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Memorandum

To: The Conservancy

The Advisory Committee

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

Subject: Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 84 grant to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for Flint Wash Trail improvements, La Cañada Flintridge.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Conservancy authorize a matching grant of \$50,000 in Proposition 84 funds to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for restoration of the Flint Canyon Trail, La Cañada Flintridge.

<u>Legislative Authority:</u> 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.

<u>Background:</u> The attached application materials from the City of La Cañada Flintridge outline their request for matching funds for major repair and restoration of a section of the Flint Canyon Trail within the city. This capital improvement project will protect an important regional recreational loop trail in the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor from being severed. The Flint Canyon Trail is part of a system that connects Hahamongna Watershed Park (via the Flint Wash Bridge) with trails in Cherry Canyon, and beyond to Glendale and the Arroyo Seco. The Conservancy in 2003 granted Proposition 40 funds to the City of Pasadena for improvements to the Flint Wash Bridge to ensure that portion of the trail linkage. Flint Canyon Trail Repair was a project included in the Conservancy's Park Improvements Workprogram; the original upslope improvement project was completed by the City some years ago.