



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 22, 2017

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item VI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, SMM-50-1525, for the Joughin Ranch Improvements.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, SMM-50-1525, for the Joughin Ranch Improvements.

Background: On April 27, 2015, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) authorized a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the MRCA for roadway improvements to continue to provide safe recreational access for the public, and to provide fire and life safety access to the undeveloped open spaces of the Santa Susana Mountains. The original grant amount was \$500,000.

It was not part of the initial plan to re-pave the entire road completely. However, since the time the original Conservancy grant was obtained, approximately an additional 2,500 linear feet of roadway has become deteriorated and is necessary to improve. In June 2016, MRCA staff received bids from potential roadway contractors for the road paving work. The lowest bid was determined from a sample project scenario, which was based on the amount of work *anticipated* for the Joughin Ranch road improvement project. As it is difficult to exactly quantify the work in drawings because road and pavement conditions at a single site can vary widely, with some areas needing only patching and others requiring full-depth removal and replacement, the intent of the bid was to have a pre-agreed upon unit price, renewable for up to five years, making it possible to accurately budget projects. After completion of a customized assessment of the entire road, we now have actual costs for the work that is required in order to provide complete and safe recreational access for the public and for fire and life safety.

The current request for an additional \$200,000 in Proposition 84 funding from the Conservancy is the product of a final field determination of exact boundaries and specifications of the paving work, in consultation with the paving contractor (Hardy

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& Harper) .

Consideration: The MRCA will seek a grant augmentation from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the amount of \$200,000. This amount is sufficient to complete the full length of road work required for the comprehensive Joughin Ranch road improvements.