

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: December 10, 2018

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 9(d): 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. Phase One of the River Rangers program plan was completed by June 30, 2018. Subsequently Senate Bill 1126 (SB 1126) granted an extension for a second phase of work. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached request for additional funds in the amount of \$250,000 to carry out the second phase of work.

Phase Two activities will include more detailed development of the plan and its implementation, including specified components and information for a River Ranger pilot program, and revisions as necessary per stakeholder input. Details of the pilot program will include outlining feasible funding methods. Public input will continue to be solicited and 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 previously 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.

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