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**Request for Project Planning and Design Grant for
Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor 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 Mulholland Drive Scenic Corridor project. Combining the trajectories of current available capital funding, acquisition momentum, Conservancy staff feedback, and long time priorities, this application requests \$80,000 for work and expenditures to secure public capital resources in this project area.

The Mulholland Scenic Corridor is the backbone of the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. The open space protection and development needs along the corridor between the Lake Hollywood area and Woodland Hills are varied and unique. Complex work is necessary to maintain the remarkable habitat linkage that ties Griffith Park to the 20,000-acre Big Wild habitat area anchored by Topanga State Park. The numerous parks along the corridor need habitat and trail connections to expand both their ecological and recreational capacity flanked by dense city on two sides. The Conservancy has made a significant public investment in this area over a 30 year period that it seeks to protect and enhance.

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