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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: July 12, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Proposition 84 grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for exercising additive alternates to the base bid for the Vista Hermosa Park and funding additions and upgrades to the landscaping, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Proposition 84 grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for exercising additive alternates to the base bid for the Vista Hermosa Park and funding additions and upgrades to the landscaping in the amount of \$508,823.

Background: At the July 9, 2007 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) meeting, the SMMC Board authorized a grant of Proposition 84 funds to MRCA for Vista Hermosa Park. The funding will allow MRCA to exercise certain additive alternates to the base bid, including: green roofs which will reduce the urban heat island effect and naturally insulate and cool the park buildings as well as blend into the hillside; a watershed demonstration feature adjacent to the outdoor classroom; increased size and quantity of landscaping for the site; and perimeter fencing and interpretive gates. These items were previously eliminated from the project for budgetary reasons. The requested funding includes a 10% contingency to accommodate potential staff and design time related to the addition of these elements.