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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: July 6, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of Proposition 12 funds for Project Planning and Design services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution accepting a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Project Planning and Design services.

Background: At its April 25, 2005 meeting, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) authorized a grant to the MRCA of Proposition 12 funds for Project Planning and Design services. The MRCA submitted a grant application in the amount of \$225,000 to the Conservancy for funding from Proposition 12. The grant application included a list of projects that could potentially be pursued with this funding. The grant would fund the MRCA's planning, permitting, and administrative activities directly related to the enhancement and restoration of natural lands and the improvement of public recreational facilities within a subset of this list of projects.

Planning and design activities will include researching subject properties' natural resources and ownership, negotiations and preparation of purchase agreements, obtaining and reviewing appraisals, title reports, and environmental assessments, mapping and graphics to support acquisitions, and preparation of project plans and improvement plans to ensure adequate and safe public access and protect sensitive natural and cultural resources. On June 16, 2005, the Office of the Attorney General found that the grant was proper under the General Obligation Bond Law and Proposition 12.