

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 23, 2012

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution authorizing a matching grant from the Conservancy Fund to the California Trails Conference Foundation for the 27th California Trails and Greenways Conference.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a matching grant to the from the Conservancy fund to the nonprofit California Trails Conference Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code states that

The conservancy may award grants to nonprofit organizations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)), . . . , to carry out improvements, maintenance, acquisitions, or educational interpretation programs that directly relate to a project that the conservancy is otherwise authorized to undertake pursuant to this division.

Background: Please see the attached grant application and supporting materials, including budget information, from the California Trails Conference Foundation. The proposed grant from the Conservancy Fund is to be matched from other sources, including private donations, corporate sponsorships, and other agencies' support. The Trails Conference is an annual event of California State Parks, Statewide Trails Section, and the Foundation. It provides the premier state forum for in-depth information on every aspect of open space, trails, and greenways creation, preservation, accessibility, management, stewardship, maintenance, and educational interpretation. The Conservancy Fund is the repository for a number of private donations and bequests, and is an appropriate source for the matching grant.