



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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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
Upper Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan**

Dear Chairperson Sap and Conservancy Members:

I am pleased to present a grant augmentation request for Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design, related to the Revitalization Plan required by Assembly Bill 466 (ab 466), Chapter 347 of the Statutes of 2017. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) requests an augmentation in the sum of \$200,000 from Proposition 1 for additional work. The MRCA's Governing Board approved submittal of this application on May 2, 2018.

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,

Cara Meyer
Deputy Executive Officer

Grant Application

Print Form



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Project Title: Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning **Date:** 5/15/2018

Funds: Proposition 1 **Amount:** 200,000

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:** 700,000

Zip/Postal code: 90065

Phone: 323-221-9944 **Brief Project Description:** Project planning for the Upper Los Angeles River and tributaries.

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The Natural Resources Agency
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
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Grantee's Authorized Representative: Cara Meyer, Deputy Executive Officer, 323-221-9944 ext. 117, cara.meyer@mrca.ca.gov

Name and Title Phone Number Email

Person with day-to-day responsibility: Sarah Rascon, Urban River Program Officer, 323-221-9944 ext. 109, sarah.rascon@mrca.ca.gov

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Project Objective: Additional funding is requested for costs related to the development of the revitalization plan as described by AB 466, Chapter 341, Statutes of 2017. Please refer to attached narrative.

*Attach additional pages as necessary

Project Address:

Latitude: n/a **Acreage:** N/A **Trail Length:** N/A

Longitude: n/a **APN's:** N/A **Stream Miles:**

Congressional District: multiple **State Senate District:** multiple **Assembly District:** multiple

Tasks / Milestones: See attached budget. **Budget:** **Completion Date:**

All planning work and grant closeout activities are expected to be complete by June 30, 2020, notwithstanding delays outside of MRCA's control.

*Attach additional pages as necessary

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

Cara Meyer 5/15/2018

Signature of Authorized Representative Date

Grant Application – Supplemental Information

Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design (AB 466)
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

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In December 2017, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy authorized a grant to MRCA for Upper Los Angeles River project planning and design, to carry out the studies required by Assembly Bill 466 (AB 466), Chapter 341 of the Statutes of 2017. That legislation required that the Conservancy develop a revitalization plan for the Upper Los Angeles River, the tributaries of the Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, and Verdugo Wash, and potential additional tributaries as necessary.

MRCA staff has begun work on the plan, but have already encountered unanticipated situations that have increased the complexity of work, and by extension, the cost of the plan. There is great interest in adding multiple additional tributaries to the analysis, and in performing an extended amount of public outreach. Staff identified the need for a professional review and compilation of all existing plans to identify needs, gaps, overlay and inconsistencies. It is expected that some amount of mapping and engineering will be required to ensure that the tributaries can be analyzed to the same extent that the main stem of the river has been. An extension to the legislative deadline may be approved, however that could also increase costs due to the extended period of project management needed.

The grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is for \$200,000, for a total of \$700,000 dedicated to this effort. As a point of comparison, a similar effort for the Lower Los Angeles River area totaled over \$2 million, although that area did not have as many existing studies and plans to build upon.

If additional funding is not secured, the scope of the revitalization plan may be minimized and therefore may not meet the thorough standards and critical components required by the legislation. The goal of a process based upon robust community engagement and a detailed analysis of tributaries is dependent upon a grant augmentation at this time.

**Budget Amendment for SMMC Grant No. SMM-3810-P01-1775
Upper Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (AB 466)**

**Approved Grant Amount: \$ 500,000
New Request Amount: \$ 200,000
Total Requested Amount: \$ 700,000**

Budget Item	Approved Amount	Change Amount	New Total Budget
A. MRCA Staff			
various Direct Salaries, Payroll Tax, Benefits & Allocations	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ 140,000
9998, 9999 Administrative Cost	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000
SUBTOTAL A, MRCA Staff:	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
B. Materials and Supplies			
TBD Non-Capital Grant Expenses	\$ -	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000
3165 Travel & Per Diem	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
7777 Equipment Allocation	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
SUBTOTAL B, Materials and Supplies:	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
C. Consultants and Contractors			
2051 Contract Services - Technical	\$ -	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
4001 Grants	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
5115 Land & Building Improvement - Pre-Construction	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
SUBTOTAL C, Consultants and Contractors:	\$ 300,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 470,000
Grand Total (A+B+C+D):	\$ 500,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 700,000