

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: August 26, 2019

From :   
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Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of General Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Woolsey Fire Recovery and Restoration.**

Staff Recommendation: The Conservancy authorize a grant of General Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Woolsey Fire Recovery and Restoration.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: In November of 2018, the Woolsey fire burned tens of thousands of acres of Conservancy parkland and open space. This proposal will allow the Conservancy to immediately address safety concerns, assess the damage and implement a restoration and recovery plan. The 2019-2020 State of California Budget appropriated \$12,500,000 to the Conservancy to provide for public safety related maintenance on Conservancy property due to the Woolsey fire.

The proposed \$2,000,000 grant will allow the MRCA to address immediate safety concerns, assess the damage from the fire and subsequent storms and develop site specific plans for recovery and restoration. Once the assessment of damage from the fire and related events is complete, the Conservancy will develop and immediately implement a restoration and recovery plan. In addition to the addressing the safety concerns described previously, this plan will include the replacement, rebuild, and repair of capital assets such as buildings and visitor serving amenities, as well as restoration activities for parkland and open space.

Please refer to the Item 11 staff presentation for additional information.