



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: November 20, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(c): Consideration of a resolution accepting amendment to scope of SMM-0618.**

Background: On August 28, 2006, the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) amended the scope of SMM-0618. The amended scope includes "legal services for defense of legal action to close state lands."

The MRCA has billed only for reimbursement of legal fees to ensure compliance with the Coastal Act and coastal land use planning. Staff of the SMMC has advised the MRCA that it intends to recommend to the Board of the SMMC amendment of the scope of the grant to limit the legal services component of the scope to fees and associated costs required to ensure compliance with the Coastal Act and coastal land use planning.