

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: May 21, 2012

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretive programs and services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretive programs and services

Legislative Authority: Sections 33215, 33204.2 (a) and 33204.27 (a) of the Public resources Code.

Background:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has a long history of providing relevant and meaningful interpretation and education programs that not only enhance the visitor experience but promote stewardship and protection of the resources. Though interpretive signage and materials, naturalist led programs and special seminars and events, park visitors to parkland owned or managed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

This grant of \$100,000 will supplement the funding interpretive staff to continue existing programming at King Gillette Ranch, Temescal Gateway Park and Ramirez Canyon Park that otherwise would have to be cut due to a reduction in Proposition 84 funds in the Santa Monica Bay Watershed. These are some of the MRCA's most popular and well attended programs and include:

Temescal Gateway Park: The monthly Chautauqua Program and the summer campfire series;

King Gillette Ranch; Historic site tours and the summer campfire series; and

Ramirez Canyon Park: Programs for special needs children.

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Budget - Conservancy Fund	
Salaries/Benefits/Overhead	\$97,500
Interpretive supplies and Expenses	\$ 1,500
Vehicles	\$ 1,000
Expenses Total	\$ 100,000