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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 2, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District to grade on a portion of Rocky Peak Park near the terminus of Flanagan Drive, for the development of Chumash Park and to provide trailhead parking for Rocky Peak Park, pursuant to CUP-S-653, Simi Valley.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an entry permit to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) and its agents for construction purposes to perform grading on a portion of Rocky Peak Park near the terminus of Flanagan Drive, for the development of Chumash Park and to provide trailhead parking for Rocky Peak Park, pursuant to CUP-S-653, Simi Valley.

Background: The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has planned for the development of six acres of its Chumash Park, a 53-acre site located along Flanagan Drive, and immediately south of Rocky Peak Park. The District has had community meetings, prepared construction drawings, and is in the process of obtaining a Conditional Use Permit from the City of Simi Valley to construct the park. Besides restrooms, drinking fountains, shade structure, play area, walking and picnic facilities, the park plan includes a 50-car parking lot that will be jointly used by the developed park visitors and those who currently must park along Flanagan Drive to enter the Rocky Peak Park trail system.

In order to construct the driveway and parking area, the District is requesting authorization to grade an area approximately 10 feet by 250 feet of Rocky Peak Park land, immediately adjacent to the MRCA/RSRPD property line. (Large-scale construction drawings will be available for viewing at the Governing Board meeting.)

The proposed action will enable construction of trailhead parking, park improvements and amenities that would be utilized by Rocky Peak visitors. The

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project is consistent with MRCA park purposes and with the overlapping conservation easements held over the entire 4369 acres of Rocky Peak parkland by RSRPD, Conejo Recreation and Park District, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.