



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: October 3, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 84 grant to acquire APN 694-0-210-500 in Encinal Canyon, unincorporated Ventura County.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a Proposition 84 grant in the amount of \$235,000 to acquire APN 694-0-210-500 in Encinal Canyon, unincorporated Ventura County.

Background: On August 8, 2007 the Board authorized acquisition of an option to purchase the subject property, 10 acres located in Encinal Canyon on the Etz Meloy Motorway in unincorporated Ventura County, and the acceptance of private funds to do so. If approved, the grant from the Conservancy would allow fee acquisition to be completed. National Park Service and Mountains Conservancy Foundation are also contributing funds to the purchase.

The 10-acre parcel contains important coastal habitat, and acquisition will facilitate development of an important link in the Backbone Trail. The property provides and promotes access to and enjoyment of coastal resources of the state, and acquisition would protect land and water resources. Acquisition of this parcel is a priority of National Park Service.