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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: January 11, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing making an application for Proposition 40 grant funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for renovations and restoration of parks operated and maintained by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, 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 renovations and restoration of parks operated and maintained by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and entering into the grant agreement.

Background The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority operates and manages dozens of park sites located throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Currently, a major backlog in park major maintenance and repairs exists due to years of deferred maintenance, heavy public use, depreciative activities, and normal wear and tear. Furthermore, the amount of needed repairs is far greater than what routine maintenance funding and personnel resources can provide. Please refer to the attached grant application and project overview for a listing of 28 specific repair locations, with cost estimates for each sub-category of repair. In addition, a small percentage of the grant funding will be used to purchase related equipment, which is durable, and in most situations will be less cost than renting said equipment for the duration of the project.