



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 6, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(r): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant augmentation to SMM-0607 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Project Planning and Design services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant augmentation to SMM-0607 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Project Planning and Design services.

Background: An Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority application is pending before the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to augment existing Proposition 40 Project Planning and Design grant SMM-0607 for \$150,000. A copy of the request letter is attached.

Proposition 40 Project Planning and Design funds are critical for to the MRCA to work outside of both the Los Angeles River watershed and the Santa Monica Bay watersheds. However, the funds can also be expended on any project on the attached project list. The proposed funds would be used for project planning and design activities leading directly to the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and/or protection of land and water resources.

Planning and design activities will include researching subject properties' natural resources and ownership, negotiations and preparation of purchase agreements; obtaining and reviewing appraisals, title reports, and environmental assessments; mapping and graphics to support acquisitions; and preparation of project plans and improvement plans to ensure adequate and safe public access. All activities will lead to the preservation and conservation of the state's natural resources.