



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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**Request for Grant of Conservancy Funds  
for Ballona Creek or Bundy Creek Restoration**

Dear Chairperson Gonzales and Conservancy Members:

To date, the Conservancy has authorized the creation of three grants from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to conduct riparian restoration projects on MRCA parkland in Brown's Canyon, Lopez Canyon, and another portion of the Los Angeles River watershed. Based on this successful model, the MRCA respectfully requests a fourth grant tied to a specific mitigation payment deposited into The Conservancy Fund.

A three-way agreement between the Conservancy, Caltrans, and the Army Corps of Engineers was signed in May 2010. In October of 2010, the Conservancy received a \$67,410 check from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), for a 0.321-acre mitigation project to be conducted in the general Ballona Creek watershed. These funds were appropriated in the State's 2011/2012 budget.

The MRCA respectfully requests a grant of these funds and an advance of said funds in the amount of \$67,410 for the implementation of a mitigation project within the Ballona Creek watershed.

The MRCA is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to identify potential sites. The most promising site is the MRCA's large easement in Bundy Canyon. The MRCA plans to commence work in Spring 2012 if funding is available. The advance is necessary to ensure no interruptions in the MRCA's cash flow. Restorations require attention, steady capital, and labor input on a weekly basis for several years.

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