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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: January 9, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment to scope of work for grant SMM-0753 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from Proposition 84 for interpretation of the Upper Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing amendment to scope of work for grant SMM-0753 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority from Proposition 84 for interpretation of the Upper Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds.

Background: On July 9, 2007 the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy authorized a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretation of the Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds, including visitor serving amenities and naturalist led interpretive programs for the public as well as programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth. Staff has been asked by the Attorney General's office to amend the scope of work of this grant to clarify that the interpretation funded by the grant will be specific to resources owned or managed by the SMMC or its designee, and that all programs funded contain a specific interpretive element. For example, the grant to Outward Bound Adventure's "Teach Me to Camp Program," while including camping skills, will also contain significant interpretation of the natural and cultural resources of the Los Angeles River Watershed.

This clarifying amendment does not in fact change any of the originally funded programs, as resource interpretation of the watershed has always been the core of all programming. However, the following language will be added to the grant's scope of work, as well as the scope of work of all non -profit partners:

"All programming and visitor serving amenities funded by this grant will contain interpretation directly related to the natural and cultural resources of the site and the Los Angeles and/or Santa Monica Bay Watershed."