



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: January 5, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 and/or Proposition 50 funds for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 and/or Proposition 50 funds in the amount of \$83,000 for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, City of Malibu.

Background: The background and status of the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project is provided in the attached draft application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. If this item is approved, staff would submit the attached application with a cover letter signed by the Chair to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for potential consideration at the anticipated January 24, 2011 Conservancy meeting.

The requested grant amount is \$83,000. Most of the project planning and design work to date on the subject project was funded by two grants from the State Coastal Conservancy. Those funds ran out almost six months ago. Project changes due both to potential settlement discussions and decisions to use additional access easements owned by the MRCA have necessitated both new CEQA work and a revised application to the City of Malibu for a Coastal Development Permit.

