



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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**SMMC Attachment
February 25, 2019
Agenda Item #15**

February 11, 2019

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 \$1,000,000 from Propositions 1 and 84 for additional work. The MRCA's Governing Board approved submittal of this application on September 14, 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



The Natural Resources Agency

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
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Project Title:	Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning	Date:	2/11/2019
Funds:	Proposition 1 / 84	Amount:	1,000,000
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:	1,700,000
Zip/Postal code:	90065	Brief Project Description:	Project planning for the Upper Los Angeles River and tributaries.
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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:

Budget:

Completion Date:

See attached budget.

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.

Signature of Authorized Representative

2/11/2019

Date

Budget Amendment for SMMC Grant No. SMM-3810-P01-1775 Upper Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (AB 466)			
Approved Grant Amount: \$ 700,000 New Request Amount: \$ 1,000,000 Total Requested Amount: \$ 1,700,000			
Budget Item	Approved Amount	Change Amount	New Total Budget
A. MRCA Staff			
various Direct Salaries, Payroll Tax, Benefits & Allocations	\$ 140,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 320,000
9998, 9999 Administrative Cost	\$ 60,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 140,000
SUBTOTAL A, MRCA Staff:	\$ 200,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 460,000
B. Materials and Supplies			
TBD Non-Capital Grant Expenses	\$ 26,000	\$ (26,000)	\$ -
3165 Travel & Per Diem	\$ 2,000	\$ (1,000)	\$ 1,000
5115 Land & Building Improvement - Pre-Construction	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
7777 Equipment Allocation	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000
SUBTOTAL B, Materials and Supplies:	\$ 28,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 84,000
C. Consultants and Contractors			
2051 Contract Services - Technical	\$ 170,000	\$ (164,000)	\$ 6,000
4001 Grants	\$ 100,000	\$ (100,000)	\$ -
5115 Land & Building Improvement - Pre-Construction	\$ 200,000	\$ 950,000	\$ 1,150,000
SUBTOTAL C, Consultants and Contractors:	\$ 470,000	\$ 686,000	\$ 1,156,000
Grand Total (A+B+C+D):	\$ 698,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,700,000

Grant Application – Supplemental Information

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

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 encountered unanticipated situations that have increased the complexity of work, and by extension, the cost of the plan. On September 28, 2018, SB 1126 was approved and the Arroyo Seco waterway was added for the working group to include in the revitalization plan. SB 1126 also granted an extension to the legislative deadline, the new date is June 30, 2020. Subsequently, the working group voted on adding the Aliso Canyon Wash as well as the Burbank Western Channel to the analysis for the revitalization plan. Additional funding is needed to further analyze these added waterways similarly to those already included in the legislation. Staff is in process of planning a greatly increased amount of public outreach, over an extended period of time, per the Working Group's requests. It is expected to run approximately 6-9 months and during this timeframe it is anticipated that there will be eight public meetings held in areas near the upper L.A. River and its tributaries to gather community input for the plan. Staff is contracting with six (6) non-governmental organizations to aid with the planning and running of the community engagement and outreach meetings. The extension provides time to complete more in-depth analysis, which also increases costs for consultants and project management.

The grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is for \$1,000,000, for a total of \$1,700,000 dedicated to this effort. 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 and the Working Group. 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.