



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 XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for an amendment to the scope of work of SMM-0741, and authorizing a grant to the City of San Fernando for project planning and design of the Pacoima Wash Greenway-First Street Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for an amendment to the scope of work of SMM-0741, and authorizing a grant to the City of San Fernando in the amount of \$332,882.55 for project planning and design of the Pacoima Wash Greenway-First Street Park.

Background: Grant SMM-0741 was awarded to the MRCA for the acquisition of property in Devils Canyon, however the parcels targeted for acquisition were sold to another party. Approximately \$2,100 of the subject \$335,000 Proposition 40 grant was used for property appraisal and staff time pursuing the acquisition.

The City of San Fernando owns a 3.6-acre vacant parcel adjacent to the Pacoima Wash and plans to convert it into a nature park. The City's proposed First Street Park would be adjacent to the planned Pacoima Wash Bikeway, which will connect to the MRCA's Eighth Street Park. If feasible, the First Street Park will collect and treat industrial and residential runoff onsite, similar to the Eighth Street Park. The park will also feature native riparian plants, pedestrian and cyclist amenities such as benches, a drinking fountain, interpretive elements, and shade trees, and will serve as a natural park and rest stop for users of the Bikeway.

The proposed action would make a request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to modify the scope of work for SMM-0741 to include project planning and design for the First Street Park, including engineering feasibility studies of stormwater runoff treatment options. MRCA would grant the funds to the City of San Fernando to carry out the project planning and design. Payment to the City would be on a reimbursable basis, and a condition of the grant to the City would be that payments will not occur until MRCA has received funds from the Conservancy.