

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: May 21, 2018

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 17: Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1775 for Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design, County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation to grant 3810-P01-1775 for Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design, County of Los Angeles, in the amount of \$200,000 of Proposition 1 funds.

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 and Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design, to achieve a Revitalization Plan as mandated by Assembly Bill 466 (AB 466), Chapter 347 of the Statutes of 2017. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached application for additional funds in the amount of \$200,000. The proposed augmentation is to cover unanticipated complexity in the plan process.

MRCA staff have begun work and immediately found that there was great interest in adding multiple additional tributaries to the analysis, and in performing an extended amount of public outreach. Upon an initial review of existing plans and mapping, it was determined that some mapping and engineering will be required for tributary areas to ensure they can be analyzed to the same level as the River's main course. The Working Group's first meeting is expected to occur in June 2018, and it is possible that they will request more additions to the scope.

The existing grant was determined to be consistent with the General Obligation Bond Law, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). The original application met all requirements of the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines and scored a total of 86 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

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Authority is for \$200,000 of Proposition 1 funds.