office of Emergency Services for grant funds available under the California Disaster Assistance Act and authorizing release of any information necessary as requested by the Office of Emergency Services for said purposes.

Background: The severe storms of December, January, February of 2005 have caused significant damage to many parks and open space areas managed by the MRCA. Damages include landslides and washouts on miles of trails and roads; mudslides damaging and continuing to threaten buildings in several parks; lost use of public serving facilities and damage to public records, flooding and debris deposits in many areas; erosion and rutting in parking areas; destruction of park amenities such as kiosks, benches and fencing; damage to utilities within various parks; and loss of landscaping and specimen trees. Damages have affected at least 29 locations including Temescal Gateway Park, Ramirez Canyon Park, Towsley Canyon, Mentryville, Franklin Canyon Park, and Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve.

The MRCA is in the process of applying for grants from the Office of Emergency Services to pay for the costs of the emergency response to the storms and for the rehabilitation of affected areas. The grant application provided by the Office of Emergency Services requires a resolution authorizing said application and further authorizing that the MRCA release any pertinent documents or records that would assist the OES in determining the costs incurred by the MRCA.