



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Request for Advance of Funds on SMM CF-907 Browns Canyon

Dear Chairperson Schafer and Conservancy Members:

At its March 23, 2009 meeting the Conservancy authorized what is now grant number SMM CF-907 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for \$916,000 to conduct a major riparian restoration project on MRCA parkland in the Gopher Canyon tributary of Browns Canyon. In May 2009, the Conservancy authorized an advance of \$346,000 from the Conservancy Fund to the MRCA for this project. The MRCA received the funding in June 2009 and began work on the project.

The MRCA is on schedule per the time line and budget approved in the four party agreement signed by the Conservancy, the Army Corps, Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration. In the attached May 2009 MRCA letter making the original request for an advance of funds, it was suggested that the MRCA would submit a request for additional funds around September 2009. However, our staff has managed to conduct the first phase of work for less cost than anticipated. Nonetheless over three acres of land has been partially planted or seeded and the MRCA needs to have the funding available to augment and maintain this capital improvement. Furthermore to keep the project on track and honor the objectives of the four-way agreement, permitting and design work must be done this spring to conduct the second project phase grading in the fall of 2010. To date \$270,000 has been expended on the project, and in addition, staff and materials expenses are incurred almost daily by our restoration crew.

Within this context the MRCA respectfully requests an second advance of funds in the amount of \$300,000 to carry the project through the next 10-12 months (January 2011). At that stage six acres of the project should be fully installed and ready for the five year maintenance period. The remaining \$270,000 would be used to plant the last 0.7 acres and to maintain the project for five years.

Please direct your response to Chris Trumpy our project manager for the subject project. His mailing address is 5810 Ramirez Canyon Road, Malibu, 90265 and telephone is (310) 589-3230 ext. 263.

Sincerely,

George Lange
Chairperson