

# SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION

<b>Project Name:</b> <b>Eastern Simi Hills-Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Project Planning &amp; Design</b>		<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 75,000  <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 75,000 <b>Amount of Match:</b> \$ -0- <b>Source of Match:</b>							
<b>Applicant Name:</b>  Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority		<b>Project Address:</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>County</b></td> <td><b>Senate District</b></td> <td><b>Assembly District</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ventura &amp; Los Angeles</td> <td>27</td> <td>38, 45</td> </tr> </table>		<b>County</b>	<b>Senate District</b>	<b>Assembly District</b>	Ventura & Los Angeles	27	38, 45
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<b>Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):</b> Project planning and design work and expenses for the Eastern Simi Hills project in the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, in both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, encompassing an area of 4,085 acres. It includes 1,036 parcels in Ventura County and 350 parcels in Los Angeles County.									
<b>Funding Source Applied for:</b>		Proposition 84							
<b>Narrative/Project Description:</b> <p>The eastern side of the Simi Hills provide numerous trailhead opportunities at the edge of the San Fernando Valley and form part of the inter-mountain range habitat linkage from the Santa Susana Pass area. The area also provides the habitat linkages to the Chatsworth Reservoir Nature Preserve. There are many gaps between protected habitat areas and many trails on private lands that should be permanently protected. The area also hosts several key ownerships that have attempted dense subdivision over the past two decades. The next two years will pose one time opportunities to work to secure public open space and trail dedications and many land donations. Many longstanding Conservancy acquisition priorities are in this proposed Eastern Simi Hills project area.</p> <p>The proposed project area includes miles of the Rim of the Valley Trail Alignment. Multiple public lands are adjacent, or allow access to, and/or are partially included in the project area, including Sage Ranch, Santa Susana State Historic Park, Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Bell Canyon Open Space, Bell Canyon Park, and El Escorpián Park.</p>									

The subject Eastern Simi Hills - Upper Los Angeles River Watershed area is shown on the attached map. From south to north the subject proposed grant work area encompasses portions of the following Los Angeles River tributaries: El Escorpián, Bell, Dayton, Woolsey, Box, Chatsworth, and Santa Susana. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) proposes to conduct planning and design work to acquire easements and fee simple parcels in this defined project area.

**Tasks / Milestones:**

1. Project Planning & Design –  
Upper Los Angeles River

**Budget:**  
\$75,000.00

**Completion Date**  
December 2017

Staff Time (Legal and  
Planning) – \$65,000  
Appraisal, Title Reports, and  
Appraisal Review – \$10,000

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

  
*Signature of Authorized Representative*

9-16-14  
*Date*

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