

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: June 29, 2015

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 9(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for development of a sustainable park training program for urban youth.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for development of a sustainable park training program for urban youth.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: In recognition of the importance of providing career opportunities in parks for young people from the diverse, urban communities served by Conservancy parks and Conservancy funded programs, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority would like to contract with Mr. Bruce Saito, former Executive Director of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, to provide a report on what a comprehensive, sustainable program would entail.

The report will include identification of funding sources. The potential program developed would serve as a second step to young people who have served in state and local corps and not be duplicate of that training. The success of the recent Bridge to Park Careers program has resulted in inquiries regarding expanding that program to include all aspects of park careers, however most existing programmatic funding sources do not cover training. Mr Saito's knowledge and experience in the youth development and training would assist staff in developing a comprehensive and sustainable program.

Consideration: The proposal is for \$11,000 from the Conservancy Fund.