

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: April 25, 2016

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design work on Malibu coastal trail and access projects, City of Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design work on Malibu coastal trail and access projects in the amount of \$150,000.

Legislative Authority: Public Resources Code 33204.2(a) and 33204.27(a), and 75060(d)(1) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached comprehensive grant application for project planning and design work on Malibu coastal trail and access projects in both the City of Malibu and in unincorporated Los Angeles County. A map of the proposed grant area is attached. The proposed projects would meet the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's objectives. The MRCA has a proven track record of delivering significant real estate interests and public access improvements into the public domain in the subject area.

There are currently many opportunities on several fronts to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state in the Malibu and adjacent areas. This grant would include tasks such as acquiring trail easements and fee simple parcels, designing public access improvements such as trails, and obtaining permits for such access projects. This could include implementing portions of the conceptual Coastal Slope Trail, Malibu Pacific Trail, and other proposed trails shown on the City's draft trail maps for the City of Malibu Local Coastal Program. The proposed scope of work could include planning for trails as well as other public access improvements (e.g., trailheads, restrooms, stairs, parking areas, signage, etc.). All of the subject project area is within the Coastal zone. These potential projects not only would provide key recreational connections and opportunities, but also would maintain world-class views of the coast and mountains for the public.