

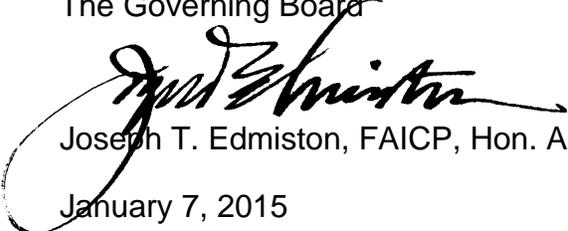


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: January 7, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing a nonprofit organization grant to Resources Legacy Fund for community outreach and engagement in the development of recommendations for competitive grant criteria required for the implementation of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 including, without limitation, emphasis on the needs of urban and under-served communities and priorities that would provide for critically needed urban creek protection and enhancement projects.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a nonprofit organization grant to Resources Legacy Fund for community outreach and engagement in the development of recommendations for competitive grant criteria required for the implementation of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 including, without limitation, emphasis on the needs of urban and under-served communities and priorities that would provide for critically needed urban creek protection and enhancement projects in the amount of \$105,000.

Background: The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 allocates millions of dollars for urban creek restoration, watershed protection, and watershed eco-system restoration. A robust community outreach and engagement campaign is appropriate in order to ensure that recommendations for competitive grant criteria for these funds includes the needs of urban and underserved communities. The development and recommendations for such criteria needs to begin immediately if it is to impact the 2015-16 budget cycle. This grant will be funded by unrestricted revenue.