

MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Governing Board

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

DATE: June 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Agenda Item IV: Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant from the Conservancy fund

for registration at the World Ranger Congress.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt a resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant from the Conservancy fund for registration at the World Ranger Congress.

<u>Background</u>: The 7th annual World Ranger Congress will be held in Arusha, Tanzania on November 4-9, 2012. The International Ranger Federation holds a World Ranger Congress every 2-3 years as an international forum for rangers and other park professionals.

Staff will be attending this conference with representatives from MRCA Community Partner the Compton Junior Posse. They will make two presentations regarding both the MRCA ranger program and our community partner program.

The funding requested is for conference registration, which includes lodging, for participants and totals less than 25% of the total budget. Staff will be contributing their own personal funds for flights, park entries, visas, etc., and the Compton Posse will raise matching funds for their participation beyond registration.

Conservancy Fund \$ 10, 00.00 Staff contribution \$ 12,650.00 CJP \$ 18,980.00

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