



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 4, 2012

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution requesting that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy allow a change of scope to Grant No. SMM-0853 to amend eligible locations.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution requesting that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy allow a change of scope to Grant No. SMM-0853 to amend eligible locations.

Background: On June 23, 2008, the Conservancy authorized a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for a program of minor capital outlay to ensure the preservation, protection, and restoration of developed and natural resources within the Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds.

One of the components of the grant is trail and trailhead enhancement. The scope includes the reestablishment of eroded trail surfaces, removal of vegetation overgrowth, stabilization of slopes, replacement of site features including benches, and the installation of regulatory and interpretive signage and wayside displays as part of the restoration of existing trailheads. The project list for this section did not include King Gillette Ranch, which is within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed. As MRCA prepares for the opening of the new Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette on June 9, 2012, staff has identified a number of improvements to the park that would benefit increased public access. Trail improvements throughout the property are necessary to give people a better hiking experience. Additional directional, regulatory and interpretive signage will aid in way finding for new visitors.

MRCA will request that King Gillette Ranch be added to the project list for SMM-0853.

Consideration: This action does not require any budget augmentation to the grant.