MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 2, 2011

SUBJECT: Agenda Item V(j): Consideration of resolution authorizing a request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to augment SMM-0754 for Project Planning and Design work.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to augment SMM-0754 for Project Planning and Design work in the amount of $550,000.

Background: The attached application requests that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy augment the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority’s current Proposition 84 Project Planning and Design grant SMM-0754. This augmentation of the subject grant and is necessary to continue progress on implementing the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and both MRCA and Conservancy Workprogram projects in the upper Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay watersheds, including the Calleguas Creek watershed.

The attached cover letter and grant application include substantial background on the history of the grant and achievements to date, as well as a proposed budget for the $550,000 augmentation request. With this requested augmentation, the total grant amount would be $1,675,000 since the passage of Proposition 84.