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SMMC Attachment May 21, 2018 Agenda Item 16

May 9, 2018

Chairperson Craig Sap c/o Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Director Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy 570 Ramirez Canyon Road Malibu. California 90265

## Grant Augmentation Request River Ranger Program Planning

Dear Chairperson Sap and Conservancy Members:

I am pleased to present a grant augmentation request for the River Ranger Program Planning. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) requests an augmentation in the sum of \$500,000 from the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), under the Conservancy's Urban Creek Program for additional work, to be added to the original grant request from December 2017. The MRCA's Governing Board approved submittal of this grant augmentation request on May 2, 2018.

MRCA staff have begun extensive work on the plan but all the required work will not be complete by the legislative deadline. The subject grant augmentations will cover a second phase of planning work, to be completed after June 30, 2018. The original grants are \$250,000 each, for a total of \$500,000 currently secured funding.

Please refer to the enclosed materials that describe the proposal. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at (323) 221-9944, extension 117.

Sincerely,

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Cara Meyer

**Deputy Executive Officer** 

### **Grant Application**

Print Form

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Project Title:	River Rangers Program	Planning	<b>Date:</b> 5/9/2018					
Funds:	Proposition 12		Amount: \$250,000	TI	ne Natural Resources Agency			
Applicant Name:	Mountains Recreation 8	& Conservation	Match amount: 0.00		Monica Mountains Conservancy			
Address:	570 West Avenue 26, St	uite 100	Match source: n/a		5750 Ramirez Canyon Road Malibu, California 90265			
State/Province:	Los Angeles, CA				Phone: 310-589-3200			
Zip/Postal code:	90065		Total Project Cost: 50	00,000	www.smmc.ca.gov			
Phone:	323-221-9944				evelop a river ranger program to river rangers who assist the public			
Fax:	323-221-9934		Description. provide a	a network of fiver ta	rigers who assist the public			
Grantee's Author	rized Representative:	Cara Meyer, Deput	y Executive Officer, 323-	221-9944 ext. 117, c	cara.meyer@mrca.ca.gov			
		Name and Title	Phone Nu	mber	Email			
Person with day-	to-day responsibility:	Sarah Rascon, Urban River Program Officer, 323-221-9944 ext. 109, sarah.rascon@mi						
		Name and Title	Phone N	umber	Email			
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# Budget Amendment for SMMC Grant No. SMM-3810-P01-1781 River Rangers Program Planning

Approved Grant Amount: \$ 250,000 New Request Amount: \$ 250,000 Total Requested Amount: \$ 500,000

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Budget Item		Approved		Change		New Total
		Amount	Amount		Budget	
A. MRC	CA Staff					
various	Direct Salaries, Payroll Tax, Benefits & Allocations	\$ 190,000	\$	35,000	\$	225,000
9998, 9999	Administrative Cost	\$ 40,000	\$	15,000	\$	55,000
	SUBTOTAL A, MRCA Staff:	\$ 230,000	\$	50,000	\$	280,000
D. M-4	and the second Occupation					
	erials and Supplies					
TBD	Non-Capital Grant Expenses	\$ -	\$	4,500	\$	4,500
3165	Travel & Per Diem	\$ -	\$	500	\$	500
5116	Land & Building Improvement - Other	\$ 2,000	\$	(1,500)	\$	500
7777	Equipment Allocation	\$ 1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000
	SUBTOTAL B, Materials and Supplies:	\$ 3,000	\$	3,500	\$	6,500
C. Con	sultants and Contractors					
2051	Contract Services - Technical	\$ - 1	\$	212,500	\$	212,500
5115	Land & Building Improvement - Pre-Construction	\$ 15,000	\$	(14,500)	\$	500
5116	Land & Building Improvement - Other	\$ 2,000	\$	(1,500)	\$	500
	SUBTOTAL C, Consultants and Contractors:	\$ 17,000	\$	196,500	\$	213,500
	Grand Total (A+B+C+D):	\$ 250,000	\$	250,000	\$	500,000

#### Grant Augmentation Request – Supplemental Information

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## River Ranger Program Planning Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

In December 2017, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) authorized a grant of Proposition 1 funds to MRCA to complete planning work required for the implementation of implement Assembly Bill 1558 (AB 1558), Chapter 452, Statutes of 2017. In January 2018 the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) also authorized a grant of Proposition 1 funds to MRCA for this effort. That legislation required SMMC and RMC to develop, in collaboration with other agencies, a program to provide a network of river rangers who assist the public at sites along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. The legislation specified that the plan be complete by June 30, 2018.

MRCA staff have begun extensive work on the planning and development of a River Rangers Program, but all the required work will not be complete by the legislative deadline. A draft report will be complete but there is insufficient time to also gather responses and make any necessary revisions. A second phase of planning work to be completed after June 30, 2018 is proposed. Phase two activities will include detailed development of River Ranger program elements, revisions as necessary per stakeholder input, and outlining a feasible pilot program. The compressed timeframe for phase one, combined with the extended period of management needed for phase two, combine to increase the cost of the effort. The requested grant augmentation of \$250,000 will allow the second phase of planning to be completed.

Shortly after the grant was awarded, MRCA began work on consultant contracts to complete the scope of work. In March 2018 MRCA and consultants began working on the planning, coordination, development and preparation of a Plan that would establish a River Ranger program, including development of an implementable pilot program. Monthly meetings with stakeholders have commenced and input from the general public is being recorded at community events and via an online survey.

If additional funding is not secured, the second phase of planning for the River Ranger Program will not be completed.