Memorandum

To : The Conservancy The Advisory Committee

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

Subject :Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the River Porject for the Los Angeles River Greenways Restoration in Studio City.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Conservancy authorize a grant not to exceed \$50,000 in Proposition 1 urban creek funds to the non profit River Project for a planning and design project for enhancement of the Studio City Greenway along the Los Angeles River, in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles.

<u>Legislative Authority:</u> Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and Section 79735(a) of the Water Code.

<u>Background:</u> Please see the attached Proposition 1 grant application from the River Project for a detailed description. The grant request is for \$50,000 in Proposition 1 urban Los Angeles River funds which will be used in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles for planning and enhancing the Studio City Greenway project. (The Conservancy was directed in the State Budget Act to grant \$150,000 to the City of Los Angeles for the Studio City project.)

Scoring under the Conservancy's revised Proposition 1 Project Planning and Design grant Guidelines results in the project receiving 73 points (out of a possible 86; 61 minimum required), plus 2 out of 4 climate change value points, plus 15 out of 25 possible points under Additional Criteria. **Total points: 90** (out of a possible 115). Staff recommends award of \$50,000 for this project.

Date: December 10, 2018