

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 28, 2019

From :   
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Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution for authorizing a grant of General Funds to the California Conservation Corps for Woolsey Fire Recovery and Restoration.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant to the California Conservation Corps for Woolsey Fire Recovery and Restoration in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2 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. 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. Conservancy staff continue to evaluate potential opportunities for Woolsey Fire recovery and restoration of Conservancy properties. The proposal from the California Conservation Corps (CCC) will address some safety concerns, and help to restore burned properties for the benefit of public visitors.

Working with staff, CCC have identified at least six projects for restoration and improvements at various locations that CCC could carry out. The proposed projects include hazardous fuels removal at various sites, trail restoration at Upper Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, trail restoration at Corral Canyon Park, sediment removal at Ramirez Canyon Park, trail restoration for Escondido Canyon Park, and habitat restoration at various sites. The projects will better prepare these properties for future fire season concerns as well as restoration of these sites and trails.

The CCC is a department within the California Natural Resources Agency, created in 1976, and modeled after the original Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s. The CCC provides young men and women ages 18-25 with a year of paid service to the State of California. Their year of service includes work on environmental projects and responses to natural and man-made disasters. Utilizing the CCC for restoration work related to the Woolsey Fire fulfills both initiatives and is in conformance with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.

Consideration: The grant to California Conservation Corps is in the amount of \$1,000,000,

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funded by the Conservancy's appropriation for fire restoration and recovery.