



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 5, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a Conservancy Fund grant for implementation of a memorial interpretive display at Marvin B. Braude Mulholland Gateway Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Authority adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a Conservancy Fund grant of \$15,278 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for implementing interpretive panels and improvements at Marvin B. Braude Mulholland Gateway Park at the south end of Reseda Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles.

Background: The late Los Angeles City Councilman Marvin B. Braude was a longtime activist for establishment of a Santa Monica Mountains Park. He was Chairperson of the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Planning Commission, and a fervent supporter of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and the MRCA. He worked throughout his tenure on the council toward preserving mountain parkland. When he passed away in late 2005, his daughters and friends requested that donations in his memory be made to the Conservancy. Over fifteen thousand dollars were donated and deposited into the Conservancy Fund. The Authority is planning for interpretive displays and kiosk to tell the story of the mountains and Councilman Braude's integral role in the park's establishment. Marvin B. Braude Mulholland Gateway Park is the location, the park which had already been named in Councilman Braude's honor some years ago while he was still serving the city. He attended the dedication ceremonies. The grant of donated memorial funds will go toward the services of the Authority's graphic designer, landscape architect, and facilities staff, who will provide the design, interpretive materials, displays, and installation.

