



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: August 22, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V : Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds pursuant to Task Agreement No. J8544050062 with the National Park Service in support of planning, maintenance, and interpretation of the recreational trail system in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of up to \$207,000 in funds from the National Park Service, for purposes of planning, maintenance, and interpretation of the recreational trail system in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA), pursuant to the multi-agency Cooperative Management Agreement and Task Agreement No. J8544050062.

Background: The National Park Service has offered up to \$207,000 available to the MRCA for assistance with SMMNRA trail planning, maintenance, and interpretation. This Task Agreement is another in a series of agreements to further implementation of the longstanding cooperative management MOU between the MRCA, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, NPS, and State Parks.

The agreement contemplates MRCA's assistance in:

1. Preparing a trail management plan and compliance documents to guide management and enhancement of the recreational trail system.
2. Prepare a uniform signing plan for the recreation trail system and related park facilities to support visitor enjoyment and use.
3. Support science and interpretive education activities necessary to promote visitor understanding and appreciation of the unique park environments that are accessible via the recreation trail system.

The term of the agreement is from August 1, 2005 through September 30, 2007.

