



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 16, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IV: Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant from the Conservancy fund for interpretive programs and services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt a resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant from the Conservancy fund for interpretive programs and services.

### Background:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has a long history of providing relevant and meaningful interpretation and education programs that not only enhance the visitor experience but promote stewardship and protection of the resources.

.This application requests funding from the Conservancy funds to augment the services provided in Santa Monica Bay Watershed, specifically at Temescal Gateway Park, King Gillette Ranch and Ramirez Canyon Park.

These parks feature very popular public programs including naturalist led programs, campfires and programs specifically designed for special needs and at-risk participants. The reduction of other grant funds this year will cause a significant reduction in program services unless other funding supplements the interpretation budget for these parks. This request, for \$100,000, will fund staff and interpretive supplies and reduce the shortfall tremendously.