



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Ms. Linda Parks  
Chairperson  
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### **Request to Amend Scope of Work Puerco Canyon Project Planning and Design**

Dear Chairperson Parks and Conservancy Members:

The MRCA respectfully requests an amendment to the scope of work for grant SMM-40-1517 for Puerco Canyon Project Planning and Design. The work funded by that grant is specifically for the planning of an overnight camping facility for underserved and disadvantaged communities, including children in the Los Angeles County Foster Care system. MRCA requests that the scope of work be amended to include low-impact capital improvements to the property.

The project planning and design work is currently underway, and staff have been working with consultants to assess the property's capacity and necessary capital improvements. Community engagement for the project began in summer 2015 with weekend tent camping trips on the site with disadvantaged and foster youth. Additional programs and events for community outreach related to the project are planned for the coming year.

A primary operational concern for use of this location is the ability to quickly and safely react in case of an emergency, such as wildfire or mudslides. Currently, vehicular access from the park is provided via a narrow, unimproved dirt road that leads southward to Pacific Coast Highway. This road had little maintenance in the years before acquisition. There are a number of hiking trails that lead to neighboring parkland, but these too could use rehabilitation.

By most accounts, the 2015-16 season for precipitation is predicted to be worse than normal. To provide more public safety on the property staff proposes to make immediate low-impact capital improvements to the road and trails so that they may better weather the storms. In addition, the property's well and water tanks need to be evaluated and upgraded to serve as a water supply in case of fire. Due to the rapidly-approaching winter, this work is requested to be added to the scope of the existing project planning and design grant.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Cara Meyer, at 323-221-9944, extension 117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Lange", written over a horizontal line.

George Lange  
Chairperson

Attachments:      Application