

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: June 1, 2020

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

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 nonprofit funds to the One Arroyo Foundation fo project planning and design of Arroyo Seco trails, City of Pasadena.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of \$75,000 from Proposition 68 urban creek funds to the One Arroyo Foundation for design of trail demonstration projects along the Arroyo Seco, matched with other funding sources to total a \$500,000 project.

Legislative Authority: Public Resources Code Sections 33204 .2 (a) and 80110(a)(1)(A).

Background: Please see the attached grant application materials from the One Arroyo Foundation requesting a grant of \$75,000 from the Conservancy's Proposition 68 allocation for design of two demonstration projects at key connection points and significant trail linkages in the Arroyo Seco: the Hahamongna Woodlands Loop and the Colorado Street Bridge Streamside Walk in the City of Pasadena. The Arroyo Seco is part of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed and is a major tributary of the Los Angeles River.

The One Arroyo Foundation was established in 2018 to assist the City of Pasadena's adopted One Arroyo Trail and Vision concept. The Foundation and City aim to restore the historic Arroyo Seco , unify trails for better accessibility and to provide for community connections to nature. This grant will fund design, but the construction that will ensue has specific direction from the City Council to improve access to trails for an adjacent disadvantaged community. Outreach has been conducted and will continue in order to increase awareness and opportunities within diverse community groups.

The Arroyo Seco is within the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, linking north into Angeles National Forest, and south to the Los Angeles River.

Using the Conservancy's Proposition 68 Guidelines for Visitor Serving Development and Improvement Projects, the One Arroyo Foundation Demonstration Trail Improvements design grant project scores sufficiently with a total of 127 points out of total possible 145, and also has matching funds of \$250,000.