

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: November 8, 2010

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 10(a) : Consideration of resolution approving contract with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to cover support budget expenses on a reimbursable basis due to delay in Budget.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to cover support budget expenses on a reimbursable basis due to delay in passage of the State Budget.

Background: Every fiscal year critical functions of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy are funded in the agency's support budget through the state's budget appropriations. The Conservancy's Support Budget provides for basic administrative needs such as monthly telephone bills, FedEx charges, legal update services, in addition to personnel costs and other state agency charges. Because of the delay in the passing the State Budget, the state cannot pay bills and the Conservancy will be unable to perform its necessary functions without temporary assistance. This resolution will allow the MRCA to pay for such bills to allow the SMMC to continue functioning on a reimbursable basis.