



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: July 31, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IV(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 50 grant for project planning and design for the Hansen Dam Recreational Area Parking Lot and Wetlands Restoration Project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 50 grant in the amount of \$50,000 for project planning and design for the Hansen Dam Recreational Area Parking Lot and Wetlands Restoration Project.

Legislative Authority: Joint Exercise of Powers Action (Public Resources Code Section 6500 *et seq.*)

Background: The Hansen Dam Recreational Area Parking Lot and Wetlands Restoration Project proposes the installation of bioswales, sand filtration systems and treatment wetlands to capture, treat and reuse wet and dry weather flows from three parking lots at the Recreational Area. Currently, untreated stormwater and dry weather urban run-off from the parking lots drain to sensitive riparian habitat at Hansen lake that is occupied by numerous special status species, including multiple breeding pairs of the least Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*). The project would redesign and resurface portions of one parking lot and redirect flows from this and two other parking lots into a complex of bioswales, sand filtration systems and a treatment wetland.

Construction of the project is eligible for funding under Proposition O, the City of Los Angeles water quality bond approved in 2004. The proposed grant would be used to develop detailed plans and studies for the project that are required to obtain the Prop O funds.