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**Request for Project Planning and Design Grant for
Upper Malibu Canyon Tributaries 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 upper Malibu Canyon tributaries 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 upper Malibu Canyon watershed with its far ranging tributaries ties together the whole central north-facing slope area of the Santa Monica Mountains. This ecologically unique and parklands rich area requires key acquisitions to complete habitat linkages between major blocks of public open space. Many longstanding Conservancy acquisition priorities are in this proposed upper Malibu Canyon tributaries project. Other agency, county and municipal interests warrants critical cross-boundary project planning and design work.

The proposed project area included in this grant application encompasses more than 10 miles of blue line streams and approximately 140 undeveloped private parcels, totaling approximately 3,200 acres in the Santa Monica Mountains. The project area would be contiguous with King Gillette Ranch, Las Virgenes View Park, Ladyface Mountain Open Space, Paramount Ranch, Malibu Creek State Park, and Liberty Canyon Open Space. It would also encompass the north-south Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor across the 101 freeway.

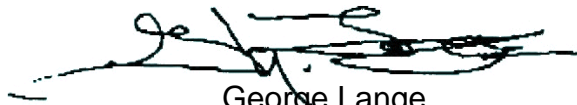
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We look forward to your response and continuing to secure land, easements, and public access improvements in the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor zones.

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", written over a horizontal line.

George Lange
Chairperson