



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 7, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing applications for grant funds from the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program under the Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing applications for grant funds from the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program under the Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code.

Background: The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program, as provided by Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, authorizes the allocation of up to \$10 million each year for grants to State, local and federal governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities. The "Grant Guidelines" require that the applicant submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body. Applications for funding in the 2007-2008 fiscal year are due November 30, 2007.

MRCA staff members are currently undergoing the process of selecting roadside recreation and resource lands parkway project sites for the grant applications, which is why the resolution is not site specific. We hope to insert the project names at the Governing Board meeting.