

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: September 24, 2012

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 84 matching grant to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for visitor-serving park improvements at the Ultimate Destination Park in Cherry Canyon, La Cañada Flintridge.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a matching grant of \$20,000 in Proposition 84 funds to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for visitor-serving park improvements at the Ultimate Destination Park in Cherry Canyon, La Cañada Flintridge.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code states that the Conservancy may

Award grants to state agencies, cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and park and recreation districts for the purpose of acquiring sites identified as necessary for park, recreation, or conservation purposes and for development of essential related public facilities.

Background: The Conservancy granted funds for the acquisition of Cherry Canyon Park in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, which spanned four phases between the 1980's to 1999. The Ultimate Destination Park in Cherry Canyon contains a very prominent ridgetop view location along the Loop Trail. Providing a drinking water source for hikers, cyclists, equestrians and horses has long been a goal of the La Cañada Flintridge Trails Council and longtime trails advocate Liz Blackwelder. Ms. Blackwelder provided a large donation to the City for this purpose. The attached application and budget from the City outlines the scope of work and other funding sources, which include donations, City and County funding, to add a waterline, drinking fountain, horse trough, and installation of trees.