

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: December 11, 2017

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 14(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant SMM-12-1561 for Ramirez Canyon Park capital improvements, City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant SMM-12-1561 for Ramirez Canyon Park capital improvements in the amount of \$67,000, City of Malibu.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: On October 25, 2015, the Conservancy authorized a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Ramirez Canyon Park Improvements in the amount of \$400,000. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached application for additional funds in the amount of \$67,000. The proposed augmentation is for additional restoration, rehabilitation and enhancement of existing resources within the park.

Located in a deep canyon off the Malibu coast, 22-acre Ramirez Canyon Park is surrounded on three sides by pristine National Park Service wilderness and includes a critical section of the regionally significant Coastal Slope Trail. Featuring a year-round stream, a sycamore meadow, and accessible trails and facilities, Ramirez Canyon Park is an ideal place for programs specifically designed for people with special needs, seniors, and at-risk youth visiting nature for the first time. The park's remote location and site constraints affect the number of interested, qualified contractors, which can increase costs as compared to other park locations.

Since the original grant application was made in 2015, additional infrastructure projects have become more critical, and the subject grant augmentation would help address those items while leaving sufficient budget to complete roof work. A staff arborist recently evaluated the condition of the property's major trees and concluded that several large specimens adjacent to parking, roadways, and structures are displaying excessive weight loads and leaning significantly toward high value assets. Beyond the structural damage that could be caused by the failure of these large tree, it is paramount to address this issue for the safety of the staff and visitors in the park. The cost of the required pruning and corrective measures was not anticipated in the 2015 grant application. The severity of the 2016-17 rainy season caused additional interior

damage to multiple structures. While the original grant anticipated some interior renovations to the Art Deco and Peach houses (after roofing work is completed), the extent of this work is likely to exceed the existing grant budget, as would any capital work to the property's other structures. Crews also need to address significant deterioration of the property's many original irrigation and domestic water supply lines.

Analysis - Proposition 12 and General Obligation Bond Law

The existing grant for restoration and rehabilitation of existing structures at the park was determined to be consistent with the General Obligation Bond Law and the Safe Neighborhoods Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) by the Office of the Attorney General on February 9, 2016 (see attachment). The proposed grant augmentation is for additional work at the same location that is also defined as restoration and rehabilitation of existing structures at the park.

Consideration: The application from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is for \$67,000 of Proposition 12 funds.