

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 28, 2019

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 restoration grant to Friends of the Los Angeles River.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a matching grant not to exceed \$50,000 in Proposition 1 urban creek funds to the Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) for a Los Angeles River Habitat Restoration Project in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve.

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

Background: Please see the attached Proposition 1 grant application from FOLAR for a detailed description of the project. The grant request is for \$50,000 in Proposition 1 urban Los Angeles River funds to be matched with approximately \$167,860 from other funding sources. The project is a partnership between FOLAR and the California Native Plant Society for weekly invasive plant removal activities by volunteers, and ongoing public participation including Audubon Society bird walks, public clean up event and outreach to disadvantaged communities.

Scoring under the Conservancy's revised Proposition 1 Project Planning and Design grant Guidelines results in the project receiving 106 points (out of a possible 122; 86 minimum required), plus 15 out of 18 climate change value points, plus 10 out of 15 possible points under Additional Criteria. **Total points: 131** (out of a possible 155). Staff recommends award of \$50,000 for this project.