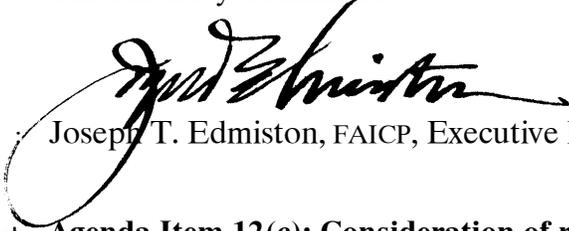


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 24, 2005

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 12(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to apply to the Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District Proposition A funds to acquire the Soka University property, unincorporated Calabasas area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess funds to acquire the Soka University property in the Malibu Canyon watershed.

Legislative Authority: Joint Exercise Powers Act, Section 6500 *et seq.* of the Government Code.

Background: At its June 14, 2004 meeting, the Conservancy added the Soka University site to both its Prop A Workprogram and over all Acquisition Workprogram. The Soka University project site totals 588 acres. The portion to be acquired by the MRCA will be approximately 406 acres. The proposed action is necessary for the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to allow the MRCA to proceed with entering into a project agreement for Prop A. The MRCA already has authority to apply for the Conservancy 1996 Santa Monica Mountains Prop A Advance Funds.