



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: May 3, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution approving application for and acceptance of a Proposition 40 grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for trails restoration and repair at parks operated and maintained by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving application for and acceptance of a Proposition 40 grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for trails restoration and major repairs at parks operated and maintained by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA).

Background The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority operates and manages dozens of park sites located throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Currently, a large backlog in trails maintenance and repairs exists due to years of deferred maintenance, landslides, heavy public use, and depreciative activities. Furthermore, the needed trail restoration is far greater than what routine trail repair funding and personnel resources would otherwise provide. Please refer to the attached draft grant application and project overview for a listing of 17 specific repair locations. In addition, a percentage of the grant funding will be used to purchase related durable capital equipment to perform trail work. In most situations, equipment purchase will be less costly than renting said equipment for the duration of the project.