

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Protection & Restoration of Natural and Developed Resources (AUGMENTATION) SMM-0757	Amount of Request: \$ \$500,000 (AUGMENTATION)						
Applicant Name: MRCA	Total Project Cost: \$ \$500,000 Amount of Match: \$ Source of Match:						
Applicant Address: 570 W Ave 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065	Project Address:						
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Grantee's Authorized Representative:
 Dan Tholund, Division Chief 818-871-9645

Name and Title *Phone*

Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:
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Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):
 This \$500,000 augmentation will involve the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by elimination of hazardous fire-fuels, replacement of invasive plant species with natural plant communities, and the prevention of erosion by preventing wildfires and other stabilization methods to prevent the loss of topsoil and degradation of stream water quality.

Funding Source Applied for: Prop 84

Narrative/Project Description:
 The project will address the problem of high levels of flammable vegetation found adjacent to buildings, roadways, and other features. Often, these fuels consist of large amounts of invasive species such as mustard and thistle. The project will utilize equipment, hand crews, and resource modification techniques to remove these hazardous and invasive fire-fuels from around structures, roadways, and other features. Native, low fuel contributing species will then be planted to convert high fuel hazard locations into low fuel locations. These efforts will help reduce damage to structures and preclude damaging watershed erosion by preventing wildfires in the first place. The defensible spaces created around structures by this program will directly contribute to the safety of homeowners, firefighters, and the general public.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority operates and manages dozens of park sites, hundreds of individual APN locations, and thousands of acres of open space located throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The protection and restoration of both natural and developed resources found on these lands can be facilitated by 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 help to protect wildlife & plant communities found in fragmented urban interface and open space areas.

Erosion & watershed protection is also accomplished by restoration of native plant communities and the prevention of wildfires through the reduction of fuel loads. These actions also reduce sediment, ash, and organic matter loading of streams draining these watersheds.

Please find attached a listing of specific project locations listed by APN and/or park name and address:

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Invasive Plant Removal Project		6/30/12
2 Fuel Hazard Reduction Project		6/30/12
3 Erosion Reduction Project		6/30/12
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Acquisition Projects: **APN(s):**
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I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

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