

# **Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Project**



## **Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Application**

Submitted by  
The Trust for Public Land

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## Application Page

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>Project Name: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement</b>	<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$750,000		
<b>Applicant Name: The Trust for Public Land</b>	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$2,473,000		
	<b>Matching Funds:</b> \$1,723,000		
	<b>Lat/Long:</b> 34.115089, -118.354518		
<b>Applicant Address:</b>  The Trust for Public Land 101 Montgomery St., Ste. 900 San Francisco, CA 94104 <b>Phone:</b> (415) 800-5276 <b>Email:</b> Becky.bremser@tpl.org	<b>Project Address: 2450 Solar Drive, Los Angeles CA 90046</b>		
	<b>County</b>	<b>Senate District</b>	<b>Assembly District</b>
	Los Angeles	26	46
	<b>Tax ID:</b> 23- 7222333		

**Grantee's Authorized Representative:**  
*Name and Title* David Sutton, Acting California State Director *Phone* (415) 800-5288

**Overhead Allocation Notice:**

- ✓ Any overhead costs will be identified as a separate line item in the budget and invoices.
- ✓ The Conservancy encourages grantees to reduce overhead costs including vehicle and phone expenses.
- ✓ The overhead allocation policy has been submitted prior to or with the grant application.

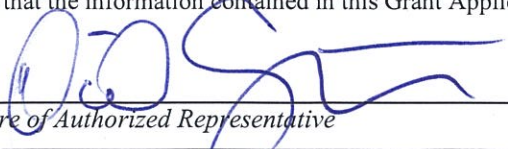
*All check boxes must be checked*

**Project Description:** The Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement project will extinguish development rights and preserve open space and native chaparral habitat on 10.09 acres of land in the Hollywood Hills, adjacent to the popular 153-acre Runyon Canyon Park. The Park currently receives 1.2-2 million visitors annually, and offers sweeping views of downtown Los Angeles, the Hollywood sign, and, on a clear day, Catalina Island. The conservation easement protects the viewshed of the Park, and is part of a larger effort by The Trust for Public Land to expand and protect the Park for the thousands of Angelenos who visit it every day. By extinguishing development rights on the 10.09 acre parcel, the project will prevent the installation of impervious surfaces on the sensitive hillside habitat. The easement will also prevent erosion and sediment discharges from construction and residential use, protecting water quality. The chaparral vegetation and soils will continue to sequester carbon, and greenhouse gas emissions from construction will be avoided.

<b>Tasks / Milestones:</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Conservation Easement Acquisition	\$2,450,000	December 30, 2016
Due Diligence and Closing Costs	\$23,000	December 30, 2016

**For Acquisition Projects:** **APN(s):** 5571-025-042 (portion)  
**Acreage:** 10.09

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


11/29/16  
*Signature of Authorized Representative* *Date*

## **Project Narrative**

## **Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program**

### **I Proposal Overview**

*Provide a short general overview, including applicant, location, general timeframe, amount asked, total Project budget, etc.*

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is pleased to submit an application to SMMC's Proposition 1 Competitive Grant program for the Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Project. The conservation easement will extinguish development rights and preserve open space and native chaparral habitat on 10.09 acres of land in the Hollywood Hills, adjacent to the popular 153-acre Runyon Canyon Park (The Park). The Park currently receives 1.2-2 million visitors annually, and offers sweeping views of downtown Los Angeles, the Hollywood sign, and, on a clear day, Catalina Island. The conservation easement protects the viewshed of the Park, and is part of a larger effort by TPL to expand and protect the Park for the thousands of Angelenos who visit it every day.

By extinguishing development rights on the 10.09 acre parcel, the project will prevent the installation of impervious surfaces on the sensitive hillside habitat. The easement will also prevent erosion and sediment discharges from construction and residential use, protecting water quality. The chaparral vegetation and soils will continue to sequester carbon, and greenhouse gas emissions from construction will be avoided.

The total cost of the conservation easement is \$2.45 million; this request is for \$750,000. TPL has secured funding through private philanthropic fundraising efforts and through a grant from LA County's Proposition A program. Further details are included in the "Scope of Work" (Section III), below.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has agreed to be the long-term holder of the easement. TPL expects to convey the easement to MRCA by December 30, 2016.

### **II Applicant and Partner Background**

*Provide applicant background and partner background, if appropriate. As appropriate show how applicant/partner has successfully completed multiple Projects of similar size and scope; talk about how the Project is a partnership between two or more organizations and each organization has committed to contributing toward Project implementation; show that applicant/partner has 1+ years' experience maintaining and operating Projects of similar size and scope.*

The Trust for Public land is partnering with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to complete the Project, consisting of the purchase of a conservation easement over 10 acres of land. Upon acquisition, TPL will transfer ownership to MRCA to be owned and managed as part of their significant open space reserve system.

Both TPL and MRCA have long histories of successful land conservation and stewardship and have partnered on fourteen projects in Los Angeles County alone, from pocket parks on the Los Angeles River to large open-space preserves. Since 1972, TPL has completed more than 5,000 conservation Projects, and protected more than 3 million acres nationwide. Established in 1985 pursuant to the Joint Powers Act, the MRCA is a partnership between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, a state agency established by the Legislature, and the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, both of which are local park agencies established by the vote of the people in those communities. The MRCA works in cooperation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and other local government partners for the preservation and management of local open space and parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat.

### III Scope of Work

*Provide a detailed scope of work, including a list of specific tasks, a detailed budget, and a timeline for Project implementation (including a completion date for each task).*

<b>Task</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Applicant's Funding</b>	<b>SMMC Request</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Title Report	Complete	\$5,000				
Appraisal	Complete	\$10,000				
Phase I Environmental Assessment	Complete	\$3,000				
MRCA Review	December 2016					
Closing Costs	December 2016	\$5,000				
Conservation easement acquisition	December 30, 2016		\$750,000	\$700,000 Private	\$1,000,000 LA Prop A	\$2,450,000
<b>Total Project costs</b>	\$2,450,000 (Appraised Fair Market Value \$4,855,000) \$23,000 (due diligence and closing costs)					

### IV Preliminary Project Plans

As this is an acquisition Project, there are no preliminary Project plans.



## **V Need/Urgency**

*What is the need for the Project? Why is immediate implementation of the Project necessary to reach near and long-term conservation, carbon reduction, and climate adaptation targets? Is the Project site subject to imminent threat of development that would preclude future implementation value? See page 3 of guidelines for examples. For acquisitions: Is the site available under extraordinary or opportunity sale conditions?*

The subject property has had a series of private owners and was purchased in June 2014 by real estate developers. The developers seek to sell the property configured with up to four residential lots. A successful Prop 1 application will enable new permanent, legal protection of the subject property, finally resolving two decades of uncertainty and debate over its future.

## **VI Multi-Benefit Ecosystem, Water Quality, Water Supply, Water Protection and Other Public Benefits Provided by the Project**

### Water

The Project will permanently eliminate development rights on the property. Without the conservation easement, the property could be developed into as many as four residential lots. The zoning is RE-40-1-H with a Hillside Standard Overlay. This would allow for one-single family residence per 40,000 square feet. Four residential lots are possible along Solar Drive. The most recent parcel map application was filed in 2015. Such development would increase impervious surfaces on the sensitive hillside. Construction and subsequent residential use would result in sediment discharges during storm events and would degrade water quality. Permanently protecting this property through a conservation easement eliminates this threat.

### Habitat

The Santa Monica Mountains are considered a biodiversity hotspot that supports approximately 400 bird, 50 mammal, 35 reptile and amphibian, and over 1,000 plant species. Of these, more than 100 species receive special protection or are considered rare, threatened, or endangered. Runyon Canyon Park, adjacent to the subject property at the eastern edge of these mountains, provides a vast network of trails through wild chaparral habitat with its drought-resistant evergreen trees and shrubs only minutes from the hustle and bustle of Hollywood. Mammals including mule deer, bobcat, and coyote are commonly seen in the Park and on the subject property at dawn and dusk by regular Park users.<sup>1</sup> The Park is home to many species of birds, including songbirds, owls, and hawks.<sup>2</sup> The subject property is also part of a network of land

<sup>1</sup> Wildlife observations made by TPL volunteers and neighbors who use the Park on a regular basis.

<sup>2</sup> Observed bird species include California towhee, spotted towhee, Pacific-slope flycatcher, dark-eyed junco, wren, Anna's hummingbird, Allen's hummingbird, bushtit, oak titmouse, hermit thrush, Bewick's wren, California quail, house finch, Nuttall's woodpecker, great horned owl, American crow, common raven, yellow-rumped warbler, western scrub-jay, cliff swallow, scaly-breasted munia, phainopepia, song sparrow, white-crowned sparrow, golden-crowned sparrow, townsend's warbler, European starling, northern flicker, Nuttall's woodpecker, lesser goldfinch, northern mockingbird, mourning dove, red-tailed hawk, Cooper's hawk. Observations made by Travis Longcore, Ph.D., and President of the Los Angeles Audubon Society. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L1740563>.



across the Santa Monica Mountains that provide habitat for mountain lions living in nearby Griffith Park. There are also several hundred plant species throughout the Park including black sage, elderberry, California sagebrush, wild buckwheat, golden yarrow, laurel sumac, scrub oak, sugar bush, and toyon.<sup>3</sup> Acquisition of the conservation easement will enhance and protect the natural integrity of the approximately 195 acres of wildlife corridor that link the Park with Trebek Open Space, as well as contribute to the much larger Santa Monica Mountains corridor. The subject property is noted as a priority acquisition in the 1986 Runyon Canyon Master Plan in order to protect this wildlife corridor, the chaparral habitat, and access to views.<sup>4</sup>

### Access

The 10-acre easement area is highly visible from the adjacent Runyon Canyon Park. The Park receives thousands of visitors a day, who enjoy sweeping views of downtown Los Angeles, the Hollywood sign, the Pacific Ocean, and even Catalina Island. The easement will permanently protect part of this viewshed in a natural, chaparral state, preventing residential development that would mar the grand vistas.

### **VII Proposition 1/Water Code Section 79732(a)**

*Provide a detailed description of how the Project achieves one or more of the purposes of Proposition 1 as stated in Water Code Section 79732(a).*

The proposed Project achieves the following Proposition 1 purposes:

*9) Protect and restore rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, stormwater resource management, and greenhouse gas reduction.*

The Project will prevent development on 10 acres of land in the highly desirable Hollywood Hills neighborhood, and will protect open space adjacent to the existing Runyon Canyon Park. The easement area would otherwise potentially be developed into four residential lots. Preserving the land as open space will prevent an increase in impermeable surfaces in the watershed, thereby preventing increased strain on existing stormwater management infrastructure. Retention and restoration of the natural chaparral of the landscape will ultimately improve watershed storage capacity and reduce greenhouse gases. Maintaining natural cover on the landscape will allow for ecosystem services such as water filtration and retention to occur.

*11) Reduce pollution or contamination of rivers, lakes, streams, or coastal waters, prevent and remediate mercury contamination from legacy mines, and protect or restore natural system functions that contribute to water supply, water quality, or flood management.*

<sup>3</sup> City of Los Angeles. 2008. Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study for the Runyon Canyon Park – Fuller Entrance Parking Area.

<sup>4</sup> Runyon Canyon Master Plan. 1986. p. 12. [www.friendsofrunyoncanyon.com](http://www.friendsofrunyoncanyon.com).

By preventing residential development on the property, this Project would prevent sediment discharges associated with construction and residential use. Existing native plants on the property prevent hillside erosion and reduce sediment loads in the watershed, thereby improving water quality.

### **VIII California Water Action Plan**

*Provide a detailed description of how the Project promotes and implements one or more of the objectives of the California Water Action Plan. Specifically, (1) Does the Project result in more reliable water supplies? (2) Does the Project result in restoration or protection of important species and habitat? (3) Does the Project result in more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure?*

The Project implements two of the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan, as outlined below:

*2) Protection of Important Species and Habitat:* The Project is home to several species that appear on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) 'watch list' including, but not limited to, Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) and the oak titmouse (*Baeolophus inornatus*). Allen's hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*) is found on the North American Bird Conservation Initiative's 'yellow watch list,' and Nuttall's woodpecker (*Picoides nuttallii*) falls under the U. S. Fish and Wildlife's (USFWS) list of 'service birds of conservation concern.' The Project also contains a number of other species, such as the red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), Anna's hummingbird (*Calypte anna*), California towhee (*Pipilo crissalis*), mourning dove (*Zenaidura macroura*), spotted towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*), and mammals such as coyote (*Canis latrans*), bobcat (*Felis rufus*), and mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*). Many of these species require chaparral habitat that will be protected by the Project.

*3) More Resilient and Sustainably Managed Water Infrastructure:* The topography and natural features of the Project facilitate infiltration, groundwater recharge, and the measured release of stormwater. Watershed services provided by the Project include water purification, storage, and erosion control. These watershed services are vital to the state and the region as they mitigate the impacts of drought and water quality degradation associated with climate change.

### **IX Climate Change**

*Provide a detailed description of how the Project helps meet the State's greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets, including a quantification of the metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub>e removed or avoided, and an explanation of the methodology used to quantify this figure. As applicable, address the following: How (1) the Project demonstrates a reduction in baseline greenhouse gas emissions through carbon sequestration or other innovative techniques or Project designs, such as diverting organic material from landfills; (2) the Project acquires, preserves, or restores natural areas at risk of development and quantifiably avoids emissions associated with development; (3) the Project implements water saving technologies and techniques to yield quantifiable water and energy savings. Such techniques may include the use*

*of drought-efficient landscaping, storm water filtration, impervious surfaces and other forms of water capture and storage; (4) the Project contributes to tree canopy cover and/or greenways in urban areas to mitigate heat island effects and promote public health and recreation; (5) the Project acquires and/or maintains wildlife corridors and linkages to provide connections between areas of undeveloped lands, particularly significant public lands and key habitat ecosystems; (6) the Project develops or maintains (or the acquisition provides an opportunity to develop or maintain) multi-use trails that connect communities, provides access to public resources and reduced vehicle miles traveled; (7) the Project engages local communities through outreach, education, and interpretation regarding long-term stewardship and climate change awareness.*

**The Project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions through carbon sequestration:**

The Project will provide carbon sequestration benefits by protecting the property's chaparral habitat, a plant community found to increasingly capture carbon and sequester it in the soil as atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations rise.<sup>5</sup>

**The Project acquires, preserves, and will restore natural areas at risk of development and quantifiably avoids emissions associated with development:**

The property's zoning is RE-40-1-H with Hillside Standard Overlay allowing for one-single family residence per 40,000 square feet. Four new homes along Solar Drive are more than plausible. The development of these new homes would result in approximately 1,340,635 pounds (608 metric tons) of carbon emissions annually, which is equivalent to carbon that can be sequestered by 576 acres of United States forests in one year (see Appendix A).

**The Project acquires and/or maintains wildlife corridors and linkages to provide connections between areas of undeveloped lands, particularly significant public lands and key habitat ecosystems:**

The Project will enhance and protect the natural integrity of the approximately 195-acre wildlife corridor that links the Park with the adjacent Trebek Open Space, as well as contribute to the much larger Santa Monica Mountains corridor.

**X Relationship to Other Plans and Policies**

*Provide a detailed description of how the Project promotes and implements other relevant regional and state plans and policies. Will completion of the Project assist a government agency in fulfilling a water resources protection, water ecosystem restoration, or multi-benefit river parkway plan?*

By preventing development and prohibiting vehicular use on the subject property, the Project is consistent with the California Department of Water Resources' Climate Action Plan<sup>6</sup> to reduce

<sup>5</sup> [1] "Mature semiarid chaparral ecosystems can be a significant sink for atmospheric carbon monoxide," Global Change Biology (2007): [http://mercury.ornl.gov/metadata/ornldaac/daac\\_citations/2007/luo\\_et.al.pdf](http://mercury.ornl.gov/metadata/ornldaac/daac_citations/2007/luo_et.al.pdf)

emissions by 50% below 1990 levels by 2020 and to reduce emissions by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. The Project is singled out as a priority in the 1986 Runyon Canyon Master Plan<sup>7</sup>, a local plan to establish Runyon Canyon as a City recreational facility. The Project supports the Los Angeles General Plan's policies of "preserving habitat linkages, where feasible, to provide wildlife corridors and to protect natural animal ranges," and "preserving natural viewsheds, whenever possible, in hillside and coastal areas."<sup>8</sup> Finally, the Project corresponds to The Climate Friendly Park Action Plan that outlines the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area's effort to reduce GHG emissions and mitigate effects of climate change.<sup>9</sup>

***For acquisition Projects:*** *Does the Project implement a major component of an existing relevant plan related to a major recreational public use facility or watershed ecosystem restoration plan? Would completion of the Project assist in fulfilling a Federal water resources protection or watershed ecosystem restoration plan?*

The Project is singled out as a priority in the 1986 Runyon Canyon Master Plan, a local plan completed in partnership with the Friends of Runyon Canyon and City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department to establish Runyon Canyon as a City recreational facility. The existing 133-acre Runyon Canyon Park hosts 1.3-2 million visitors annually. The Project supports the Los Angeles General Plan's policies of "preserving habitat linkages, where feasible, to provide wildlife corridors and to protect natural animal ranges," and "preserving natural viewsheds, whenever possible, in hillside and coastal areas."

## **XI Project Readiness/Feasibility**

*Indicate whether the Project will have matching funds from private, local, or federal sources, and if so, to what extent. Projects that secure matching funds of at least 25% of the total Project cost will get extra points. Describe how the Project will be implemented (will get points for proving that the Project is feasible). Describe how the applicant has the financial capacity to complete Project on a reimbursement basis.*

As indicated in the Scope of Work section above, this SMMC Prop 1 request is for \$750,000 out of the total \$2,450,000 purchase price for the conservation easement. Matching funds include \$700,000 in private philanthropic funding raised for the project, and a \$1,000,000 grant via LA County's Proposition A program. Both the philanthropic and Prop A funds are secured, with a grant agreement for the Prop A funds executed on June 27, 2016. In addition to the purchase price of the conservation easement, The Trust for Public Land has contributed \$23,000 in closing and due diligence costs, as well as significant staff time and resources. SMMC Prop 1 funds are therefore leveraged at over 200%. TPL is a national nonprofit organization with a staff of nearly 350 and an annual budget of over \$86 million. Since 1973, TPL has worked with local

<sup>6</sup> California Department of Water Resources Climate Action Plan: <http://www.water.ca.gov/climatechange/CAP.cfm>

<sup>7</sup> Runyon Canyon Master Plan. 1986. p. 3

<sup>8</sup> [3] City of Los Angeles, General Plan Framework: <http://cityplanning.lacity.org/cwd/framwk/chapters/06/06.htm>

<sup>9</sup> National Park Service. "Climate Friendly Parks Program": <http://www.nps.gov/climatefriendlyparks/parks/SAMO.html>

government agencies, stakeholders and community leaders to complete 372 park projects across the U.S. Many of the grants received to do this work are on a reimbursement basis; TPL has the fiscal capacity to implement projects for which we are later reimbursed.

## **XII Disadvantaged Community**

*Indicate whether the Project will benefit a disadvantaged community. Projects located in or adjacent to communities defined as no less than 81 percent disadvantaged will receive 5 points. Does the Project add a new trail or recreational resources not available within a 0.5 mile radius?*

The Project is 1.5 miles from a disadvantaged community, as identified by the CA Department of Water Resource's mapping tool. The community in question is Block Group ID Number 060371899031, with a Median Household Income of \$45,855.

## **XIII Conservation Corps**

*Indicate whether the Project will use the services of local or state conservation corps or other job training entity for a portion of the Project work.*

Not applicable. The Project is exempt from the requirement to consult with the conservation corps because it consists of acquisition only.

## **XIV Use of New or Innovative Technology**

*Provide a detailed description of any new or innovative technology or practices that will be applied to the Project, including decision support tools that support the integration of multiple jurisdictions, including but not limited to, water supply, flood control, land use, and sanitation.*

The Project covered by this grant application is for a 10-acre conservation easement; however, it is part of a larger acquisition effort undertaken by The Trust for Public Land, the City of Los Angeles, and MRCA. The larger effort includes vital public access and recreational opportunities that synergistically enhance the overall impact of the project. This innovative partnership allows for the creative combination of funding sources and long-term stewardship entities to best take advantage of the seller's requirements while meeting the needs of the funders, MRCA, and the City.

## **XV Monitoring/Reporting**

*Provide a detailed method for monitoring and reporting on the progress and effectiveness of the Project during and after Project implementation.*

MRCA will own and operate the conservation easement as part of their extensive land holdings in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. MRCA is a local government entity and receives continuous appropriations from the State for ongoing management and stewardship. MRCA owns thousands of acres of open space across the region and has many years of experience in managing similar properties. Once the Project has been acquired, MRCA will create a stewardship plan for the property. The primary management objectives will be to protect and

enhance existing natural communities, water resources, and the multiple species of plants and animals these habitats support.

### Appendix A: Carbon Emissions Calculations

For one single family residential development, it is assumed that:

- Each dwelling unit is an average of 1,583 square feet.
- 5 new residents will be added to the local population.
- Total number of daily trips generated will be 50 trips (distributed among the 4 potential dwelling units).

#### Annual Carbon Dioxide Emitted from Daily Trip Generation

$$\frac{31.90 \text{ miles}}{\text{person} \times \text{day}} \times \frac{50 \text{ trips}}{\text{day}} = 1595 \text{ trip miles}$$

$$1595 \text{ trip miles} \div \frac{21.60 \text{ miles}}{\text{gallons}} = 73.84 \text{ gallons}$$

$$\frac{19.64 \text{ pounds CO}_2}{\text{gallons}} \times 73.84 \text{ gallons} = 1450.28 \text{ lbs. CO}_2$$

$$\frac{1450.28 \text{ lbs. CO}_2}{\text{day}} \times \frac{365 \text{ days}}{\text{year}} = \frac{529,351 \text{ lbs. CO}_2}{\text{year}}$$

#### Annual Energy Consumed for Transportation Due to New Residential Population

$$\frac{77,370,000 \text{ BTUs Consumed}}{\text{person}} \times 20 \text{ persons} = \mathbf{1,547,400,000 \text{ BTUs (453,498.17 kWh)}}$$

This is equivalent to 703,275 lbs (319 metric tons) of carbon that could be sequestered by 302 acres of US forests in one year.

#### Annual Carbon Equivalent Emitted From Residential Units

$$\frac{38,800 \text{ BTUs}}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{1,538 \text{ ft}^2}{\text{DU}} \times 4 \text{ DUs} = \mathbf{238,697,699 \text{ BTUs (69955.39 kWh)}}$$

This is equivalent to 108,027 lbs (49 metric tons) of carbon that could be sequestered by 46.5 acres of US forests in one year.

#### Total carbon dioxide that would be produced annually from development:

$$529351 \text{ lbs CO}_2 + 703275 \text{ lbs CO}_2 + 108027 \text{ lbs CO}_2 = \mathbf{1340653 \text{ lbs CO}_2}$$

This is equivalent to **608 metric tons of carbon** that could be sequestered by 576 acres of US forests in one year.

**Appendix A Sources:**

Bureau of Transportation Statistics. CA Average Daily Person Miles, 2009.

Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Est. On-Road Fleet Fuel Economy, 2012.

Bureau of Transportation Statistics. State Facts interactive map, 2012.

Energy Information Administration (EIA). Frequently Asked Questions. How much carbon dioxide is produced by burning gasoline and diesel fuel?

EIA. Residential Energy Consumption Survey, California, 2009, Table CE1.5 Summary Household Site Consumption and Expenditures in West Region, Divisions, and States.

EIA. Residential Energy Consumption Survey, California, 2009, Table HC10.13 Average Square Footage of West Homes, by Housing Characteristics, 2009.



## California Conservation Corps Consultation

**Corps Consultation Review Document**

Within five (5) business days of receiving the project information, both the CCC and CALCC representatives will review the submitted information, contact the applicant if necessary, and respond to the applicant with this Corps Consultation Review Document. Two copies of this Corps Consultation Review Document (one completed by the CCC and one from the CALCC) must be included in applications to the Conservancy for Proposition 1 funded grants for restoration and ecosystem protection projects.

1. Name of Applicant: The Trust for Public Land                      Project Title: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Project

Department/Conservancy to which you are applying for funding:

**Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy**

**To be completed by Applicant:**

Is this application solely for planning or acquisition?

**Yes** (application is exempt from the requirement to consult with the Corps)

No (proceed to #2)

**To be completed by Corps:**

This Consultation Review Document is being prepared by:

The California Conservation Corps (CCC)

California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC)

2. Applicant has submitted the required information by email to the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC):

Yes (applicant has submitted all necessary information to CCC and CALCC)

No (applicant has not submitted all information or did not submit information to both Corps – application is deemed non-compliant)

3. After consulting with the project applicant, the CCC and CALCC has determined the following:

It is NOT feasible for CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project (deemed compliant)

It is feasible for the CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project and the following aspects of the project can be accomplished with Corps services (deemed compliant).

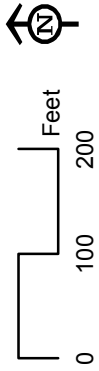
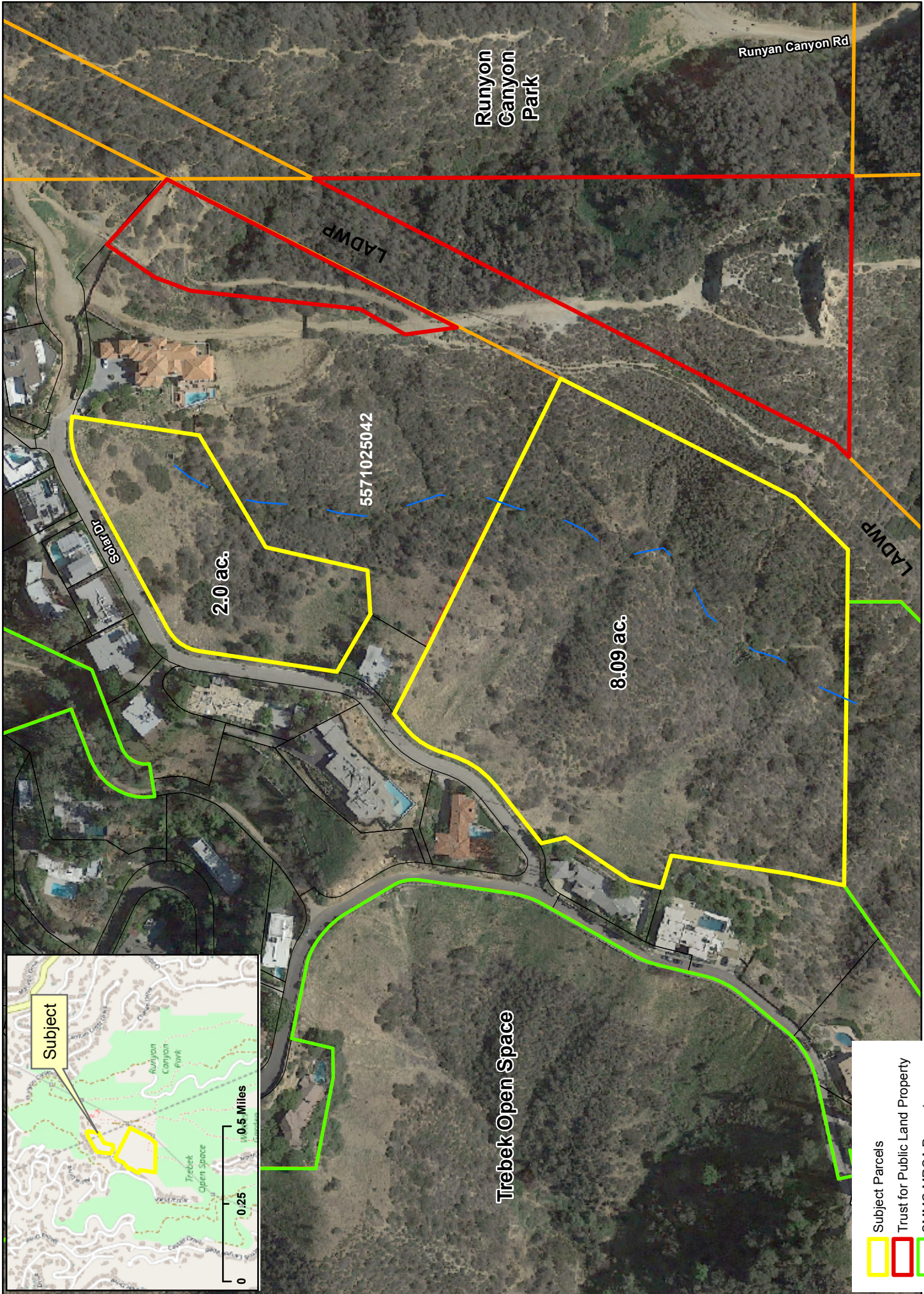
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CCC AND CALCC REPRESENTATIVES WILL RETURN THIS FORM AS DOCUMENTATION OF CONSULTATION BY EMAIL TO APPLICANT WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS OF RECEIPT AS VERIFICATION OF CONSULTATION. APPLICANT WILL INCLUDE COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT AS PART OF THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

## Location Map





- Subject Parcels
- Trust for Public Land Property
- SMMC MIRCA Property
- Other Public Land
- Drainage



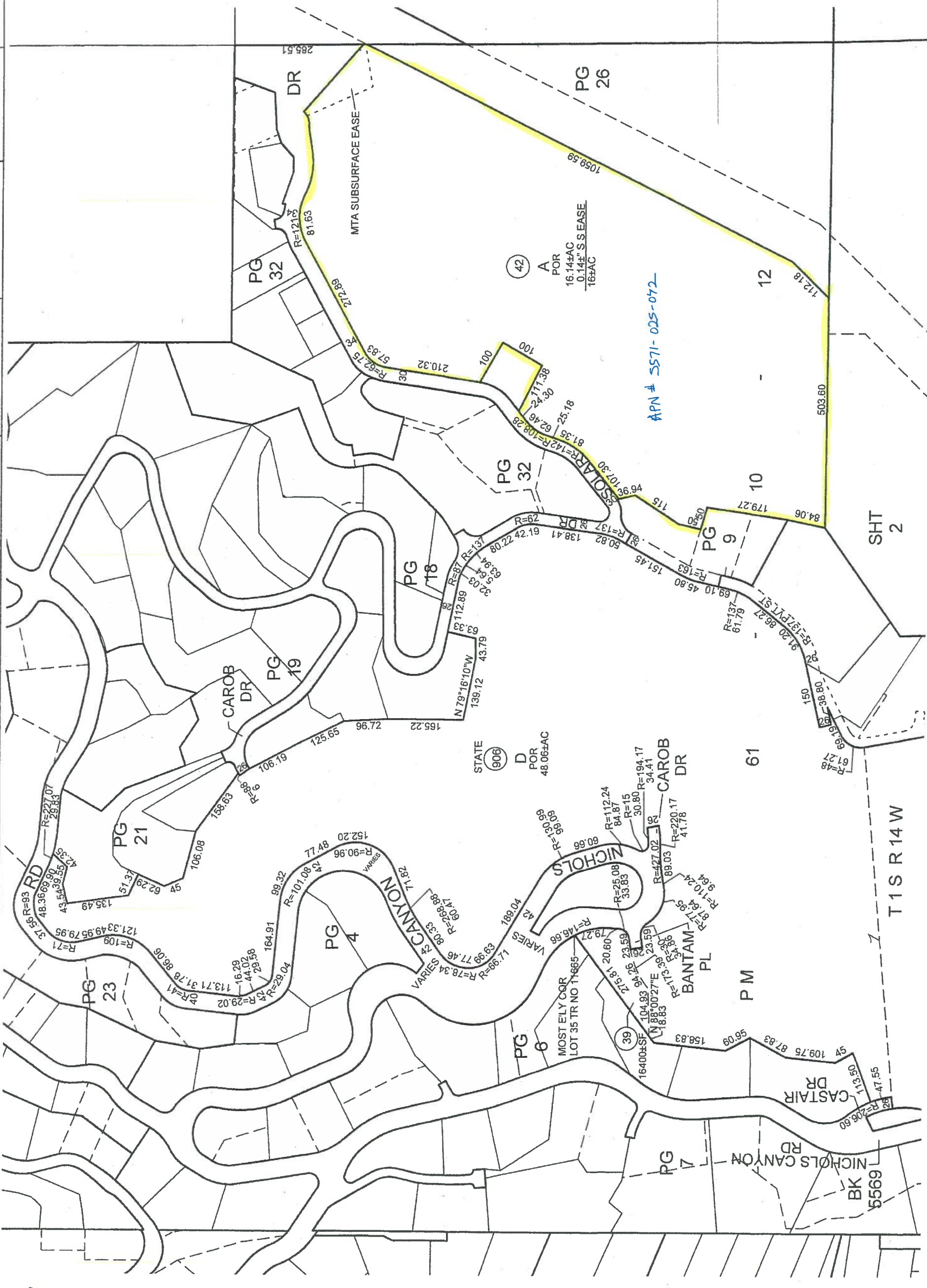


## Parcel Map

2007



MAPPING AND GIS  
SERVICES  
SCALE 1" = 200'



## **Project Photos**





Sunrise overlooking the trail leading toward the southeast. The property is in on the right side of this photo and shows the view of downtown Los Angeles from the property.



Looking east over the subject property. Runyon Canyon Park contrasts sharply with urban Los Angeles that surrounds it.





Looking east, Runyon Canyon Park is a natural retreat and oasis to the approximately 1.5 to 2 million people who use park on an annual basis. By acquiring the subject property, a greater connection will be made between Runyon Canyon Park and Trebek Open Space at the easternmost end of the Santa Monica Mountains.



Clear view looking east toward downtown Los Angeles. The people in the photo are walking adjacent to the subject property while enjoying the view.





Looking directly south from the subject property, showing the chaparral covered hillsides that support a diverse community of flora and fauna.

## Willing Seller Letter

November 23, 2016

Rorie Skei  
Chief Deputy Executive Director  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, California 90265

Re: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is provided to confirm that Runyon NKMS, LLC, owners of the above referenced property, are willing participants in the proposed real property transaction. When grant funds are awarded to The Trust for Public Land, Runyon NKMS, LLC, as Seller, are willing to sell the real property for a purchase price not to exceed fair market value.

Runyon NKMS, LLC is working directly with The Trust for Public Land and has a Purchase and Sale Agreement in place with The Trust for Public Land. We acknowledge that The Trust for Public Land is working closely with the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) on this project and that it is the MRCA's desire to be the ultimate owners and stewards of the property.

Sincerely,

**Runyon NKMS, LLC**, a California  
limited liability company

By: Thrasher NK, LLC  
a California limited liability company

By:   
Nick Keros, Manager



## **MRC A Takeout Letter**



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
Ramirez Canyon Park  
5810 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, California 90265  
Phone (310) 589-3230 Fax (310) 589-3237

November 23, 2016

Becky Bremser  
Project Manager  
The Trust for Public Land  
101 Montgomery Street, Ste. 1100  
San Francisco, CA 94104

**Runyon-Curson Canyons Conservation Easements Willing Acceptance Letter**

Dear Ms. Bremser:

The Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) appreciates TPL's efforts to secure additional land protection between the MRCA's Trebek open space and the City of Los Angeles' Runyon Canyon Park. TPL's overarching multi-million dollar Runyon Canyon Park expansion project is to be commended. This letter is to ensure that the MRCA would accept the two proposed conservation easements totaling approximately 10.14 acres. MRCA acceptance would include easement monitoring and enforcement. A resolution authorizing acceptance of the easements will be on the MRCA Governing Board's December 7, 2016 agenda. The MRCA is pleased to assist in this complex land protection deal.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at (310) 589-3230, extension 128, or via email at [paul.edelman@mrca.ca.gov](mailto:paul.edelman@mrca.ca.gov). I look forward to working with you on future projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Edelman".

Paul Edelman  
Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

## CEQA Notice of Exemption

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Article III, Section 3, City CEQA Guidelines)

FORM RP 1-1-91

Submission of this form is optional. This form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 East Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitation on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitation being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: Department of Recreation and Parks, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90012	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
PROJECT TITLE: RUNYON CANYON PARK – Acquisition of Property for Park Expansion	LOG REFERENCE: Prop K year 13-FY09-10

PROJECT LOCATION: 2450 Solar Drive, Los Angeles, CA

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:  
The proposed project involves the acquisition of approximately 16.75 acres comprised of a portion of APN 5571-025-042 and/or APN 5571-026-007, both parcels having an address of 2450 Solar Drive for the expansion of Runyon Canyon Park and preservation open space as parkland. The beneficiaries of the project would be the patrons of the park.

CONTACT PERSON: PAUL DAVIS	AREA CODE 213	TELEPHONE NUMBER: 202-2667	EXT.
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<b>EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL PROJECT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION <input type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY EXEMPTION	<b>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</b> Art. II, Sec. 2a(1) Art. II, Sec. 2(a)(2)(3) Art. II, Sec. 2b Art. II, Sec. 2(c) See Below Art. II, Sec. 2(d) Art. II, Sec. 2(i)	<b>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES</b> ART. 18, Sec. 15269(a) ART. 18, Sec. 15269(b)(c) ART. 18, Sec. 15268 ART. 19, Sec. 15300 -15332 ART. 18, Sec. 15262 ART. 18, Sec. 15282
Class 25	Category 5	(City CEQA Guidelines) Art. III, Sec(s). 1(y)(5)

OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sect. 21080(b) and set forth in state & city guidelines provisions)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:  
Acquisition, sale or transfer of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space for park purposes.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE: PAUL DAVIS <i>Paul Davis</i>	TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST	DATE: JUN 10 2010
FEE \$75.00	RECEIPT NO.	ON DATE: JUL 12 2010
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**Letters of Support**

*California State Senator Benjamin Allen, 26<sup>th</sup> District  
The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc.*

*Friends of Runyon Canyon*

*Supervisor Sheila Kuehl*

*Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association*

*Los Angeles City Councilmember David E. Ryu, Fourth District*

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SENATOR  
**BENJAMIN ALLEN**

TWENTY-SIXTH SENATE DISTRICT



November 28, 2016

Rorie Skei  
Chief Deputy Executive Director  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, California 90265

RE: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

This letter is to express my support for the application submitted by The Trust for Public Land to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 Program for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon conservation easement. The acquisition of the easement—a 10 acre private lot adjacent to the Runyon Canyon Park, surrounded on three sides by City parkland—would protect the open space and viewshed for present and future visitors to the ever more popular Runyon Canyon Park. The Trust for Public Land will convey the easement to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for long-term stewardship and management.

Neighbors and other concerned citizens have been working for more than a decade with the City of Los Angeles to protect the land near Runyon Canyon Park, as well as another five acres of adjacent privately-owned land, from development. The goal is to expand Runyon Canyon Park and connect parkland with other protected open space, preserving wildlife corridors, adding hiking trails, and safeguarding the viewshed. Park patrons from an array of socio-economic groups have, for years, been enjoying the open space, access to nature, and popular hiking trails furnished by the property. A successful acquisition would result in public ownership of the parcel, thus ensuring the same healthful benefits for generations of Angelinos to come.

Once acquired by MRCA, the property would be managed and maintained, increasing safety on the property and also enhancing its enjoyment value. I strongly support The Trust for Public Land and MRCA's efforts to accomplish these goals through their application for these funds.

Sincerely,

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Ben Allen  
Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> District

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November 25, 2016

Rorie Skei  
Chief Deputy Executive Director  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, California 90265

*VIA EMAIL*

Re: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, founded in 1952, represents 45 resident and homeowner associations with their approximately 200,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The mission of the Federation is to promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles. At its June 2015 meeting, the Federation voted unanimously to support the application of the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon Knoll property of ~5 acres.

The Federation expresses its support for the application submitted by The Trust for Public Land to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 Program for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon conservation easement. The acquisition of the easement — a 10 acre private lot adjacent to the Runyon Canyon Park, surrounded on three sides by City parkland—would protect the watershed, open space and views for present and future visitors to the ever more popular Runyon Canyon Park. The Trust for Public Land will convey the easement to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for long-term stewardship and management.

Runyon Canyon is a very heavily used urban wilderness in the heart of Los Angeles. The property's loss to development would have a devastating impact on both the two-footed creatures and their four-footed companions who enjoy its fresh air and healthy exercise and on the four-footed animals and birds who depend on its chaparral for food and habitat. The Hillside Federation joins with Friends of Runyon Canyon and Franklin/ Hollywood West Residents Association in urging you to support the application for funding to purchase this property.

Sincerely,

*Charley Mims*  
Charley Mims, President

November 29, 2016

Rorie Skei  
Chief Deputy Executive Director  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, California 90265

RE: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation to express our support for the application submitted by The Trust for Public Land to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 Program for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon conservation easement. The acquisition of the easement — a 10 acre private lot adjacent to the Runyon Canyon Park, surrounded on three sides by City parkland — would protect the watershed, open space and views for present and future visitors to the ever more popular Runyon Canyon Park. The Trust for Public Land will convey the easement to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for long-term stewardship and management.

The Friends of Runyon Canyon (FORC) Foundation is an IRS approved non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to secure funds to restore, preserve and protect the Runyon Canyon Park Recreation Area in partnership with the public and the City for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Foundation aspires to build a great organization that sets the standard and spreads the principles for outstanding park management - emphasizing environmental excellence - to improve the quality of open space for the enjoyment of Runyon Canyon visitors and the quality of life in neighboring residential areas.

Runyon Canyon is accessed by over 1.8M visitors per year from extensive ethnic backgrounds with 43% of the visitors from minority groups. Also, the park has nearly 300,000 dog visits per year making it a popular venue providing both human and dog healthy exercise. This acquisition is consistent with the goals of the Foundation to protected open space, preserve wildlife corridors, and safeguard the scenic wilderness views. The successful acquisition will ensure the same healthful benefits for generations of Angelinos to come.

We strongly support The Trust for Public Land and MRCA's efforts to accomplish these goals through their application for these funds.

Sincerely,

*Paul Moore*

Vice President





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SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT

November 28, 2016

Rorie Skei  
Chief Deputy Executive Director  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
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Malibu, California 90265

RE: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

I'm writing to express my support for the application submitted by The Trust for Public Land to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 Program for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon conservation easement. The acquisition is a 10 acre private lot adjacent to the Runyon Canyon Park, surrounded on three sides by City parkland which would protect the watershed, open space and viewshed for present and future visitors to the ever more popular Runyon Canyon Park. The Trust for Public Land will convey the easement to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for long-term stewardship and management.

Neighbors and other concerned citizens have been working for more than a decade with the City of Los Angeles to protect the land near Runyon Canyon Park, as well as another 5 acres of adjacent privately-owned land, from development. The goal is to expand Runyon Canyon Park and connect parkland with other protected open space, preserving wildlife corridors, adding hiking trails, and safeguarding the water and viewsheds. Park patrons from an array of socio-economic groups have, for years, been enjoying the open space, access to nature, and popular hiking trails furnished by the property. A successful acquisition would result in public ownership of the parcel, thus ensuring the same healthful benefits for generations of Angelinos to come.

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Sincerely,

SHEILA KUEHL  
Supervisor, Third District

MCC:bc



November 23, 2016

Rorie Skei  
Chief Deputy Executive Director  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, California 90265

RE: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

I am president of the Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association. We represent approximately 500 residents who live adjacent to the west and north sides of Runyon Canyon Park.

I am writing to express our support for the application submitted by The Trust for Public Land to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 Program for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon conservation easement. The acquisition of the easement—a 10 acre private lot adjacent to the Runyon Canyon Park, surrounded on three sides by City parkland—would protect the watershed, open space and viewshed for present and future visitors to the ever more popular Runyon Canyon Park. The Trust for Public Land will convey the easement to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for long-term stewardship and management.

Neighbors living immediately adjacent to the conservation easement are members of our Association. Some of these neighbors and other concerned citizens have been working for more than a decade with the City of Los Angeles to protect the land near Runyon Canyon Park, as well as another 5 acres of adjacent privately-owned land, from development. The goal is to expand Runyon Canyon Park and connect parkland with other protected open space, preserving wildlife corridors, adding existing hiking trails to the park, and safeguarding the water and viewsheds. Park patrons from an array of socio-economic groups have, for years, been enjoying the open space, access to nature, and popular hiking trails furnished by the property. A successful acquisition would result in public ownership of the parcel, thus ensuring the same healthful benefits for generations of Angelinos to come.

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Sincerely,

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Susan W. Mullins  
323-251-6769



**DAVID E. RYU**  
**COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT**

November 29, 2016

Rorie Skei  
Chief Deputy Executive Director  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road  
Malibu, California 90265

RE: Runyon Canyon Conservation Easement Acquisition

Dear Ms. Skei:

I'm writing on behalf of Council District 4 to express our support for the application submitted by The Trust for Public Land to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 Program for the acquisition of the Runyon Canyon conservation easement. The acquisition of the easement—a 10 acre private lot adjacent to the Runyon Canyon Park, surrounded on three sides by City parkland—would protect the watershed, open space and viewshed for present and future visitors to the ever more popular Runyon Canyon Park. The Trust for Public Land will convey the easement to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for long-term stewardship and management.

The Trust for Public Land is committed to creating parks and protecting land for people, ensuring health, and livable communities for generations to come. The MRCA is a local government public entity established in 1985. The MRCA is a local partnership between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District both of which are local park agencies established by the vote of the people in those communities. The MRCA is dedicated to the preservation and management of local open space and parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat.

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**DAVID E. RYU**  
**COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT**

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Sincerely,

David E. Ryu  
Councilmember