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PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS  
Extension Request – Project Allocation  
Action Item

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**WAIVER REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-98-20**  
**TEA GUIDELINES**

**TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES**  
**CONSERVATION LANDS PROGRAM**  
**WAIVER-01-06**

**ISSUE**

Resolution G-98-20, TEA Guidelines, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on December 9, 1999, stipulates that a project must receive an allocation vote within the programmed year requested by the TEA applicant.

The Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy's (SMMC) Baldwin Hills Southern Viewshed project was programmed in September 2000, for \$4.9 million in FY 2000-01. The property currently contains oil wells and access roads interspersed with native vegetation. The SMMC originally requested \$7.2 million, but the CTC did not have that much available, verified that a project could still be done for a lesser amount, and programmed only the \$4.9 million available. The property has good scenic value in densely urban Los Angeles (despite the working oil wells), and Resources Agency regards it as highly significant for natural habitat. Negotiations to change the scope of the project to fit the funding available have proven more difficult than expected. They involve issues such as boundaries of the scenic acquisition, scenic easement versus full property purchase, responsibility for hazardous waste cleanup and scenic restoration on the property, and allowable activities under a scenic easement. SMMC does not expect to be ready for a CTC allocation by June 30, 2001, and so is asking for an extension of twelve months for the allocation vote, to June 2002.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Transportation supports the allocation extension request.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy requests a one-year change in the project programming date and the Department recommends approval of the revised allocation deadline of June 30, 2002.