



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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**TO:** The Governing Board

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**SUBJECT: Agenda Item IV: Consideration of resolution adopting the 2005-2006 Workprogram.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution adopting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Workprogram for fiscal year 2005-2006.

Background: The Governing Board acted in 2004 to require the establishment of a Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Workprogram. The Workprogram was subsequently adopted at the August 30, 2004 MRCA meeting. The Workprogram for 2005-2006 identifies agency work categories in addition to proposed project areas for potential acquisition, restoration, and park improvements. A map will be distributed at the meeting which will depict the geographic area of the MRCA's Workprogram, showing both the existing Land Acquisition and Improvements Workprograms of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and additional areas that the MRCA has identified.

The MRCA Workprogram includes these work project categories:

*Lands: Resource Protection:* Projects which plan for and facilitate protection of wildlife, vegetation, watersheds, water quality, habitat, archaeological, historical/cultural, paleontological, geologic, and scenic resources on agency-owned or agency-managed parklands, and includes land acquisition and habitat restoration projects in urban and wilderness areas. This category also includes project planning and design services and legal services for land acquisitions by fee, donation, dedication, and for improving parklands.

*Lands: Vegetation Management and Fire Safety:* Projects which plan for and facilitate fire safety and any required fuel modification zones on agency-owned or managed parklands, consistent with natural resource protection and public safety.

*Park Visitor Services:* Projects which plan for and provide for enhanced visitation, accessibility to urban populations, and safety in agency-owned or managed parklands. Signage, restrooms, parking, trail-building and repair, fencing, kiosks, scenic and landscape amenities, and visitor facilities are included, in addition to new projects to implement statutory requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Maintenance of park facilities and lands are included.

*Environmental Interpretation:* Projects which provide interpretive programs and materials (including trail brochures, public information, and Web-based materials) to substantially enhance appreciation, knowledge, protection, and enjoyment of the natural environment, open space, parklands, rivers, watersheds, and archaeological, historical, cultural, paleontological, geologic, and scenic resources. The cooperative agencies parkLINK Shuttle program is included.

*Watershed Protection and Restoration:* Projects which plan for, acquire, and/or restore land and water resources in the Los Angeles River, Malibu Creek, Calleguas Creek, Santa Clara River, and Ballona Creek Watersheds, in addition to the smaller coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains. These projects may include urban areas and open space lands.

*Cooperative and Contract Services for Other Governmental Agencies:*  
This work project category provides the services of MRCA personnel to other park agencies, federal, state, or local governments including other joint powers agencies. Through contract services, cooperative management agreements, or memoranda of understanding, services such as ranger, personnel, administrative, design, maintenance, and planning are provided.

As with the Budget, the Governing Board may amend the Workprogram at any time throughout the year in order to meet unexpected opportunities or new conditions.