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**Request for Project Planning and Design Grant for San Gabriel Mountains
Rim of the Valley Trail Implementation and Angeles National
Forest Trail and Habitat Connections**

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 San Gabriel Mountains Rim of the Valley Trail implementation and Angeles National Forest trail and habitat connections project. Combining the trajectories of current available capital funding, acquisition momentum, Conservancy staff feedback, and long time priorities, this application requests \$95,000 for work and expenditures to secure public capital resources in this project area.

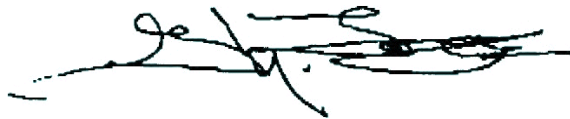
The Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Zone complements the trail and habitat resources of the Angeles National Forest. Key areas of work remain to secure the best access ways from population areas into the National Forest and the south-facing slope of the San Gabriel Mountains. This work must recognize the limited County and mitigation funding sources available. The proposed San Gabriel Mountains Rim of the Valley Trail implementation and Angeles National Forest trail and habitat connections project is designed to fill this need for the Conservancy's objectives which are shared by many other public and private entities. Many great recreation resources are at stake. Key areas include an east cluster with Altadena and La Canada, a central section with Little and Big Tujunga Canyons, and a west section with Kagel, Lopez, and Pacoima Canyons.

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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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "G" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

George Lange
Chairperson