



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 3, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing requesting a budget augmentation and minor equipment specification change for grant SMM-0756 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing requesting a budget augmentation and minor equipment specification change for grant SMM-0756 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to provide funding for a firefighting Water Tender.

Background: Staff is requesting authorization for an augmentation not to exceed \$100,000. This augmentation would provide necessary funding to purchase a used firefighting water tender with the capability of dispersing both Class A foam and Class A Fire Retardant Gel. Class A Fire Retardant Gel can withstand an intense passing fire front, and repel radiant heat for several hours. Class A Fire Retardant Gel consists of about 97% water. The Gel's super absorbent polymers hold the water, and the water does the work. Gel is effective for both Fire Suppression and Resource Protection. This dual system is more desirable than the single Compressed Air Foam System(CAFS) specified in the original grant application.