

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 20, 2008

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 20: Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to SMM-0754 for Project Planning and Design Services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation of SMM-0754 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority using Proposition 84 funds for project planning and design services in the coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay including Calleguas Creek and the Upper Los Angeles River in the amount of \$100,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 6500 *et seq.* of the Government Code and Sections 33204(c), 33204.2(a), 33204.27(a), 75060 (d)(1), and 75050(g)(2) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached application for a \$100,000 augmentation to the \$650,000 Proposition 84 Project Planning and Design grant (SMM-0754). The Conservancy last augmented this grant in September 2007. The grant period runs through June 2009 and needs to be extended in any case. The application budget calls for \$65,000 to be spent in the Upper Los Angeles River and \$35,000 in coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay. An expenditure plan for each of these geographic areas is included in the MRCA application.

The staff reports from the September 2007 Conservancy meeting are attached to provide detailed background on the MRCA's use of Project Planning and Design grant funds from the Conservancy in general and specifically from Proposition 84 funds.

The MRCA cover letter from the Vice Chairperson states that it is anticipated that the current grant will be exhausted by the end of calendar year 2009. It further states that because of the uncertainties with the State budget that it would be prudent to assure that key elements of the MRCA legal, design services, and natural resources and planning programs have a level of funding certainty through the first quarter of 2010. A delayed FY 2009-2010 State budget could potentially require trimming staff and halting work on projects as part of prudent management. The request is to authorize the minimum amount of additional planning funds to prevent any unnecessary delays and staff reductions detrimental to the implementation of projects on the

approved project list. The \$100,000 requested augmentation would assure that continuity into the second quarter of 2010.

Some time prior to the second quarter of 2010, it is expected that the MRCA would request an augmentation to carry an unknown level of project planning and design through FY 2010-2011. Most tasks performed by the MRCA staff under this grant deliver projects on the approved project list with no capital funding from Proposition 84. More specifically land is obtained at no public cost or using non-Proposition 84 funding. Many improvement projects worked on also have no Proposition 84 capital funding involved.

The approved project lists for the Upper Los Angeles River and Coastal Watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay are attached.

**Attachment  
SMMC Item 20  
October 20, 2008**

**Materials prepared by: P. Edelman, 10/15/08**

## Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: September 24, 2007

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 16: Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of SMM-0754 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design services in the upper Los Angeles River Watershed.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation of SMM-0754 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design services in the upper Los Angeles River Watershed in the amount of \$300,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 6500 *et seq.* of the Government Code and Section 33204(a), 33204.2(a), and 33204.27(a) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached application for an augmentation to the \$200,000 Proposition 84 Project Planning and Design grant (SMM-0754) that the Conservancy approved on July 9, 2007. The application requests an additional \$450,000 to be used both within the upper Los Angeles River and coastal watershed areas of the Santa Monica Bay. That request calls for \$300,000 in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and \$150,000 in the Santa Monica Bay coastal watersheds.

To best address the Conservancy's request for specific budgetary information at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the MRCA has provided a detailed expenditure plan for each of the two geographic areas. To further compartmentalize the proposed grant funds in specific funding areas, staff has split the MRCA's grant request into two action items. This item addresses the \$300,000 request for the upper Los Angeles River watershed.

The largest categories of the MRCA's proposed expenditures are as follows. These estimates are approximate with flexibility to expend a given category slightly more to best advance the completion of projects. The MRCA expects to spend a higher percentage of the \$200,000 approved grant on staff time as opposed to consultants. The real financial catalyst and underpinning of many Conservancy efforts and accomplishments is generally rooted in the MRCA staff expenditure of Conservancy Project Planning and Design grants.

### **Direct Acquisition Expenses**

The first such category is direct pre-acquisition costs (appraisals, appraisal reviews, preliminary title reports, and environmental assessments— not including any outside legal counsel). That number is \$80,000. Appraisals are critical to determine whether an acquisition is feasible based on available funding and the seller's expectations. Each appraisal requires at least one preliminary title report. Each appraisal also requires an MRCA staff prepared request for bid and contract process that is not included in the \$90,000 direct expenses allocation.

### **MRCA Staff Time**

The second category is MRCA staff time estimated at \$120,000. The Conservancy has just one half-time planning employee, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning. Any Conservancy planning work not done by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Executive Director, or the Chief Deputy Director is provided by the MRCA staff or consultants. Essentially over ninety percent of Conservancy related project planning and design work is done by the MRCA staff. In addition, substantial increments of work often have to be invested now that will in turn not actually yield a grant deed or finished improvement project for a couple of years.

Most of that MRCA work is funded by specific grants from a myriad of sources, but much is funded by Project Planning and Design grants from the Conservancy. However, any eligible project identification or development work that is not funded by a project specific grant must be funded via a Project Planning and Design (PPD) grant. Most projects are in an early stage and are months or years away from having a project specific grant funding source to pay for any staff work, consulting costs, or any expense. Many projects never provide a staff funding source and if they do, most staff time expended prior to that time is ineligible to be charged to the grant.

The MRCA staff uses Conservancy PPD funding to assist in the completion of projects of great public importance, that are consistent with bond fund eligibility, but otherwise may never succeed. In essence any partnership project requiring MRCA staff time requires a substantial increment of Conservancy PPD funding. Just to follow a phone lead, be on a conference call, attend a meeting, a hearing, visit a site, those actions all require Conservancy PPD funding. For the MRCA planning staff to secure a free open space dedication in the development process and then to have the legal staff get that land transferred to public hands all requires Conservancy PPD funding.

The MRCA's ability to be flexible enough to respond to opportunity land donations or to shape any entitlement or planning process depends entirely on Conservancy PPD funding. Working to get other public entities to co-fund projects requires lots of staff time. Co-funded projects may save large amounts of capital investment, but they cost a lot more in terms of staff time because implementation is more complicated. Generally such coordination also requires more senior staff at higher hourly rates. Nonetheless the project is completed with substantially less net Conservancy funding. The cost of land also necessitates the need to do projects on public land not owned by the MRCA or the Conservancy. All such work requires negotiations, Memorandums of Agreement, and permits. Often all such work also has to be accomplished before a project becomes competitive enough for any outside grant funding. Generally all such expenses are not reimbursable. The price of cheap land is many hours of labor costs.

At least 16 employees in the MRCA's legal, planning and design services groups depend on Conservancy project planning and design grants to advance work on significant projects that fulfill the mission of the Conservancy and Proposition 84.

With benefits and overhead, the average cost per hour of these employees is approximately \$51. The MRCA bills staff time with a cost allocation increment per hour and thus that \$51 covers all overhead such as phones, copying, and computers. Essentially the requested \$120,000 of personnel grant funding would fund approximately 2,353 hours of staff time in the upper Los Angeles River watershed. A single personnel year consists of 2080 hours. That works out to 3.25 weeks of funding for each of the 16 employees, all of which do substantial project work in the upper Los Angeles River watershed. For the MRCA to make substantial progress in implementing projects prioritized and funded by the Conservancy will require future augmentations to this PPD grant.

#### **Planning, Engineering, Environmental and Legal Consultants**

The third large expense category is for consultants with an estimate of \$85,000. The bulk of this consultant budget is anticipated to go to community based consultants to assist in gathering input on project preferences, needs, definition, and scope. This baseline planning and project development work will occur throughout the upper Los Angeles River watershed. Working hand in hand with the MRCA staff this effort will yield a set of projects for the Conservancy to prioritize for Proposition 84 expenditures and future funding sources. The effort will create a foundation that is critical to provide the Conservancy with viable projects to partially or fully fund. A portion of the funding will also go to pay for legal descriptions, surveys, soil testing, and potentially outside counsel to assist in any legal work. For example consultants may have to be used to complete Mitigated Negative Declarations for more complex improvement projects.

### **Remaining Costs**

The expenses in the MRCA's proposal are transportation costs, acquisition of digital aerial photography, other specialized GIS software, fees to reserve Chapter 8 Agreement parcels from auction lists, miscellaneous expenses, and \$5,000 of contingency to fill needs other portions of the budget.

### **Grant Project List**

The foundation of the Conservancy's Project Planning and Design grants is a project list that covers a broad range of eligible project areas in the eligible portions of the Conservancy's jurisdiction for the specific bond measure. By design, the project list includes virtually every possible project area where the MRCA may need to do planning, acquisition and design work. The list that was approved with SMM-0754 on July 9<sup>th</sup> is attached. At the July 9<sup>th</sup> Conservancy meeting, members of the Advisory Committee had asked that projects be added in the El Prieto Creek watershed of Altadena and the Moorpark area. Because of the late evening, staff did not have time to introduce those projects to be added to the list at the meeting. A revised project list including those areas will be available at the up coming meeting. However, to add projects with a grant funding augmentation, the Attorney General may have to determine that the additions do not change the scope of the original grant approval.

The MRCA is currently providing project planning and design (PPD) work in the Santa Clara River watershed (not 84 eligible) with a Proposition 40 PPD grant from the Conservancy.



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## **PROPOSITION 84 - PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN**

### **POTENTIAL PROJECT AREA LIST**

#### **TASK 1 – UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED**

##### **A. Los Angeles River Watershed, upstream of the Tujunga Wash/Los Angeles River confluence**

Incorporation of LACO Flood Control and Army Corps of Engineers right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO and ACOE) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent, or near adjacent, parcels from Bell and Calabasas Creek confluence to Tujunga Wash confluence

Pacoima Wash: Acquisition and restoration of wash adjacent properties in the City of San Fernando and the City of Los Angeles to the Angeles National Forest.

Hansen Dam Basin: Restoration of habitat in the basin

Incorporation of LACO Flood Control right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent parcels, or near-adjacent, for the following tributaries of the Los Angeles River:

Bell Creek between Valley Circle Boulevard and Shoup Avenue

South Bell Creek between Royer and Fallbrook Avenues

Aliso Creek, Chatsworth Creek, Santa Susana Creek, Limekiln Creek, Calabasas Creek, and Browns Canyon Wash-south of the 118 Freeway and north of Roscoe Boulevard

Bull Creek and Woolsey Creek: Acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent properties along the creeks.

Acquire and restore open space in the following tributary watershed of the Los Angeles River between the Sepulveda Basin and the Simi Hills:

El Escorpián Canyon – between Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve and Valley Circle Boulevard

Open space and watershed acquisitions in the Limekiln and Aliso Creek drainages.

Tujunga Wash: extension of wash-adjacent restoration project and stormwater management enhancements north of Vanowen and south of Oxnard

Natoma, Ventura and Fryman Canyons - Acquire donations and dedications.



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**B. Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Simi Hills:**

Dayton Canyon -

Woolsey Canyon - Accept dedications and acquire donations between Chatsworth Reservoir and Sage Ranch

Box Canyon - Pursuing interests in all parcels between Box Canyon and Lilac/Thompson Lanes for connection to State Historic Park

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park - Accept donations around, and coordinate acquisitions with other entities to add to State Park holdings

Chatsworth Peak (south slope) Accept donations and coordinate acquisitions with other entities such as Rancho Simi Park and Recreation District

Devil - accept dedications and donations throughout watershed  
Analyzing numerous potential in lieu fee acquisition parcels.

Browns - accept dedications and donations throughout watershed

**C. Los Angeles River Watershed, between the Tujunga Wash/Los Angeles River confluence and the Verdugo Wash/Los Angeles River confluence**

Incorporation of LACO Flood Control and Army Corps of Engineers right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO and ACOE) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent, or near adjacent, parcels from Tujunga Wash confluence to Verdugo Wash confluence

Acquire and restore open space in the following tributary watersheds of the Los Angeles River interests:

- Newhall Pass - accept donations and dedications west of Interstate 5
- Newhall Pass - accept donations and dedications between Interstate 5 State Route 14
- Grapevine Canyon – secure dedications, donations, and acquire easements
- Bee Canyon- accept dedication, donations in progress, and secure additional easements

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- Lopez Canyon, Kagel Canyon, Little Tujunga Canyon – process and negotiate open space acquisitions, dedications, and donations in the area between the built environment and the Angeles National Forest
- Big Tujunga Canyon – acquire private, City of Los Angeles and Department of Water and Power surplus property and City of Los Angeles entitlement dedications between the 210 Freeway and the Angeles National Forest
- Millard Canyon – acquire parcels between the Angeles National Forest and Canyon Crest Road
- Accept donation, dedications, and acquire in the eastern Verdugo Mountains both north and south of the Verdugo Mountain Open Space in the City of Glendale
- Woodland Hills- Secure interest in Girard Reservoir property, open space along SR 27, Mulholland High, dirt and paved Mulholland Drive, Caltrans Property, and Valley Circle.
- Accept donations and dedications in the eastern Verdugo Mountains both south and north of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Verdugo Mountain Open Space in the City of Glendale

La Tuna Canyon: Acquire and restore open space up stream of Sunland Boulevard including the Canyon Hills-Whitebird, Bagdesarian, and Hillview properties abutting the 210 Freeway, and the Majors property at the eastern end of the Verdugo Mountains

**D. Los Angeles River Watershed, between the Verdugo Wash/Los Angeles River confluence and the Arroyo Seco/Los Angeles River Confluence, Excluding the Arroyo Seco Watershed**

Incorporation of LACO Flood Control and Army Corps of Engineers right-of-way (as incrementally approved by LACO and ACOE) into greenbelt and acquisition and restoration of creek adjacent, or near adjacent, parcels along the main stem of the Los Angeles River

Elysian Valley: Stormwater management enhancements on existing MRCA property at Marsh Street Park.

Acquisition and development for open space for park use at the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract at 2400 Alessandro Street, Los Angeles.

Hazard Park: Acquisition and restoration of open space on City of Los Angeles property and creation of habitat connection northward to the Monterey Hills and Lincoln Park

Taylor Yard River Park- (Parcel-G2): Acquire and restore open space on the G-2 parcel adjacent to the Los Angeles River to establish riparian and associated habitats, enhance wildlife connectivity and movement along the river corridor, and improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

**E. Los Angeles River Watershed, between the Arroyo Seco/Los Angeles River Confluence and Vernon Avenue, Excluding the Arroyo Seco Watershed**

Acquisition and restoration of open spaces for an Urban Natural Habitat parks with stormwater quality improvements:

- Downtown Area (located within 1/3 of a mile of the Los Angeles River between the 101 Freeway Bridge and the 10 Freeway Bridge)
- El Pueblo Area (located within 1/3 of a mile of the Los Angeles River between the Arroyo Seco Confluence and the 101 Freeway Bridge)
  - Albion Dairy park acquisition and development on river adjacent parcel
- South Los Angeles Area (located within 1/3 of a mile of the Los Angeles River between the 10 Freeway Bridge and Vernon Avenue)
  - Stormwater management enhancements on City of Los Angeles right-of-way, the former Sears property, and the Santa Fe Ave property between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- Boyle Heights/City Heights Area (located within an area 2 miles south of the 10 Freeway and 2 miles west of the 710 Freeway)
- Lincoln Park Area (located within an area 2 miles north of the 10 Freeway and 2 miles east of the 5 Freeway)
- Vista Hermosa Area (located within an area within the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, south of Elysian Park, and within 2 miles west of the 110 Freeway)
  - Development of the Vista Hermosa Park (currently under construction)

**F. Arroyo Seco watershed**

San Rafael Hills: Acquire and restore open space in the cities of Pasadena, Glendale and La Cañada-Flintridge at the east end of the San Rafael Hills north of the 134 Freeway

Acquire and restore open space adjacent, or near adjacent to, the Angeles National Forest, Hahamongna Watershed Park, or downstream stretches of the Arroyo Seco to the Los Angeles River confluence

Stream restoration of the North Branch and stormwater management enhancements

South Pasadena: development of the Arroyo Seco Greenway project incorporating the Arroyo Seco Golf Course and the South Pasadena woodlands preservation project.

### **G. Northeast Los Angeles Hill Systems**

Monterey Hills/Mt Olympus: Acquire and restore fee simple and conservation easement open space in the City of Los Angeles south of the 110 Freeway, and near-adjacent to Debs Park and other publicly-owned parcels including Montecito Heights.

Mount Washington: Acquire and restore open space lots and conservation easements that preserve prominent viewsheds and maintain wildlife movement between Elyria Canyon Park and Heidelberg Park

Paradise Hill: Acquire and restore open space lots and conservation easements that preserve prominent viewsheds, trail locations, watershed area and wildlife habitat.

Elephant Hill: Acquire and restore open space lots and conservation easements that preserve prominent viewsheds, trail locations, watershed area and wildlife habitat within cities of Los Angeles and South Pasadena

Ascot Hills: Acquisition, development, and restoration of open space on City of Los Angeles property and creation of habitat connection westward to the Monterey Hills

Walnut Canyon (Cazador Ridge): Acquire and restore open space lots including tax defaulted parcels to maximize habitat and views

### **H. San Rafael Hills**

Acquire and restore open space in the Cities of Pasadena, Glendale and La Canada-Flintridge at east end San Rafael Hills north of the 134 Freeway

### **I. Foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains proximate to the Angeles National Forest.**

- Acquire land and easements in Pickens Ridge Area- including Pickens and Goss Canyon.
- Verdugo Hills Golf Course: Acquire and restore open space
- Acquire interest in Alzada Canyon in Altadena

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San Gabriel Mountain Foothills: Acquisitions of easements and fee simple ownership along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains north of the 118 and 210 Freeways in Sombrero, Schoolhouse, Limekiln, Lopez, Loop Kagel, Little Tujunga, Big Tujunga, Haines Canyon Watersheds.

**J. Big Tujunga and and Millard Canyon**

Big Tujunga Canyon- acquire City of Los Angeles and Department of Water and Power surplus property and City of Los Angeles entitlement dedications between the 210 Freeway and the Angeles National Forest

Millard Canyon - acquire parcels between the Angeles National Forest and Canyon Crest Road

**K. Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**

Acquisition, development, and implementation of Proposition 84 eligible projects from the Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Project List.

**L. Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan**

Acquisition, development, and implementation of Proposition 84 eligible projects from the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan



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October 20, 2008

Mr. Ronald P. Schafer  
Chairperson  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon  
Malibu, California 90265

**Amendment to Grant SMM-0754  
Project Planning and Design**

Dear Mr. Schafer:

The subject grant was awarded to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for Project Planning and Design activities in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay. The grant was funded from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

The MRCA has submitted the attached application for a \$100,000 augmentation to the \$650,000 Proposition 84 Project Planning and Design grant (SMM-0754). The Conservancy last augmented this grant in September 2007. The application budget calls for \$65,000 to be spent in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed and \$35,000 in coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay. An expenditure plan for each of these geographic areas is included in the MRCA application.

It is anticipated that the current grant will be exhausted by the end of calendar year 2009. It further states that because of the uncertainties with the State budget that it would be prudent to assure that key elements of the MRCA legal, design services, and natural resources and planning programs have a level of funding certainty through the first quarter of 2010. A delayed 2009-2010 State budget could potentially require trimming staff and halting work on projects. The request is to authorize the minimum amount of additional planning funds to prevent any unnecessary delays and reduction detrimental to the implementation of projects on the approved project list.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Barbara Romero, at 323-221-9944, extension 188.

Sincerely,

Jim Freidl  
Financial Officer

Attachments: Application

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>Project Name:</b> Project Planning and Design	<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 100,000 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 750,000						
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	Augumentation SMM 0754						
<b>Applicant Address:</b> 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065 <b>Phone:</b> 323-221-9944 <b>Fax:</b> 323-221-9934	<b>Project Address:</b> N/A						
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<b>Email:</b> Barbara.Romero@mrca.ca.gov							

**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 Watershed Program 310-221-9944, x188  
*Name and Title* *Phone*

**Brief Scope of Work** (60 words maximum):  
 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.

**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 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. The MRCA will provide direct services related to the expeditious acquisition or improvement of property.

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 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 multi-objective 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.

A major component of this grant scope is to bring forth to the Conservancy a primary set of upper Los

Angeles River watershed projects to be partially funded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's allocation of Proposition 84 funding. The development of that project set, and their resulting scopes, will involve extensive public input to greatly address the paucity of the Conservancy's 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. That project set will include both acquisition and improvement projects in the array of upper watershed geographic quadrants.

The MRCA requests that the term of the agreement end no earlier than June 30, 2010.

<b>Tasks / Milestones:</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
1 Project Planning- upper LA River	\$ 65,000	June 30, 2010
2 Project Planning- Santa Monica Bay	\$ 35,000	June 30, 2010

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

*Cara Meyer*

Signature of Authorized Representative

*10/15/08*

Date

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## Proposed MRCA Budget Augmentation of SMM-0754

Expense Type	Proposed Grant Allocation		
	Coastal Watersheds of Santa Monica Bay	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed	Total
<b>1. Direct Acquisition Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,665.00</b>
a. Appraisals (Average \$5,000)			
b. Appraisal Reviews (Average \$1,500)			
c. Preliminary Title Reports (\$750 each)			
<b>2. MRCA Staff Time</b>	<b>\$ 23,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,330.00</b>
a. 16 Employees (average cost per hour with benefits & overhead, \$51/hour, 967 hours approximately).			
<b>3. Professional Services, Travel &amp; Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,340.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,665.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,005.00</b>
a. Transportation			
b. Acquisition of Digital Aerial Photography			
c. Specialized GIS Software			
d. Fees to reserve Chapter 8 Agreements			
e. Miscellaneous Expenses			
f. Legal Descriptions and Services			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 65,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>