



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: March 2, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for emergency response and repairs to parklands managed by the MRCA as a result of the severe storms of early 2005.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for emergency response and repairs to parklands managed by the MRCA as a result of the severe storms of early 2005 in the amount of \$150,000.

Background: At its February 28, 2005 meeting, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) authorized a grant to the MRCA emergency response and repairs to parklands managed by the MRCA. The MRCA submitted a grant application in the amount of \$150,000 to the Conservancy for funding from Propositions 12.

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.