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Request for Project Planning and Design Grant for Little Sycamore to Encinal Canyon Coastal Slope Trail Zone 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 Little Sycamore to Encinal Canyon Coastal Slope Trail zone 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 Coastal Slope trail zone between Little Sycamore Canyon in Point Mugu State Park and the Los Angeles County-owned Banyon project dedication in Encinal Canyon contains great potential for rapid and substantial gains on trail implementation. The proposed trail corridor also serves as an important east-west habitat linkage in the Santa Monica Mountains. Maximizing the value of existing and future parklands in this zone requires the implementation of the Coastal Slope Trail.

The proposed project area included under this grant application encompasses approximately 13.5 miles of blue line streams including the creeks of Big Sycamore Canyon, Little Sycamore Canyon, Trancas Canyon, Deer Canyon, Los Alisos Canyon, Nicholas Canyon, Encinal Canyon, and Arroyo Sequit. Within the project area are approximately 80 undeveloped private parcels, totaling approximately 3,000 acres along or buffering the planned Coastal Slope Trail.

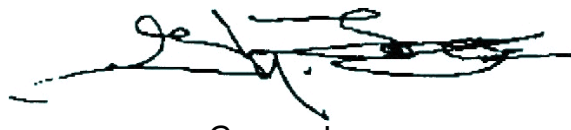
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We look forward to your response and continuing to secure land, easements, and public access improvements in the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor zones.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Lange", with a horizontal line drawn through it.

George Lange
Chairperson