Agenda Item 12 **SMMC** 4-26-10

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY **GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: \$ 375,000 **Amount of Request:** Project Planning and Design **Total Project Cost:** \$ 1,125,000 **Applicant Name:** Augmentation SMM 0754

Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

Applicant Address: Project Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065

County Senate Assembly Ventura and Los various various Angeles

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Grantee's Authorized Representative:

Cara Meyer, Contracts Officer 323-221-9944, x117 Name and Title Phone

Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:

Barbara Romero, Chief Urban and Watershed Projects 310-221-9944, x188

Name and Title Phone

Brief Scope of Work:

Project planning and design activities leading directly to the preservation, protection and restoration of land, water and other natural resources in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the watersheds of Santa Monica Bay, including the Calleguas Creek watershed. Such projects shall be fully consistent with the projects identified in the geographic specific Projects List approved by the Conservancy initially in September 2007 and subsequently in October 2008. (See attached.)

Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84

Narrative/Project Description:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) requested Project Planning and Design Services grant augmentation would continue to fund activities directly related to the acquisition, preservation, protection and restoration of land, water and other natural resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs for eligible projects located in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay, including the Calleguas Creek watershed. The MRCA will provide direct services related to the expeditious acquisition or improvement of real property or interests therein.

The MRCA, in consultation with the Conservancy staff, will develop and implement projects that maximize the protection, enhancement, distribution, and creation of public parks and natural areas throughout the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal canyons of the Santa Monica Bay. The funding will be used for Proposition 84 funding eligible projects in the specific geographic areas listed in the attached figure entitled "Potential Projects List." The scope of these projects shall range from the acquisition and development of urban native habitat parks and trails to the acquisition of habitat linkages between the major core habitats of the Santa Monica Mountains zone. MRCA staff efforts will also include the obtainment and processing of land and trail easement dedications and donations. To the extent possible, all planning, design, and implementation efforts shall be multiobjective to integrate increased water supply and quality, wildlife habitat including fisheries, habitat connectivity, and the broad distribution of passive recreational opportunities that may incorporate interpretive displays. All of the subject project planning and design activities would be consistent with the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Project development will strongly focus on combining multiple funding sources to stretch both local and State dollars.

The MRCA, in consultation with the Conservancy staff will continue to concentrate on project development in the eligible urban sections of the Los Angeles River watershed projects to be partially or wholly funded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's allocation of Proposition 84 funding. The MRCA will analyze all eligible projects brought forth from the public and other agencies for consideration by the Conservancy staff. This work should help provide the foundation to expand the paucity of Conservancy Workprogram projects in the portions of the watershed that were added to the Conservancy's jurisdiction with the passage of Proposition 50 and carried forth in Proposition 84.

The MRCA requests that the term of the agreement end no earlier than September 30, 2012.

Tasks / Milestones: 1 Project Planning- upper LA River	Budget: \$ 225,000	Completion Date September 30, 2012						
2 Project Planning- Santa Monica Bay	\$ 150,000 	September 30, 2012						
I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.								
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Signature of Authorized Representative		4-22-10 Date						

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Proposed MRCA Budget Augmentation of SMM-0754

Expense Type	Proposed Grant Allocation					
	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed		Coastal Watersheds of Santa Monica Bay		Total	
1. Direct Acquisition Expenses	\$	65,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	105,000.00
a. Appraisals (Average \$5,000)						
b. Appraisal Reviews (Average \$1,500)						
c. Preliminary Title Reports (\$750 each)	,					
2. MRCA Staff Time	\$	155,000.00	\$	105,000.00	\$	255,000.00
a. 12 Employees (average cost per hour with benefits & overhead, \$47/hour, 5,426 hours approximately).						
3. Professional Services, Travel &						
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	10,000.00
a. Transportation						
b. Filing Fees						
d. Fees to reserve Chapter 8 Agreements						
e. Miscellaneous Expenses						
f. Legal Descriptions and Services						
Total	\$	150,000.00	\$	225,000.00	\$	375,000.00