



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 29, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a budget augmentation for grant SMM-0836.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a budget augmentation for grant SMM-0836.

Background: In 2008, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) authorized a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the MRCA for construction and project management for the Pacoima Wash Greenway 8th Street Park Project. MRCA began construction of the 8th Street Park in Pacoima in July 2008 but suspended work in December 2008 pursuant to the statewide bond freeze. Construction resumed in late September 2011, utilizing MRCA's force account labor.

Construction is nearly complete but the secured funding is insufficient to finish work. The work that remains includes planting of groundcovers and shrubs across over two acres, modifications to irrigation, erosion control measures for the site's drainage, and additional fencing. Vehicular accidents have damaged the artistic gates and part of the 8th Street placita, so additional work is now required to make those elements functional and ready for public use. Final preparations for opening are also needed, including mulch, exotic plant removal, installation of site furnishings, installation of signage, and removal of excavated boulders.

MRCA applied for and received a tree planting grant from Proposition A. These funds will be used for additional trees on the site and modifications to irrigation specifically for the added trees.

Consideration: The projected costs are currently being evaluated. The augmentation request will be between \$300,000 to \$500,000 of Proposition 84 funds.