



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: January 11, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing making an application for Proposition 40 grant funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for improvements to Franklin Canyon Park, and entering into the grant agreement.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing making an application for Proposition 40 grant funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for improvements to Franklin Canyon Park, and entering into the grant agreement.

Background: Established in 1981, Franklin Canyon Park offers numerous visitor-serving amenities in a natural woodland setting. While all of the facilities are functional, a few select improvements to the park's capital assets will make the park into a prime destination. The MRCA is proposing minor renovations to the Sooky Goldman Nature Center Courtyard, the Sam Goldman Amphitheater, the Doheny Ranch Picnic Area, Upper Picnic Area, Heavenly Pond Picnic Area, and restrooms and fencing throughout the park. More comprehensive capital improvements are proposed for the Eugene and Michael Rosenfeld Auditorium.

A grant application in the amount of \$200,000 will be submitted to the Conservancy for funding from Proposition 40 to complete the improvements. A start date of January 30, 2006 will be requested. The draft grant application is attached for reference and includes a preliminary cost estimate. Detailed cost estimates will be procured from contractors as the improvements are implemented.