



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Irma Muñoz  
Chairperson  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, California 90265

### **Request for Budget Modification for Grant SMM-0754 Project Planning and Design**

Dear Chairperson Muñoz and Conservancy Members:

The subject grant (SMM-0754) was awarded to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for project planning and design activities in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay. The grant was funded from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's (Conservancy's) Proposition 84 funding is divided between the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay, including Calleguas Creek. SMM-0754 contains separate budgets for each category. The proposed request is to move no more than \$35,000 funding from one category to the other. In this case, a reduction of Los Angeles River watershed funding and increase in coastal watershed funding would require the Conservancy to adjust its overall allocation of available funding in these two categories.

A greater than expected concentration of staff work, appraisals, and appraisal reviews on projects in the coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay make the subject request essential for the MRCA to complete several pending projects and to continue ongoing work on many others. This ongoing work is principally in the coastal canyons of the Santa Monica Bay, but it also covers the Calleguas Creek watershed. No additional funding is requested.

This request for a budget modification is based on the latest billing for the grant. The total grant amount is \$1,675,000 since passage of Proposition 84 (including augmentations previously approved by the Conservancy). Of this total, \$995,000 was allocated to upper Los Angeles River watershed and \$680,000 was allocated to coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay, including Calleguas Creek. The subject action would authorize a shift of no more than \$35,000 from upper Los Angeles River watershed to coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay.

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If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Barbara Romero at (323) 221-9944, ext. 188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Lange", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

George Lange  
Chairperson