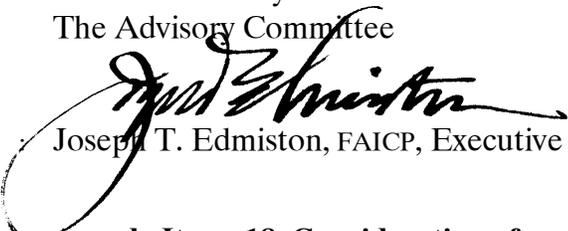


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: April 25, 2005

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 18: Consideration of resolution authorizing the assignment and designation of a grant of Federal Highway Administration funds for improvements to two Hansen Dam parking lots to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for administration, design, and construction of the project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing the assignment and designation of a grant of Federal Highway Administration funds for improvements to two Hansen Dam parking lots to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for administration, design, and construction of the project.

Legislative Authority: Government Code Section 6500

Background: With the assistance of Congressman Berman, the Conservancy was granted Federal Highway Administration funds, as a state agency, in the amount of \$135,000 for project administration. These funds are specifically earmarked for environmental mitigation of runoff from these parking areas into the Least Bell's Vireo habitat within the Hansen Dam Basin.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has been involved with Congressman Berman, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, and City Council President Alex Padilla's staff in addressing joint opportunities within the Hansen Dam Recreation Area.

Presently these two parking lots divert all runoff untreated into the adjacent habitat. The parking lots will be studied by a water quality engineer and appropriate mitigation measures designed and implemented.

The proposal for administration of the grant and the project by the MRCA is included as an attachment to this staff report.

The location of the two parking lots, and the Least Bell's Vireo habitat are indicated on the accompanying map.