

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: November 8, 2010

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

**Subject: Agenda Item 10(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing a minor equipment specification change and augmentation of SMM-0756 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the purchase of Firefighting Water Tender.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation of SMM-0756 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Fuel Hazard Reduction in the amount of \$100,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.27 and Section 33204.2(a) of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act. Section 75005(m), 75005(n) of the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 safe drinking water act.

Background: Staff is requesting authorization for an augmentation not to exceed \$100,000. This augmentation would provide necessary funding to purchase a used firefighting water tender with the capability of dispersing both Class A foam and Class A Fire Retardant Gel. Class A Fire Retardant Gel can withstand an intense passing fire front, and repel radiant heat for several hours. Class A Fire Retardant Gel consists of about 97% water. The Gel's super absorbent polymers hold the water, and the water does the work. Gel is effective for both Fire Suppression and Resource Protection. This dual system is more desirable than the single Compressed Air Foam System(CAFS) specified in the original grant application.