

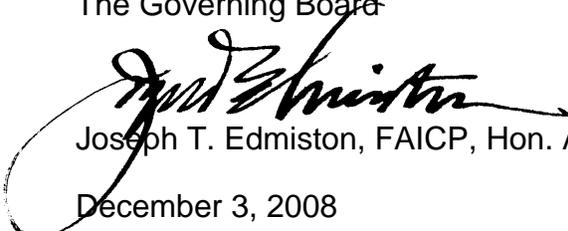


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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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 IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing (a) application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program under Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for the acquisition of the Alamos Canyon wildlife corridor property, (b) entering into a grant agreement, and (c) acceptance of said funds.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing (a) application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program under Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for the acquisition of the Alamos Canyon wildlife corridor project, (b) entering into a grant agreement, and (c) acceptance of said funds.

Background: The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program, as provided by Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, authorizes the allocation of up to \$10 million each year for grants to State, local and federal governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities. The "Grant Guidelines" require that the applicant submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body. Applications for funding in the 2008-2009 fiscal year are due December 22, 2008.

An application for the Alamos Canyon Wildlife Corridor Acquisition Project will be re-submitted for the Resource Lands category. This is a key approximately three acre property located between Los Angeles Avenue and the 118 Freeway that includes a section of Alamos Creek. It is critical to connect the Simi Hills to the Santa Susana Mountains via the Arroyo Simi.