



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION

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July 16, 2013

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

Grant Application - Proposition 84 Funds San Vicente Mountain Park Improvements

Dear Chairperson Muñoz and Conservancy Members:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for the San Vicente Mountain Park Improvement project. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$50,000 from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). The MRCA's Governing Board approved this request on July 3, 2013.

San Vicente Mountain Park is a popular gateway to a large network of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails, and the nation's largest metropolitan wilderness area. The park's interpretive signage is in need of restoration to better serve the public, and many of the park's historic structures are in need of protective work to ensure their continued longevity and function. Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Lisa Soghor, at 323-221-9944, extension 105.

Sincerely,

George Lange
Chairperson

Attachments: Application

Grant Application

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The Natural Resources Agency

Project Title: San Vicente Interpretive/Preservation

Date: 2013/07/16

Funds: Proposition 84

Amount: 50,000

Applicant Name: Mountains Rec. & Conservation Authority

Match amount: 0

Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100

Match source:

State/Province: Los Angeles, CA

Total Project Cost: 50,000

Zip/Postal code: 90065

Phone: (323) 221-9944

Brief Project Description: Provide interpretive signage, preserve, restore and protect the resources of San Vicente Mountain Park.

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Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

5750 Ramirez Canyon Road

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Grantee's Authorized Representative: Lisa Soghor, Deputy Exec. Officer (323) 221-9944, ext. 105 lisa.soghor@mrca.ca.gov

Name and Title

Phone Number

Email

Person with day-to-day responsibility: Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs (323) 221-9944, ext. 198 dash.stolarz@mrca.ca.gov

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Project Objective:

Objectives of the San Vicente Mountain Park Interpretive and Preservation Improvements are to provide a visitor serving amenities that communicates the significance and value of the historic Nike control and radar station facilities, and preserve and protect the park's resources to allow their continued use and enjoyment by the public.

*Attach additional pages as necessary

Project Address: 17500 Mulholland Drive, Encino, CA 90049

Latitude: 34°07'41"N

Acreage: 6.351

Trail Length: 0 miles

Longitude: 118°30'47"W

APN's: 4490-011-902, -903

Stream Miles: 0 miles

Congressional District: 33

State Senate District: 28

Assembly District: 50

Tasks / Milestones:

Budget:

Completion Date:

1 Interpretive Signage \$25,000.00

6/30/15

2 Preserve/Protect Facilities \$25,000.00

6/30/15

*Attach additional pages as necessary

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

Cara Meyer

Signature of Authorized Representative

7/16/2013

Date

**Budget for SMMC Grant Application
San Vicente Mountain Park Interpretative and Preservation Improvement**

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Grant Balance: \$ 50,000.00

as of: 7/16/2013

| Required for All Bond Funded Grants | | | Required for Prop 84 Grants Only | |
|--|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| G/L Acct. | G/L Name | Total Budget | LAR Watershed | SMB Watershed |
| <u>(A) PAYROLL Related Expenses:</u> | | | | |
| Enter TOTAL Payroll Related Expenses Here →→→ [Note: No need to fill out the individual payroll line items below] | | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ - |
| Several | Direct Salaries, Payroll Taxes, Benefits | \$ 5,250.00 | \$ 5,250.00 | \$ - |
| 9998, 9999 | Administrative Cost | \$ 2,250.00 | \$ 2,250.00 | \$ - |
| <u>(B) NON-PAYROLL Expenses:</u> | | | | |
| 5112 | Land & Building Improvement - Materials | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| 5113 | Land & Building Improvement - Equipment | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| 5114 | Land & Building Improvement - Sub Contractors | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | |
| 5115 | Land & Building Improvement - Design/Pre-Construction | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| | | | | |
| Totals: | | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ - |



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: July 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for interpretive and preservation improvements at the San Vicente Mountain Park, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the amount of \$50,000 for interpretive and preservation improvements at the San Vicente Mountain Park, Los Angeles.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority operates San Vicente Mountain Park in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains above an unpaved portion of Mulholland Drive ("Dirt Mulholland"), 2.7 miles west of the 405 Freeway. The 10.2-acre park offers visitors stunning, 360-degree views, and is a gateway to a large network of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails, and the nation's largest metropolitan wilderness area. The popular park, which was opened to the public in 1996, contains restrooms, accessible parking, shade structures, and picnic areas.

During the Cold War, from 1956-1968, San Vicente Mountain Park was the site of a Nike control and radar station, one of sixteen stations in the Los Angeles area built to protect the metropolis in the event of a Soviet nuclear attack. The site contained ground-based radar and computer systems to detect and track hostile aircraft, and to guide anti-aircraft missiles that could be launched from nearby Sepulveda Basin. The park was designed to retain some of the military atmosphere of the site, in order to enhance the public's understanding of its role in military and urban history. Features include fences, equipment, and structures--the most prominent of which is the original radar tower. From the tower, visitors can enjoy spectacular views of the Santa Monica Mountains, the San Fernando Valley and nearby Encino Reservoir, and the Los Angeles Basin.

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Key to the educational resource of the park is visitor-serving thematic signage that was specially developed to interpret the historic and cultural significance of the site and the Cold War artifacts, and to provide self-guided information about the ecology and natural resources of the site and the Santa Monica Mountains. A series of ten signs were originally installed almost twenty years ago. While some of the signage has held up remarkably well, many are faded and are in deteriorating condition. Complicating the problem, the signage was created in the pre-computer era, when signage of this type was hand drawn and created in a cumbersome process unused today.

MRCA staff proposes seeking a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to recreate the signs in a modern graphic format, and replace all interpretive signage at the park. This will serve the public in the future because the signs will be able to be easily reproduced and replaced when needed. In addition to restoration of the interpretive materials, many of the historic structures in the park, including the radar tower, are in need of protective work to ensure their continued longevity and function. Staff proposes including in the grant request funding to repaint some of the structures to preserve and protect these resources for public education and enjoyment.

Consideration: The MRCA will seek a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.