

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: August 26, 2019

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 16: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to Tree People for the Studio City Greenway Restoration project, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a grant of \$150,000 in Proposition 1 funds to the Tree People for a restoration and habitat enhancement project for the Studio City Greenway on the Los Angeles River.

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 the Tree People for a detailed description. The grant request is for \$150,000 in Proposition 1 urban Los Angeles River funds. Tree People will provide in a two-year project the enhancement of the one-half mile long section of the Greenway between Coldwater Canyon and Whitsett Avenue. The project involves removing invasive exotics and reestablishing native species, conserving water and limiting runoff into the river. Tree People will propagate native seedlings in their nursery, and engage and train community volunteers for the site restoration and planting.

Scoring under the Conservancy's Proposition 1 Restoration grant Guidelines results in the project receiving 93 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: 118** (out of a possible 155). Staff recommends award of \$150,000 for this project.