



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 7, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(o): Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for an augmentation of grant SMM-0752 for the Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for an augmentation of grant SMM-0752 for the Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration project of Proposition 84 funds in the amount of \$750,000.

Background: At the July 9, 2007 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) meeting, the SMMC Board authorized a grant of Proposition 84 funds to MRCA for Vista Hermosa Park to exercise additive alternates to the base bid for the Vista Hermosa Park and upgrade the landscaping.

The proposed grant augmentation will fund several features of the park that had been removed due to value engineering for the Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration Park. The work funded by this grant augmentation will be perimeter fencing and interpretive entry gates and signs; additional seating and shade covering features in the grotto and throughout select portions of the park; additional loads of boulders for the adventure play area; additional greening of the building roofs; additional security features such as alarm and ParkCam, and upsizing the specimen oak and sycamore trees and doubling the quantity of native plants.