



Date: August 17, 2004
To: Honorable Mayor O'Neill and City Council
From: Frank A. Colonna, Councilmember, Third Council District *FC*
Subject: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)

The California Performance Review Report, recently made public, recommends that the Governor work with the Legislature to devolve five of the eight separate conservancies for which the Resources Agency is responsible.

Unfortunately, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has been recommended as one of the conservancies to be separated from the Resources Agency, which would result in no bond funding for staff support and would also remove state-level majority participation on the Conservancy Executive Board.

Parks, trails, open space and wildlife habitat that are easily accessible to the general public and within the boundaries of the RMC have greatly benefited from participation with the Conservancy. Additionally, the RMC has been extremely beneficial in assisting our city in a variety of open space and watershed issues including grant funding for our Aquarium of the Pacific.

For this reason, I request that my fellow councilmembers join with me in requesting that the City Attorney prepare a resolution of intention to support the effort to ensure that the RMC remain a responsibility of the Resources Agency.

Attachments: RMC Funded Projects
RMC Unfunded Projects – RMC Workprogram