

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: March 25, 2019

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 68 grant to the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden for a stream restoration project, City of Thousand Oaks.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a grant in the amount of \$14,844 in Proposition 68 funds to the nonprofit Conejo Valley Botanic Garden for creek restoration in a tributary of the Arroyo Conejo.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and Proposition 68, Section 80000 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: Please see the attached Proposition 68 grant application from the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden for a detailed description and analysis. This small grant would fund work to restore the banks of the natural creek running through the Botanic Garden, and restore native aquatic species to improve water quality and stream health. The creek is a natural tributary of the Arroyo Conejo, and the project area is approximately one-half mile long. The Conejo Valley Botanic Garden is situated on land owned by the Conejo Recreation and Park District under a long term *de minimus*-cost lease.

Scoring under the Conservancy's Proposition 68 grant guidelines for Vegetation Management received sufficient scoring under values for Prioritization (12 out of 12); Category (33 out of 35); Implementation (11 out of 15); Climate Change (13 out of 16); and Additional Consideration (5 out of 15).