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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 7, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the management, operation, and improvement of the portion of Franklin Canyon Park owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the management, operation, and improvement of the portion of Franklin Canyon Park owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Background: The MRCA currently provides daily management and operation of the portion of Franklin Canyon Park owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Staff is in the process of applying for a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation ("State Parks") for facilities improvements.

Since the MRCA does not hold title to the land, State Parks is requiring a formal Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the MRCA and the Conservancy that clearly outlines the obligations and responsibilities of the MRCA.

Specifically, according to State Parks' requirements, the term of the MOU must be thirty (30) years, must contain rights of termination for cause, and must address site control roles and responsibilities. It also must have an optional renewal clause to provide framework for extending the MOU beyond the initial term.

The Conservancy has previously authorized this MOU and staff requests that the Governing Board do the same.