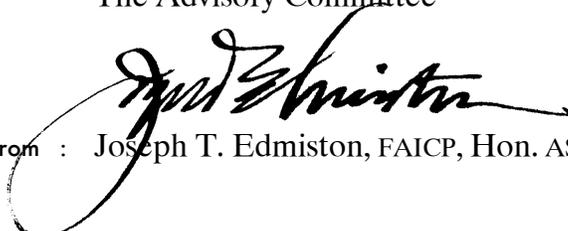


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 27, 2013

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the California Trails Conference Foundation for the 2014 Trails and Greenways Conference.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the California Trails Conference Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2014 Trails and Greenways Conference.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code states that

The conservancy may award grants to nonprofit organizations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)), . . . , to carry out improvements, maintenance, acquisitions, or educational interpretation programs that directly relate to a project that the conservancy is otherwise authorised to undertake pursuant to this division.

Background: Please see the attached grant application and supporting materials from the California Trails Conference Foundation. The proposed grant from the Conservancy Fund is to be matched from other sources, including private donations, corporate sponsorships, and other agencies' support. The Trails Conference is an annual event of California State Parks, Statewide Trails Section, and the Foundation. It provides the premier state forum for in-depth information on every aspect of open space, trails, and greenways creation, preservation, accessibility, management, stewardship, maintenance, and education interpretation. The Conservancy Fund is the repository for a number of private donations and bequests, and is an appropriate source for the matching grant.