

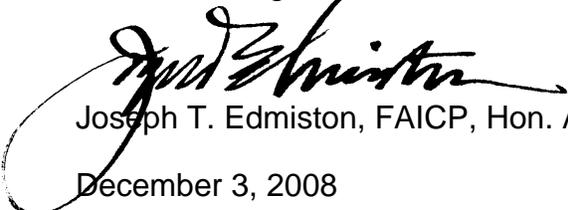


# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: December 3, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) entering into a grant agreement with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan and (b) acceptance of grant funds from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002, the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing (a) entering into a grant agreement with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan and (b) acceptance of grant funds from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002, the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

Background: At the May 7, 2008 meeting, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorized applying for grant funds for the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002, the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). At its October 29, 2008 meeting, the RMC approved awarding a \$750,000 Proposition 84 grant to MRCA for the acquisition of the subject four parcels with the CAPP (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 3210-002-012 and 3210-003-007, -008, and -009). Today's action is for MRCA to enter into an agreement with RMC and to accept said funds.

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This item is related to items X and XI on today's agenda. See aerial attachment for Item X. Other financial contributors to this acquisition are the MRCA with a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 12 grant, the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority, Los Angeles County Proposition A Excess funds through the MRCA, and City of Santa Clarita. Item X involves the allocation of approximately \$80,000 of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Proposition A Excess Funds. Item X authorizes acquisition of said parcels. Item XI involves additional needed funding from the City of Santa Clarita.

The four parcels in Agua Dulce Canyon are part of the Angeles Linkage Conceptual Area Protection Plan and part the South Coast Missing Linkages San Gabriel - Castaic Linkage between the two disjunct portions of the Angeles National Forest on either side of State Route 14. The habitat linkage was addressed by the South Coast Wildlands Project in its *Missing Linkages Project-A Linkage Design for the San Gabriel-Castaic Connection*. The four parcels, approximately 243 acres, are located just south of State Route 14 at Agua Dulce Road. The Riverside Land Conservancy has put this deal together and has a contract to purchase all four parcels.