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Chairperson  
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**Request for Project Planning and Design Grant for Escondido to  
Ramirez Canyon Habitat and Trail Linkage Project**

Dear Chairperson Muñoz and Conservancy Members:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) expresses its appreciation to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) for the opportunity to work collaboratively on project development through Project Planning and Design grants. To continue this collaboration, the MRCA is submitting the attached grant application for project planning and design services for the Escondido to Ramirez Canyon habitat and trail linkage project. Combining the trajectories of current available capital funding, acquisition momentum, Conservancy staff feedback, and long time priorities, this application requests \$15,000 for work and expenditures to secure public capital resources in this project area.

The Escondido to Ramirez Canyon habitat and trail linkage project builds on recent MRCA acquisitions in upper Escondido and central Ramirez canyons. This important east-west open space band lies more interior than the Coastal Slope Trail corridor. The project area provides the opportunity to connect otherwise mostly isolated public open space areas with new trails and to maintain a key east-west habitat linkage between the Zuma-Trancas National Park Service Unit and the upper Solstice and Latigo Canyon areas. These are key coastal canyons with moderate terrain and close proximity to population.

The proposed project area included under this grant would encompass approximately four miles of blue line streams including Ramirez Canyon and Escondido Creeks. This area includes approximately 31 undeveloped private parcels, totaling approximately 650 acres in the Santa Monica Mountains.

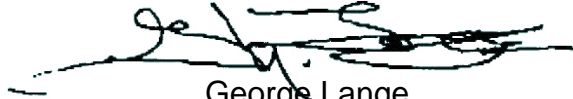
We look forward to your response and continuing to secure land, easements, and public access improvements in the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor zones.

Irma Muñoz, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

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If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Judi Tamasi at 310-589-3230, ext. 121.

Sincerely,

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George Lange  
Chairperson