



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 9, 2011

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution confirming staff application for, and authorizing acceptance of, a grant of mitigation funds (I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project, Corps No. SPL-2008-464-PHT) from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a riparian habitat restoration and creation project in the Bundy Canyon or Ballona Creek watershed.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution confirming staff application for, and authorizing acceptance of, a grant of mitigation funds (I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project, Corps No. SPL-2008-464-PHT) from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a riparian habitat restoration and creation project in the Bundy Canyon or Ballona Creek watershed.

Background: A three-way agreement between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy), Caltrans, and the Army Corps of Engineers was signed in May 2010. In October 2010 the Conservancy received a \$67,410 check from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to fund 0.321 acres of riparian habitat restoration and creation in Bundy Canyon or the Ballona Creek watershed. The money was deposited into the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund (Conservancy Fund). The funding is an approved appropriation in the State budget.

The MRCA sent the attached letter dated September 19, 2011 to the Conservancy requesting a grant of the subject funding to conduct a habitat mitigation project in Bundy Canyon or the Ballona Creek watershed. The letter also requested an advance of the funding for various reasons. The Conservancy authorized the grant and advance on September 26, 2011. A total of \$67,410 exists in the fund. This action would authorize requesting an advance of funds and acceptance of said funding.

The preferred location for the restoration is upper Bundy Creek pending approving from necessary agencies.