



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Agenda Item V(e): Consideration of resolution requesting a budget amendment of SMM-84-0876.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution requesting a budget amendment of SMM-84-0876 in the amount of \$100,000.

Background: On October 20, 2008, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) awarded a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for project planning and design of the Malibu Bluffs in the amount of \$200,000. The grant was to be used for site analysis, evaluation of public access opportunities, and a management plan for sensitive habitat areas.

On June 10, 2009, the California Coastal Commission voted unanimously 12 to 0 to approve the Conservancy and MRCA proposed amendment to the Malibu Local Coastal Program. This action created an overlay for increased public access to public lands in Malibu through an expanded trail network and the development of campsites in multiple locations. During the Coastal hearing, the Commission added the Malibu Bluffs site to the list of park properties to be considered for camping as part of the Malibu Parks Public Access Enhancement Plan.

MRCA staff and its various consultants have folded the Malibu Bluffs into the Plan and the accompanying draft Environmental Impact Report. This has required a greater level of technical detail and specialized reports than had been previously anticipated. Staff estimates that an additional \$100,000 will be necessary to cover the costs of finalizing the Malibu Bluffs sections in both documents for hearing by the California Coastal Commission.