

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 25, 2010

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 12(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the project list for SMM-0853.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an amending the project list to include Lechuza Beach for SMM-0853.

Legislative Authority: The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Sections 33204(c), 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code.

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 replacement of damaged site features as part of the restoration of existing trailheads. The project list for this section did not include Lechuza Beach, which is within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed. Recently, MRCA staff found that the stairs leading down to the beach at the West Sea Level entrance needed significant repair. The MRCA has had to replace the stair treads and handrails.

MRCA has requested that Lechuza Beach be added to the project list for SMM-0853. It further requests that the site be eligible from the start date of the grant.

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