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September 22, 2015

Ms. Linda Parks
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant Application - Proposition 84 Funds
Project Planning and Design -
Los Angeles River Greenway, San Fernando Valley**

Dear Chairperson Parks and Conservancy Members:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for a Project Planning and Design grant for Los Angeles River Greenway-San Fernando Valley. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$150,000 from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

The proposed grant would fund a continued effort to secure and develop land interests and public recreation resources in the Conservancy's jurisdiction, specifically related to a San Fernando Valley stretch of the Los Angeles River Greenway. Within this area, many project opportunities exist as do diverse communities and active transportation options, as well as the potential to make a connection to the Santa Monica Mountains via Caballero Creek. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Cara Meyer, at 323-221-9944, extension 117.

Sincerely,

George Lange
Chairperson

Attachments: Application

Grant Application

Print Form

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The Natural Resources Agency

Project Title:

Project Planning and Design - LAR

Date: 9/22/2015

Funds:

Proposition 84

Amount: 150,000

Applicant Name:

Mountains Recreation & Conservation

Match amount: 0.00

Address:

570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100

Match source: n/a

State/Province:

Los Angeles, CA

Total Project Cost: 150,000

Zip/Postal code:

90065

Phone:

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Brief Project Description: Project planning and design activities in the Los Angeles River Greenway-San Fernando Valley

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Grantee's Authorized Representative:

Lisa Soghor, Deputy Executive Officer 323-221-9944, x105 lisa.soghor@mrca.ca.gov

Name and Title

Phone Number

Email

Person with day-to-day responsibility:

Cara Meyer, Chief of Special Projects 323-221-9944, x117 cara.meyer@mrca.ca.gov

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Phone Number

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Project Objective:

Objectives of the project planning and design grant are to plan land acquisitions and improvement projects to protect, restore, preserve, interpret and develop the land and water resources of the Upper Los Angeles River watershed, specifically in the area defined on the attached maps and narrative. Please see attached pages for additional information.

*Attach additional pages as necessary

Project Address:

Various locations

Latitude:

n/a

Acreage:

n/a

Trail Length:

n/a

Longitude:

n/a

APN's:

n/a

Stream Miles:

n/a

Congressional District:

various

State Senate District:

various

Assembly District:

various

Tasks / Milestones:

Budget:

Completion Date:

See attached budget

June 30, 2019

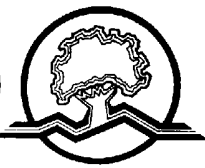
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I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

9/22/2015



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: May 6, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X: Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of the Proposition 84 Funds for the Los Angeles River Greenway–San Fernando Valley project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 funds for the Los Angeles River Greenway–San Fernando Valley project in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

Background: The MRCA develops and implements a wide range of projects including through project planning and design grants. To continue this effort to secure and develop park lands, public access, and public recreation resources, staff is seeking authorization to submit a project planning and design grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. This proposed grant application is for planning related to a San Fernando Valley stretch of the Los Angeles River Greenway. During planning performed for Reaches 5 and 6 of the Los Angeles River Master Plan, as well as the Safe Routes to the River study, staff identified a specific corridor that contained multiple opportunities for public access and parkland improvements, and that is the subject area for this proposed grant.

The specific area to be studied extends along the Los Angeles River from Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Canoga Park High School on the western end, to the Sepulveda Basin on the eastern end, and also extends southward along Caballero Creek and Reseda Boulevard up to Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. Within this study area, many opportunities exist, including several schools, the Caballero Creek Park site currently in planning by MRCA, the open waterways of both the River and Caballero Creek, Reseda Park, the Aliso Creek Park under development by the Trust for Public Land, the Headwaters of the Los Angeles River at the confluence of Bell Creek and Arroyo Calabasas, and a planned extension of the Los Angeles River Bikeway.

The study area also includes many diverse communities in the San Fernando

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Valley, including two campuses of a multi-generational care organization, the Jewish Home for the Aging, and the Islamic Center of Reseda. The proximity of Metro's Orange Line Busway increases the opportunities for active transportation, as will the closure of Gap No. 16 in Metro's *Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan*. Portions of Caballero Creek are open with underutilized maintenance roads, and could become river parkways. Reseda Boulevard is already heavily used by hikers and cyclists to access the Santa Monica Mountains. Providing a connection between the Mountains and the River is a goal that has been given little—if any—attention in the multiplicity of River plans that now exist. The opportunity to also connect to the resources of the Sepulveda Basin is another unique aspect of the study area. Many major and minor storm drains in the study area empty directly, unfiltered, into the Los Angeles River and are high-quality opportunities for water conservation projects.

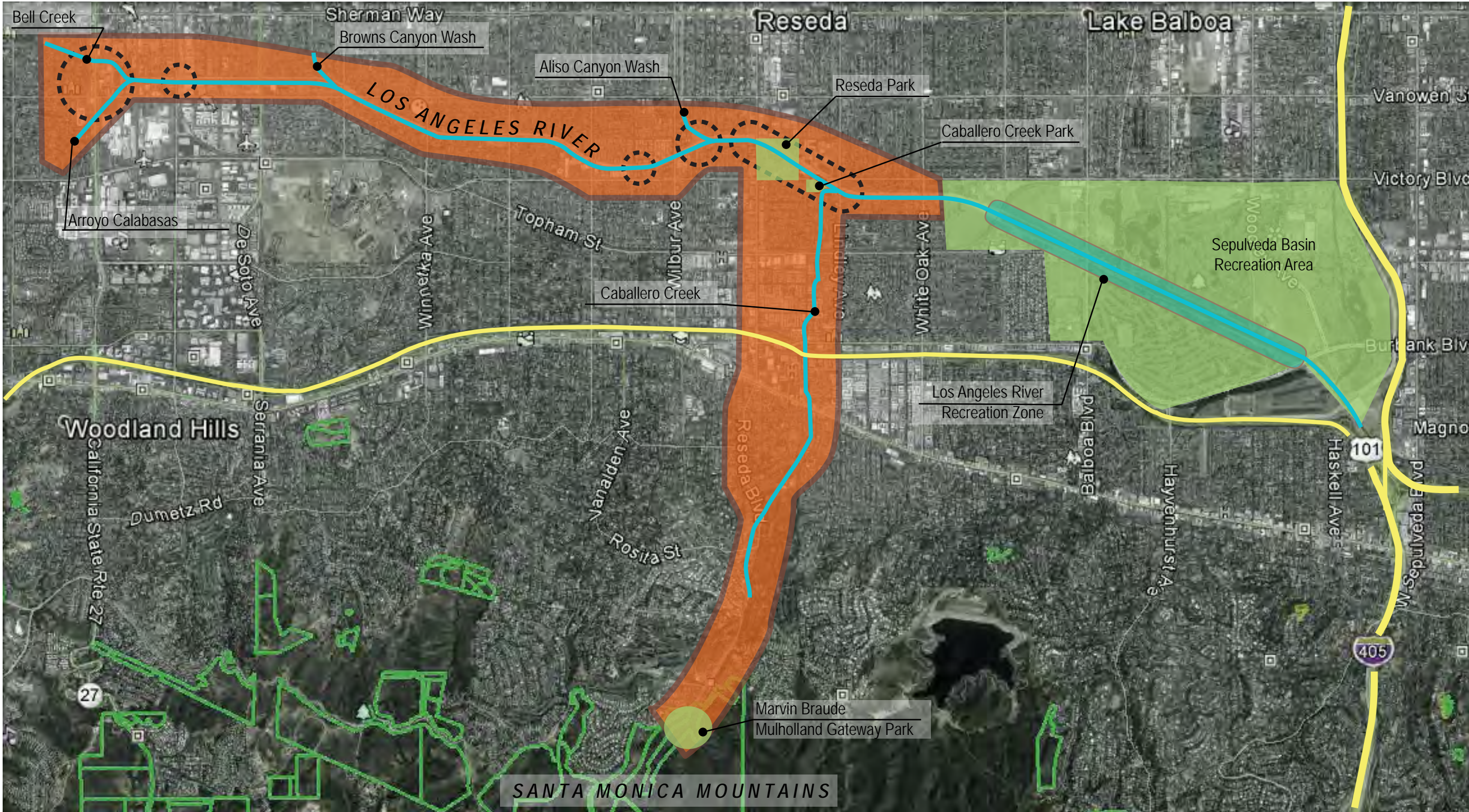
Consideration: The grant application will be for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

**Budget for SMMC Grant Application
Project Planning and Design - Los Angeles River Greenway--San Fernando Valley**

Grant Balance: \$ 150,000.00

as of: 9/21/2015

Required for All Bond Funded Grants			Required for Prop 84 Grants Only	
G/L Acct.	G/L Name	Total Budget	LAR Watershed	SMB Watershed
(A) PAYROLL Related Expenses:				
Enter TOTAL Payroll Related Expenses Here →→→→ [Note: No need to fill out the individual payroll line items below]		\$ 102,500.00	\$ 102,500.00	\$ -
Several	Direct Salaries, Payroll Taxes, Benefits	\$ 71,750.00	\$ 99,425.00	\$ -
9998, 9999	Administrative Cost	\$ 30,750.00	\$ 3,075.00	\$ -
(B) NON-PAYROLL Expenses:				
4001	Grants-MRCA			
5001	Land Purchase - Land			
5002	Land Purchase - Appraisals/CEQA	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
5003	Land Purchase - Escrow, Title & Closing Fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
5111	Land & Building Improvement - Roads			
5112	Land & Building Improvement - Materials			
5113	Land & Building Improvement - Equipment			
5114	Land & Building Improvement - Sub Contractors			
5115	Land & Building Improvement - Design/Pre-Construction	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
5116	Land & Building Improvement - Other			
7777	Equipment Allocation			
Totals:		\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -



LOS ANGELES RIVER GREENWAY: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

A Project of:
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy