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**DRAFT**

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
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### **Request for Grant of Mitigation Funds**

Dear Chairperson Schafer and Conservancy Members:

As part of its ongoing habitat restoration program and partnership with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy), the MRCA respectfully requests a grant of mitigation funds to implement a 2.03-acre riparian and wetland habitat restoration project.

The Conservancy received funding from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as mitigation for impacts along Interstate 710. The Agreement between the Conservancy and Caltrans states that the mitigation shall occur within the Los Angeles River watershed. Lopez Canyon, in the San Gabriel Mountains north of the City of San Fernando is the target site for implementation of this project.

The subject MRCA-owned property in Lopez Canyon contains a stretch of streambed that has been filled and dammed over decades. This is a major job that will require extensive permitting and excavation work. MRCA would like to commence the permitting work immediately and begin excavation in October 2010.

The requested grant amount is \$330,000, the full in-lieu fee payment received from Caltrans. In addition, we respectfully request if the Conservancy would consider an advance of funds in the amount of \$175,000.

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