

## Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: March 28, 2011

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0754 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design services in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of SMM-0754 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay.

Background: The attached application requests that the Conservancy augment the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's current Proposition 84 Project Planning and Design grant SMM-0754. This augmentation of the subject grant is necessary to continue progress on numerous projects in the grant scope areas. Many of these projects overlap with those on the Conservancy and MRCA Workprograms within the upper Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay watersheds, including the Calleguas Creek watershed. Grant projects also frequently implement the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.

The attached cover letter and grant application include substantial background on the history of the grant and achievements to date, as well as a proposed budget for the \$550,000 augmentation request. With this requested augmentation, the total grant amount would be \$1,675,000 since the passage of Proposition 84.