



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, Chairperson
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**Grant Augmentation - Proposition 84 SMM-0757
Protection and Restoration of Natural and Developed Resources**

Dear Mr. Gonzalez :

I am pleased to present the enclosed augmentation for Proposition 84 grant SMM-0757 funding for the Protection and Restoration of Natural and Developed Resources. The MRCA requests a grant in the amount of \$500,000 from The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

The proposed augmentation funding will be utilized for 'Phase 2' of this project which includes protection and restoration of both natural and developed resources found on MRCA managed lands through the systematic removal of invasive plants and restoration of native plant communities in their place. The removal of hazardous fuel-loads directly protects structures and other park features; moreover, such wildfire prevention efforts will help to protect wildlife & plant communities found in fragmented urban interface and open space areas. Erosion & watershed protection will also be accomplished by restoration of native plant communities and the prevention of wildfires. These actions will also reduce sediment, ash, and organic matter loading of streams draining these watersheds.

Please refer to the attached grant application and staff report. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Tholund, the project manager, at (818) 871-9645 extension 31.

Sincerely,

Chairperson
George Lange