

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: May 21, 2018

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 16: Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1781 for River Rangers Program Planning, County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1781 for River Rangers Program Planning, County of Los Angeles, in the amount of \$250,000.

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

Background: On December 11, 2017, the Conservancy authorized a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for planning and development of a River Rangers Program. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached application for additional funds in the amount of \$250,000. The proposed augmentation is for a second phase of work.

A draft report will be complete by the legislative deadline of June 30, 2018, but there is insufficient time to also gather responses to the draft and make any necessary revisions. Therefore, MRCA is proposing to add a second phase of planning work to be completed after June 30, 2018. Phase two activities will include detailed development of River Ranger program elements, revisions as necessary per stakeholder input, and outlining a feasible pilot program. Public input is currently being gathered at community events and via an online survey:

English: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LARiverRangerOutreach

Spanish: www.surveymonkey.com/r/EncuestaRioLA

The existing grant was determined to be consistent with the General Obligation Bond Law and the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1). The original application met all requirements of the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines and scored a total of 98 points (out of possible 115). The proposed grant augmentation is for additional work under the same project description.

Consideration: The augmentation request from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is for \$250,000 of Proposition 1 funds.

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