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Chairperson  
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**Request for Project Planning and Design Grant for Alamos  
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 Alamos 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.

Alamos Canyon and adjoining buffer habitat is the most regionally important area on the south-facing slopes of the Santa Susana Mountains in the Calleguas Creek watershed. The canyon is critical to the Santa Susana Mountains - Simi Hills inter-mountain range habitat linkage. The proposed Alamos Canyon habitat and trail linkage project includes a key spur of the Rim of the Valley Trail and unparalleled recreation opportunities from Simi Valley. The area is well positioned for Wildlife Conservation Board funding with an approved CAPP submitted by The Nature Conservancy.

The proposed project area included under this grant application encompasses approximately 58 miles of blue line streams, including the confluence of Alamos Canyon Creek and Arroyo Simi, and approximately 66 undeveloped private parcels, totaling approximately 12,000 acres. These potentially include approximately 13 miles of contiguous Rim of the Valley Trail segments, which, if acquired, would form both an east-west linkage and a north-south linkage.

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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,

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George Lange  
Chairperson