



May 23, 2011
Mr. Antonio Gonzales
Chairman
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road,
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant Augmentation Application – Los Angeles Urban Rangers –
Downtown Trails – L.A/ River Project**

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant to fund the Los Angeles Urban Rangers Downtown Trails Project. The \$7,500 requested will specifically fund the Los Angeles River trail portion of this project. The Los Angeles Forum for Architecture and Urban Design, a 501 © 3 organization is acting as the fiscal agent for this grant.

The SMMC grant will specifically fund the matching portion for the Los Angeles River portion of the project.

The Los Angeles River Trail will feature a self-guided, color blazed interpretive trail through the downtown riparian corridor, where the river itself can be very difficult to find. The project will focus on the social, ecological and geographic consequences of paving L.A.'s historic river and the potential consequences of the revitalization of the river downtown. The trail will start at the MOCA Geffen Contemporary, wind through the arts/warehouse district and loop back, with climbs on the 1st and 4th Street bridges.

We appreciate the support of the Santa Monica Mountains conservancy for this important project.

Sincerely,

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