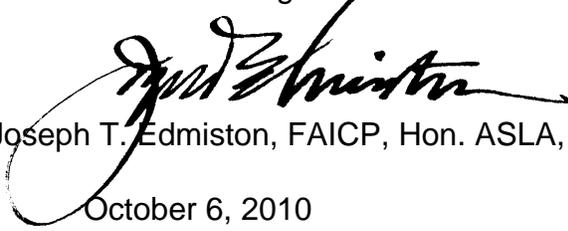




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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 6, 2010

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution approving contract with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to cover support budget expenses on a reimbursable basis due to delay in Budget.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving contract with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) to cover support budget expenses on a reimbursable basis due to delay in passage of the State Budget.

Background: Every fiscal year critical functions of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy are funded in the agency's support budget through the state's budget appropriations. The Conservancy's Support Budget provides for basic administrative needs such as monthly telephone bills, FedEx charges, legal update services, in addition to personnel costs and other state agency charges. Because of the delay in the passing the State Budget, the state cannot pay bills and the Conservancy will be unable to perform its necessary functions without temporary assistance.

A contract with the MRCA to cover these expenses on a reimbursable basis would allow the Conservancy to continue basic operations until the state resumes paying vendors.