



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: April 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution requesting a budget modification for SMM-0754 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing submitting a request for a budget modification for SMM-0754 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, in order to move up to \$35,000 from the Upper Los Angeles River jurisdiction to the Coastal Watersheds of Santa Monica Bay section.

Background: SMM-0754 is a primary project planning and design grant awarded to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy). The Conservancy's Proposition 84 funding is divided between the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed and the Coastal Watersheds of Santa Monica Bay, including Calleguas Creek. SMM-0754 contains separate budgets for each category. The proposed request is to move funding from one category to the other. In this case, a reduction of Los Angeles River watershed funding and increase in Coastal watershed funding would require the Conservancy to adjust its overall allocation of available funding in these two categories.

A greater than expected concentration of staff work, appraisals, and appraisal reviews on projects in the Coastal Watersheds of Santa Monica Bay make the subject request essential for the MRCA to complete several pending projects and to continue ongoing work on many others. This ongoing work is principally in the coastal canyons of the Santa Monica Bay, but it also covers the Calleguas Creek watershed. No additional funding is requested.

This request for a budget modification is based on the latest billing for the grant. More details will be presented to the Conservancy for their approval.

