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Memorandum

To : The Conservancy

The Advisory Committee

From

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

Subject: Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines.

<u>Legislative Authority</u>: Section 79706(a) of the Water Code which states:

Prior to disbursing grants or loans pursuant to this division, each state agency that receives an appropriation from the funding made available by this division to administer a competitive grant or loan program under this division shall develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation guidelines. The guidelines shall include monitoring and reporting requirements and may include a limitation on the dollar amount of grants or loans to be awarded.

<u>Background:</u> Conservancy staff has developed the proposed guidelines since Proposition 1 was passed in November 2014. Multiple written comments were submitted, and are included as attachments. The Conservancy held seven Public Meetings (listed below) to receive comments and answer questions regarding these guidelines.

June 1, 2015 at 5:30pm King Gillette Ranch 26800 Mulholland Highway Calabasas, California 91302

June 15, 2015 at 3:00pm Natural Resources Agency, 13th Floor 1416 Ninth Street Sacramento, California 95814

June 15, 2015 at 11:15am California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, California 94612

June 16, 2015 at 7:00pm Los Angeles River Center and Gardens 570 West Avenue Twenty-six

Los Angeles, California 90065

June 18, 2015 at 2:00pm Marsh Park 2944 Gleneden Street Los Angeles, California 90039

June 29, 2015 at 7:30pm Los Angeles River Center and Gardens 570 West Avenue Twenty-six Los Angeles, California 90065 July 21, 2015 4pm-7pm Los Angeles River Center and Gardens 570 West Avenue Twenty-six Los Angeles, California 90065