

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT MODIFICATION REQUEST**

SMMC 4/29/13
Agenda Item 12(j)
Attachment

Project Name: Project Planning and Design	Amount of Request: \$ 0						
	Total Project Cost: \$ 1,675,000						
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	Amount of Match: N/A						
	Source of Match: N/A						
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065	Project Address:						
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Grantee's Authorized Representative:
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Name and Title *Phone*

Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:
 Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban and Watershed Projects 323-221-9944, ext. 188

Name and Title *Phone*

Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):
 Project planning and design activities leading directly to the preservation, protection, and restoration of land, water, and other natural resources in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay, including the Calleguas Creek watershed. Such projects shall be fully consistent with the projects identified in the geographic specific Projects List approved by the Conservancy initially in September 2007 and subsequently in 2008.

Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84

Narrative/Project Description:
 The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) requested Project Planning and Design Services grant budget modification would continue to fund activities directly related to the acquisition, preservation, protection, and restoration of land, water, and other natural resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs for eligible projects located in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay, including the Calleguas Creek watershed.

No additional funding is requested at this time. The 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 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.

The MRCA will continue to develop and implement projects that maximize the protection, enhancement, distribution, and creation of public parks and natural areas throughout the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal canyons of the Santa Monica Bay. The funding will be used for Proposition 84 funding eligible projects in the specific geographic areas listed on the "Potential Projects List." The scope of these projects shall range from the acquisition and development of urban native habitat parks and trails to the acquisition of habitat linkages between the major core habitats of the Santa Monica Mountains zone. MRCA staff efforts will also include the obtainment and processing of land and trail easement dedications and donations. To the extent possible, all planning, design, and implementation efforts shall be multi-objective to integrate increased water supply and quality, wildlife habitat including fisheries, habitat connectivity, and the broad distribution of passive recreational opportunities that may incorporate interpretive displays. All of the subject project planning and design activities would be consistent with the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Project development will strongly focus on combining multiple funding sources to stretch both local and State dollars.

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 request is to shift of no more than \$35,000 from upper Los Angeles River watershed to coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay.

The term of the agreement would remain the same.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Project Planning –upper LA River	-\$35,000	6/30/13
2 Project Planning- Santa Monica Bay	+\$35,000	6/30/13

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Cara Meigs

Signature of Authorized Representative

4/24/2013

Date

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