



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, ASLA (Hon.), Executive Officer

DATE: March 5, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a Conservancy Fund grant for implementation of signage for the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of \$10,000 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for implementation of signage at various trailheads to demark the "Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail."

Background: Under the recommended action, the MRCA would accept a grant of \$10,000 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy toward new signage demarking the "Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail." The funds will allow for services of MRCA's landscape architects, GIS specialist, Facilities and Maintenance staff, and ranger staff to provide graphic design services, sign fabrication, map development and printing, and installation of materials at park kiosks or trailheads.

Legislation was carried in 2000 by then-Assembly Member, now State Senator Sheila Kuehl, to rename the Rim of the Valley Trail as the "Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail," in honor of trail activist Marge Feinberg who died February 1999. The bill provided for "...the conservancy to determine the cost of erecting appropriate placques and markers showing the special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those placques and markers."

Dr. Milton Feinberg, Ms. Feinberg's husband, donated \$10,000 last year to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to go toward the signage at appropriate trailheads and completed sections of the trail that are under Conservancy or MRCA ownership.

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The main Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail entry point was dedicated by the Conservancy and MRCA in January 2003 at the Conservancy's Saddletree Open Space near the City of Los Angeles' Stetson Ranch Park in Sylmar. That location includes a large decorative overhead arch denominating the trail's namesake, interpretive panels describing her contributions, a bronze placque, and a memorial bench. Funding for those substantial amenities was from Los Angeles County Proposition A.