

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection to COSCA and CRPD Open Space	Amount of Request: \$41,000 Total Project Cost: \$51,000						
Applicant Name: Moorpark Watershed, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Authority	Matching Funds: \$10,000 Lat/Long: 34.262232, -118.862298						
Applicant Address: 799 Moorpark Avenue Moorpark, CA 93021	Project Address: SW Corner Tierra Rejada & Moorpark Road, Moorpark						
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>County</td> <td>Senate District</td> <td>Assembly District</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ventura</td> <td>27</td> <td>44</td> </tr> </table>	County	Senate District	Assembly District	Ventura	27	44
	County	Senate District	Assembly District				
Ventura	27	44					
Phone: 805-517-6225 Email: jsandifer@moorparkca.gov	Tax ID: 95-3860962						

Grantee's Authorized Representative:

Troy Brown, Vice-Chair of the Board
Name and Title

Phone

Overhead Allocation Notice:

- Any overhead costs will be identified as a separate line item in the budget and invoices.
- The Conservancy encourages grantees to reduce overhead costs including vehicle and phone expenses.
- The overhead allocation policy has been submitted prior to, or with, the grant application.

Outreach and Advertising Requirement:

- Applicant has read the staff report and board resolution regarding contract policies.
- Applicant has adopted contract policies for the purpose of increasing outreach and advertising to disadvantaged businesses and individuals. To be adopted.

All check boxes must be checked

Brief Project Description:

The proposed project will plan and design a trail connection from the open space land owned by the Moorpark Watershed Parks, Recreation and Conservation Authority to the trails and open space owned by the Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD) and Conejo Open Space Conservancy Agency (COSCA) land. The trail connection will provide walkable access from the City of Moorpark to the City of Thousand Oaks. The project will plan a proposed accessible trail alignment and identify access issues relevant to making the connection through the Santa Rosa Valley to the CRPD and COSCA land.

*attach additional pages with project detail

Tasks / Milestones: Trail Connection Design plans	Budget: \$51,000	Completion Date: March 2021
---	----------------------------	---------------------------------------

For Acquisition Projects: APN(s): N/A
Acreage: N/A

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.



Signature of Authorized Representative

3/2/20

Date

Grantee Data Sheet

Print Form



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

5750 Ramirez Canyon Road
Malibu, California 90265
Phone: 310-589-3200
Fax: 310-589-3207
www.smmc.ca.gov

Date: Feb 28, 2020

New Revised

Grantee Name: Moorpark Watershed Parks Recreation & Conservancy
Address: 799 Moorpark Avenue
State/Province: Moorpark
Zip/Postal Code: CA
Tax ID Number:

Project Name: Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection

Phone: 805-517-6225
Fax: 805-532-2550

Primary Contact Information

Name (1): Jessica Sandifer
Address: 799 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark
State/Province: CA
Zip/Postal Code: 93021
Phone (1): 805-517-6225
Phone (2):
Fax: 805-532-2550
Email: jsandifer@moorparkca.gov

Information

Will administrative/overhead costs be included?

If yes, is the overhead policy attached to this sheet?

Will vehicle costs be included?

If yes, is the vehicle policy attached to this sheet?

Will cell phone costs be included?

If yes, is the phone policy attached to this sheet?

I have completed and submitted the STD 204 Payee Data Record form. *Government entity*

I have read and accepted the policies and procedures within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Grant Administration Manual.

I am aware that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has urged a reduction of costs associated with overhead, cell phone, and vehicle charges.

*If a reduction in the above costs has been made, please document the reductions and attach to this data sheet.

Name (2):
Address:
State/Province:
Zip/Postal Code:
Phone (1):
Phone (2):
Fax:
Email:

Notes:

Signature Field 

**PROPOSITION 68 GRANT APPLICATION
TIERRA REJADA VALLEY TRAIL CONNECTION VISITORS SERVING FACILITIES
& IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT PLANNING & DESIGN PROJECT**

NARRATIVE

The Moorpark Watershed, Parks, Recreation and Conservation Authority (MWPRCA) requests \$41,000 of Proposition 68 Grant Funding for Project Planning and Design of visitor serving facilities and improvements for the Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection to Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD) and Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) land.

Description of Project:

The proposed Proposition 68 project will plan and design visitor serving improvements that will allow pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists to access CRPD and COSCA open space and trails via an accessible trail system from MWPRCA owned land in the Tierra Rejada Valley. The MWPRCA land is 80 acres located at the southwest corner of Tierra Rejada Road and Moorpark Road in the unincorporated County area south of the City of Moorpark. The project will identify potential access issues needed to complete the connection including planning and design for a pre-engineered bridge to cross an existing drainage channel, and traffic studies to ensure safe crossing of Santa Rosa Road. It is envisioned that interpretive signage to discuss various points of interest and history along the trail route will be incorporated in to the project. Once completed the plan will provide the outline for discussions with various agencies and private property owners that will be needed in order to obtain the required access and allow for future grant applications that can assist with obtaining access and constructing the trail connection.

BUDGET

The Project Grant request to the Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program is for a total of \$41,000.

Matching Funds donated by the City of Moorpark in the amount of \$10,000 will be contributed to the proposed project budget.

The combined total project cost is \$51,000.

TIMELINE

The proposed grant expenditures will be completed by March 31, 2021.

Proposition 68 Grant Application
Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection Visitors Serving Facilities & Improvements
Project Planning & Design Project

RESPONSE TO EVALUATION CRITERIA

PRIORITIZATION VALUE

Project achieves 80001(b)(4) by providing urban recreation and protecting or restoring natural resources.

The project will provide a plan to expand and connect urban recreation opportunities to open space areas, while identifying and protecting important natural resources within the project area.

Project achieves 80001(b)(5) by providing workforce education and training, contractor, and job opportunities for disadvantage communities.

The project in its PP&D phase does not achieve these objectives, but it is planned that these objectives will be achieved during project construction.

Project achieves 80001(b)(6) by having already obtained all requirements permits an entitlements.

The project in its PP&D phase does not achieve these objectives, but will outline a plan for obtaining any required permits and entitlements upon construction.

Project achieves 80001(b)(9) advances solutions to prevent displacement if a potential unintended consequence associated with the project is an increase in the cost of housing.

The project does not have the potential to increase the cost of housing.

Project achieves three or more actions listed in 80001(b)(A through G).

A. It is anticipated that during the project planning and design process work will be initiated that will reach out to diverse populations to increase community awareness about the new recreational opportunities provided by the project and seek public input in to the planning and design of the project.

B. Due to the need for access through land owned by different public agencies and private-property owners, new partnerships amongst the various entities, will be created. By tapping in to these new partnerships, we can reach the different diverse populations represented by each entity, thereby expanding access to these populations.

G. The project will allow us to identify staff liaisons to diverse populations through the public outreach and partnership process.

Proposition 68 Grant Application
Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection Visitors Serving Facilities & Improvements
Project Planning & Design Project

Project achieves more than one of the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.

This project facilitates many aspects of the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives. It creates an open space recreation area with its own trails that will be connected to other open space parkland, it is accessible to the general public, and it will create local partnerships to expand access to open space and parkland.

Project achieves more than one of the Common Ground guiding principles.

The project facilitates both the expansion and recreational access to public open space and creates a connection to an open space trail network.

CATEGORY VALUE

The project will provide benefits to multiple values including water, recreation, habitat, and interpretation of natural resources.

The project will provide for walking paths that allow interpretation of natural resources and geologic formations. The 80-acre site has some interesting biological points of interest including Peregrine Falcon, Loggerhead Shrike, Cactus Wren, Red-tailed Hawks, and Coopers Hawk. Important habitat and plant species exist on the site, including Southern California Black Walnuts, Mariposa Lilies, and cactus rich coastal sage scrub. All of which provide for potential interpretation. We would continue the interpretation of these important natural resources along the trail alignment and into the connecting open space areas, while protecting these biological and botanical resources.

The project implements a major component of an existing relevant plan related to a major recreational facility, regional ecosystem restoration or master land protection plan.

N/A

The project provides a plan or feasibility study to advance cooperative watershed health protection activities or recreation goals important to two or more organizations.

The project creates a plan that provides recreational activities that achieve goals important to the CRPD, COSCA, MWPRCA, and the City of Moorpark.

Applicant has a realistic plan for serving disadvantaged communities upon completion of the improvements.

The site is not directly adjacent to a disadvantaged community, however, it is within a short distance of 10 miles or less several disadvantaged areas within the County of Ventura and is easily accessible by street or freeway.

Proposition 68 Grant Application
Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection Visitors Serving Facilities & Improvements
Project Planning & Design Project

The project uses renewable or non-potable water sources, such as reclaimed water, captured stormwater, or other method.

The project is not proposed to use water sources. However, there exists on the site several drainage areas that capture stormwater runoff from urban communities that surround the site, allowing it to infiltrate back into the Tierra Rejada Groundwater basin.

Project Implements Best Management Practices (BMP) to treat stormwater.

The project will implement BMP's as it relates to stormwater, with plans to retain stormwater on site where applicable, and to assist with reduction in trail erosion.

Project provides safe and reliable drinking water supplies to park and open space visitors.

Water supplies will not be provided as a part of the project.

The project provides a high quality access point for nearby open space, parkland, regional multi-modal trails, or water based recreation.

The project will provide an access point and trail connection from an 80-acre open space parcel to a large portion of the COSCA open space area, which totals over 12,000 acres, and 150 miles of trails, opening important natural recreation areas to the Tierra Rejada Valley and the City of Moorpark.

The project completes a new significant link in a regional trail system.

The project will provide a segment of trail that could be an eventual connection to the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor and future trail system.

Project adds new trail or recreational resources not available with a 0.5 mile radius.

The project adds new trail and recreational resources that are not available within a 0.5 mile radius.

The project contains multi-modal accommodations that will benefit hikers, cyclists, and equestrians.

The project trails are planned to be multi-use to provide the most accommodation for the largest number of users.

Proposition 68 Grant Application
Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection Visitors Serving Facilities & Improvements
Project Planning & Design Project

The project results in new public access to natural resources with high interpretive and/or educational value, or enhances existing access.

The project will result in new public access to the natural resources within the 80- acre parcel which include such interesting biological points of interest as Peregrine Falcon, Loggerhead Shrike, Cactus Wren, Red-tailed Hawks, and Coopers Hawk and important habitat and plant species, including Southern California Black Walnuts, Mariposa Lilies, and cactus rich coastal sage scrub. In addition, the site contains the northern reach of the conejo volcanics geologic formations, which are of high interpretive and educational value. It will also enhance existing access to the COSCA and CRPD open space areas.

The project provides non-personal interpretive elements that will significantly enhance appreciation and enjoyment of a natural resource.

Non-personal interpretive elements will be provided as a part of the project to enhance visitor knowledge, enjoyment and appreciation of natural resources.

The project creates a new venue, or enhances an existing venue, for education and/or interpretation activities that promote natural resources stewardship.

The existence of species of special concern and protected species on the project site and within the COSCA and CRPD open space, will provide for non-personal interpretive elements that promote natural resources stewardship.

The project alleviates stress on other overburdened recreational resources within a 0.5 mile radius.

N/A

The project provides a new vista point or overlook for a significant viewshed.

The project will provide access from COSCA and CRPD Open Space to the viewshed point on the 80-acre open space from which you can view the Topa Topa mountains, the Simi Hills, the Santa Susanna and Santa Monica Mountains.

The project adds visitor-serving amenities, accessibility, and public safety improvements to existing parkland.

The project will provide a trail connection to visitor serving amenities and public safety improvements along the trail connection to separate trail users from adjacent roadways.

Project results in additional uses for users of a wide range of ability levels.

Part of the project planning and design will be to evaluate provision of trails that are accessible to users of a wide range of abilities where the topography would allow it.

Proposition 68 Grant Application
Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection Visitors Serving Facilities & Improvements
Project Planning & Design Project

The project is designed to accommodate the needs of users from a variety of cultural and economic backgrounds.

The project will be designed to accommodate access by all users to the greatest extent possible.

The project directly abuts and increases the ecosystem function of a protected habitat area including fish and wildlife corridors.

N/A

The project includes restoration, protection or enhancements of a native ecosystem appropriate to the site.

N/A

Project will benefit specially protected species pursuant to the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990.

N/A

The project employs new or innovative technology or practices.

N/A

IMPLEMENTATION VALUE

Applicant has proven that implementation of the project is feasible.

The Project Planning and Design process will determine the best way to plan the project to ensure feasibility.

Applicant has financial capacity to perform project on a reimbursable basis.

The funding for the project will be loaned to the MWPRCA by the City of Moorpark and reimbursement will be used to pay back the City's loan.

Applicant, or active project partner, has successfully completed multiple projects of similar size and scope.

The City of Moorpark as project partner in the Joint Powers Agreement that created the MWPRCA, has extensive experience in planning park and trail projects, as well as, completing construction of these projects. The most recent large scale project was the construction of a 1.2 mile loop trail at Arroyo Vista Community Park, which was a \$1.5 million dollar project.

Proposition 68 Grant Application
Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection Visitors Serving Facilities & Improvements
Project Planning & Design Project

The project is a partnership between two or more organizations and each organization has committed to contributing toward project implementation.

Preliminary discussions have been held with CRPD and COSCA about a potential connection to their open space and trails. The initial discussions indicated a desire by all parties to see the connection made. The PP&D project will determine the extent and scope of the trail connection project, which will facilitate discussions between all partner agencies regarding level of commitment needed from each partner to facilitate the project.

Applicant has conducted outreach to the affected communities.

The PP&D project will provide the scope of the trail connection project to facilitate public outreach to affected communities.

Applicant or project partner, has 1+ years' experience maintaining and operating projects of similar size and scope.

The City of Moorpark, the JPA partner with the MWPRCA, has over 30 years of experience maintaining public parkland, including open space areas and trails.

Applicant has identified maintenance funding for at least 2 years after completion.

The City of Moorpark, as JPA partner with the MWPRCA, provides maintenance funding for the 80-acre parcel. The PP&D project will help facilitate discussions with the other partner agencies on joint maintenance of the completed project.

Project has approval from all landowners to complete the project, or applicant is the landowner.

The project has not received approval from all landowners. The PP&D project will assist us with identifying all applicable landowners within the trail connection alignment.

CLIMATE CHANGE VALUE

The project demonstrates a reduction in baseline greenhouse gas emissions through carbon sequestration or other innovative techniques or project designs such as diverting organic materials from landfills.

The project would reduce greenhouse gas emission by providing walkable access from the Tierra Rejada Valley and the City of Moorpark to COSCA and CRPD open space and trails. Currently, in order to access these trails, trail users need to drive in their vehicles to the City of Thousand Oaks. This project will allow people choose to walk or bicycle to the trails, versus getting in their vehicles.

Proposition 68 Grant Application
Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection Visitors Serving Facilities & Improvements
Project Planning & Design Project

The project implements water savings technologies and techniques to yield quantifiable water and energy savings. Such techniques may include the use of drought-efficient landscaping, including climate resilient and native landscaping whenever possible, stormwater filtration, impervious surfaces, green roofs, and other forms of water capture and storage.

No water use is proposed for this project.

The project contributes to tree canopy cover and/or greenways in urban areas to mitigate heat island effects and promote public health and recreation.

The project is not proposing to plant additional trees, but project planning and design will make every effort to plan the trail alignment so as not to affect existing trees on the property.

The project develops or maintains multi-use trails that connect communities, provides access to public resources and reduces vehicle miles traveled.

The project will provide a multi-use trail connection from the Tierra Rejada Valley and the City of Moorpark to COSCA and CRPD open space and trails. This project will allow people to choose to walk or ride their bicycle to the trails, versus getting in their vehicles to access them.

The project engages local communities through outreach, education, and interpretation regarding long-term stewardship and climate change awareness.

The project will engage local communities and users through education and interpretation of the natural resources along the trail connection and promote long-term stewardship and climate change awareness.

The project implements water saving techniques that utilize nature based solutions like wetlands, rain gardens, swales, berms, curb cuts with parkway basins, infiltration trenches, vegetation, tree planting, stream daylighting/restoration, and floodplain reclamation.

To the extent that is necessary for the design of the trail connection, it is planned that swales, berms, and infiltration trenches will be used to capture stormwater and protect the trail connection from erosion.

Proposition 68 Grant Application
Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connection Visitors Serving Facilities & Improvements
Project Planning & Design Project

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION

The site is subject to imminent threat that would preclude future implementation value.

N/A

Project utilizes a local job training entity for a portion of the work.

N/A

Project is within 0.25 miles of public transportation.

N/A

Project serves a disadvantaged community.

N/A

Project serves a severely disadvantaged community.

N/A

SUMMARY

VISITOR SERVING DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS RATING

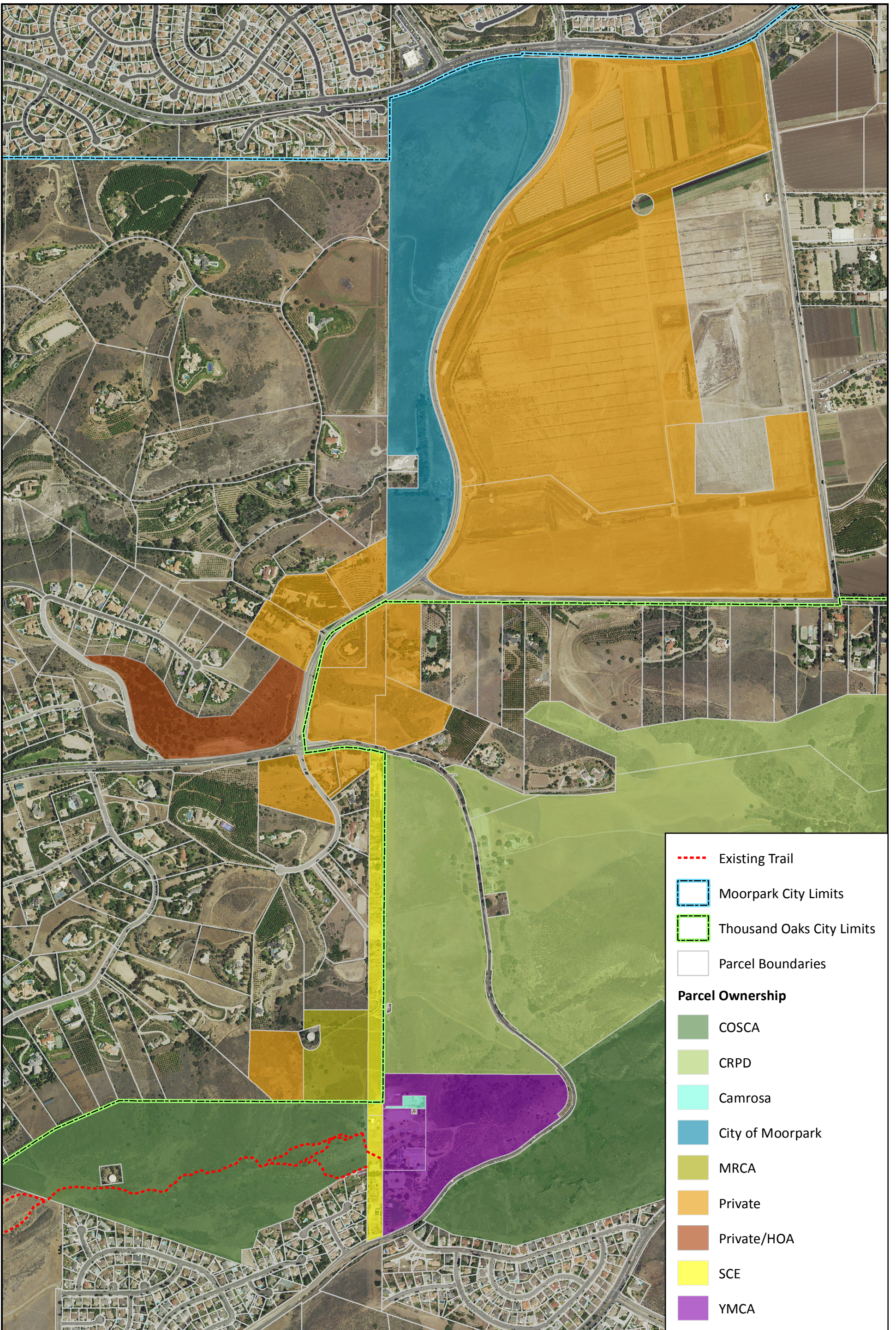
<u>Prioritization Value</u>	
<u>Category Value</u>	
<u>Implementation Value</u>	
<u>Climate Change Value</u>	
<u>Additional Consideration</u>	

MATCHING FUNDS WEIGHTING

Matching funds donated by the City of Moorpark of \$10,000 will contribute to the project budget. The combined total budget for the proposed project is \$51,000.

Trail Linkage to COSCA and CRPD



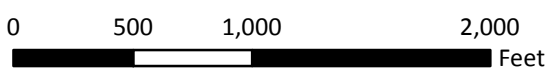


- - - Existing Trail
- Moorpark City Limits
- Thousand Oaks City Limits
- Parcel Boundaries

Parcel Ownership

- COSCA
- CRPD
- Camrosa
- City of Moorpark
- MRCA
- Private
- Private/HOA
- SCE
- YMCA

Moorpark Trail Connection Corridor - Parcel Ownership



CONEJO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AGENCY



Aerial Imagery: NAIP, 2014