

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 23, 2012

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 15 : Consideration of resolution authorizing a Conservancy Fund grant to the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District for an open space, trail, and greenway planning study.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant to Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District from the Conservancy Fund in amount not to exceed \$32,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: Please see the attached grant application and supporting materials including budget information from the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District. The proposed grant will fund a study, with a small contribution from the District, to among other objectives, identify opportunities for and feasibility of a bike trail along Conejo and Calleguas Creeks that would link Camarillo to California State University Channel Islands and into Santa Monica Mountains parklands. An additional area for study will be the west slope of Conejo Mountain and potential open space and trail linkages to the confluence of Conejo and Calleguas Creeks, in concert with other property preservation efforts. Since the study area is within the Calleguas Creek Watershed, a Ventura County coastal watershed, the proposed grant would be eligible for Proposition 84 funding from the Conservancy. The Conservancy's Santa Monica Bay/Coastal Watersheds of Ventura County allocation is very constrained however, but the Conservancy Fund is the repository for private donations and bequests, and is an appropriate source for this grant.