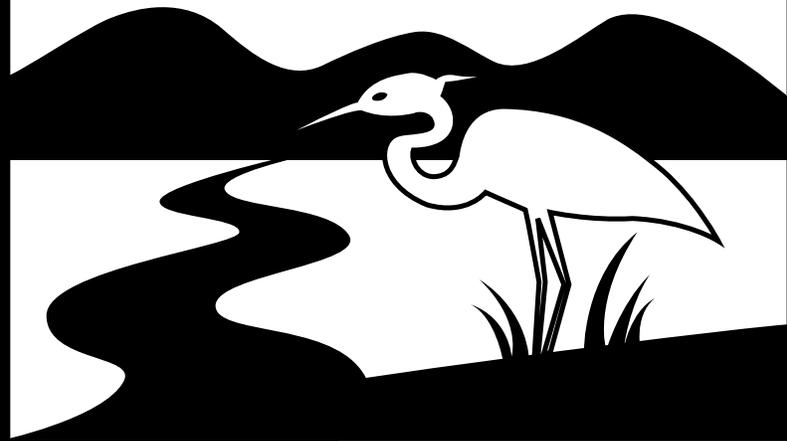


San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles

**RIVERS AND
MOUNTAINS**



CONSERVANCY

**Board Reports
September 19, 2005**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting of the
San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
"Rivers and Mountains Conservancy" (RMC)

will be held on

Monday, September 19, 2005

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

at the following location:

**Progress Park Plaza Auditorium
15500 Downey Avenue
Paramount, CA 90723**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment
Individuals wishing to comment must fill out a comment card at the meeting for the official record and will be allowed two minutes to speak, and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed three minutes to speak. Speaker time may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.
3. Approval of July 18, 2005 Minutes
4. Chair's Report
5. Deputy Attorney General's Report
6. Executive Officer's Reports
 - A. Legislation and Initiatives
 - B. Budget Expenditures & Status Report
 - C. Project and Liaison Activities
 - D. Review and status discussion of approved grant projects
7. Presentation on status of Watershed Conservation Authority projects for River Parkway access improvements.
8. Consent Calendar
 - A. Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority re-direct a grant for development and installation of the interpretive panel at the Bosque Del Rio Hondo Park (WCA 32003).
 - B. Consideration of a resolution recommending that the scope and timeline be amended for the City of Seal Beach grant for the San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement Planning project (RMC 3239).
9. Regular Calendar
 - A. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the City of Anaheim for the Anaheim Coves Park Development Phase 1 Project (RMC 3576).
 - B. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the City of Anaheim for the Oak Canyon Nature Center Interpretive Elements (RMC 3425).
 - C. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to North East Trees for the Graham Trail Improvement Project (RMC 3340).
 - D. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the City of Cudahy for Los Angeles River Parkway access improvements (RMC 3586).
 - E. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Media & Policy Center for the Eden's Lost and Found documentary (RMC 3587).

- F. Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant to the City of Seal Beach for the implementation of the San Gabriel River Parkway Trail Enhancement (RMC 3573).
 - G. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens for a workshop on native landscape design (RMC 3585).
 - H. Consideration of resolution authorizing letters of support for Prop. 50 River Parkway Program grant applications for RMC Workprogram projects.
 - I. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority award a professional services contract for further development of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and further approving related budget amendments.
 - J. Consideration of resolution adopting a FY 05/06 meeting schedule and procedures for joint meetings with the Watershed Conservation Authority.
- 10. Board Member Comments
 - 11. Announcement of next meeting date
 - 12. Adjournment at 2:30 p.m. or upon completion of business.

The RMC may hold a closed session on any public hearing item pursuant to Section 11126(c)(7)(A), Section 11126(e) and Section 11126.3(a) of the Government Code.

For additional information concerning the meeting, please contact the Executive Officer, Belinda Faustinos at (626) 458-4315 or visit the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy web page at www.rmc.ca.gov

Note: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Executive Secretary at (626) 458-4315 at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

*Directions: From the 710 Freeway, take Alondra Boulevard going east.
At Downey Avenue, make a left (northbound).
Progress Park is on the right, (east) side of Downey Road.*

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
PROGRESS PARK PLAZA AUDITORIUM
July 18, 2005

1. Call to Order: 1:39 pm – Progress Park Plaza Auditorium, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

Members Present: Mr. Dan Arrighi, Mr. Ron Schafer (for Secretary Chrisman), Vice Chair Margaret Clark, Mr. Denis Bertone, Ms. Melinda Becker (for Mr. Tamminen), Mr. Edward Wilson, Dr. Paul Yost, Mr. Larry McKenney (for Ms. Wilson), Mr. Brian Sasaki (for Mr. Wolfe), Mr. Stan Chen (for Ms. Coleman), and Mr. Daniel Sulzner (for Colonel Dornstauder).

Members Absent: Chair Frank Colonna, Mr. Mark Grajeda, Mr. Dave Harper (for Mr. Campbell), Supervisor Gloria Molina, Mr. Rick Ruiz, Ms. Jody Noiron (for Mr. Blackwell), and Mr. Dave Means (for Mr. Wright).

Staff Present: Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary

Mr. Arrighi motioned that Vice Chair Clark act as Chair; Mr. Bertone seconded.

Ms. Melinda Becker took the oath that was administered by Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Yin, Burke, Williams, & Sorensen, LLP, attorney on behalf of the City of Industry addressed the Board regarding Item 7a. He informed the Board that the “City of Industry appreciates the RMC’s efforts to bring this issue to closure and to allow those critically needed public funds to be reallocated to other projects. He noted that “the City of Industry fully endorses Resolution 2005-54”.

3. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 20, 2005 BOARD MINUTES.

The Executive Officer noted minor corrections to the minutes. It was noted that Mr. Dave Harper was not present for the meeting as designee for Mr. Tom Campbell the Director of Finance. Ms. Arduin is no longer the Director of Finance. It was also noted that on page 9 of Item 19, in the second line, it read “a couple of years ago”; however, it should have read “a couple of months ago”.

Dr. Yost noted that he arrived late for the meeting; but was listed as being absent.

Mr. Arrighi motioned to approve the minutes as amended; Dr. Yost seconded the motion. Ms. Becker abstained. Unanimously passed.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Acting Chair Clark had no report to give.

5. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Mr. Fujimoto submitted, to the Board, a copy of an advice letter that the Attorney General's Office provided the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy regarding activities that an agency could take on behalf of Proposition 70 and gave a brief summary of the memo. This was done in response to the Board's request for information and advice regarding what activities the Board members could initiate on behalf of SB153.

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Legislation and Initiatives

The Executive Officer gave a brief update on the Pavely Bill AB1269 noting that it probably would not be moving forward, and the Chesboro Bill AB153 is still in play. It was noted that there was no updated information available for the ACA 13 Harman, Jones, and Mullin Bill.

B. Budget Expenditure

The item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

C. Project and Liaison Activities

The staff reports were self-explanatory.

D. Review and status discussion of approved grant projects.

The staff reports were self-explanatory.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF BREA TO ALLOW THE GRANT TO TONNER CANYON PROJECT EXPIRE (RMC 3201).

There was no discussion on the item.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GRANT TO THE CITY OF BELL FOR THE LOS ANGELES RIVER BIKEWAY ENHANCEMENTS (RMC 3380).

There was no discussion on the item.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt Item 7a and 7b; Dr. Yost seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

8. REGULAR CALENDAR

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AWARDING A GRANT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT AUTHORITY (SCCWRP) FOR THE RIPARIAN AND WETLAND MAPPING PROJECT IN THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHEDS (RMC 3557)

The Executive Officer briefly discussed the background of the project noting that funding of this project would allow for a research project that will document the existence of the wetlands and riparian areas within the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River watersheds.

Mr. Bertone was interested in knowing if the South California Coastal Water Research Project Authority was a part of a university or private organization. The Executive Officer explained that it is a joint powers entity comprised of many different agencies that are involved with completing research for coastal water quality projects. It was noted that they have a very good reputation, in terms of their scientific approach with this type of research project. Mr. Sasaki noted the JPA was between four sanitation districts; Los Angeles County, Orange County, San Diego County, and the City of San Diego. Mr. Bertone was also interested in knowing if the RMC was a part of the joint powers agreement (JPA). The Executive Officer also explained how the RMC was not a part of the JPA. Mr. Bertone was further interested in knowing if the organization had a director. Mr. Sasaki explained that there is a director and that the director was hired by the JPA.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AWARDING A GRANT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT AUTHORITY (SCCWRP) FOR THE HISTORICAL ECOLOGY OF THE RMC TERRITORY PROJECT (RMC 3556).

The Executive Officer explained that the project would enable the RMC to view a historical mapping of the territory to determine what types of wetlands previously existed in order to better inform the RMC as to where there are opportunities to create new wetlands in the future.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Dr. Yost seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

C. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AWARDING A GRANT TO THE RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIVE PLANT PALETTES (RMC 3422).

The Executive Officer noted that RMC staff recommended that the applicant resubmit a budget that would include a plant palette for the entire San Gabriel watershed including the foothill area of the San Gabriel Mountains and the Puente Hills, and that the applicant has made the adjustment. She explained how this project would be extremely beneficial for projects that the RMC is currently undertaking where there is a need to establish a plant palette that is specific for the San Gabriel River watershed.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Dr. Yost seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

D. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EMERALD NECKLACE ACCORD.

A map of the project area was presented and the Executive Officer gave a brief description of the project. It was noted that this accord is being developed to establish a partnership with all of the cities in the depicted area and to try to implement a unified vision that all could share. It was also noted that the “Duck Farm” is within that area of the Emerald Necklace.

Mr. Schafer moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Arrighi seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

E. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 153, THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2006.

The Executive Officer gave a detailed overview and update of the measure with emphasis of how the measure could impact the RMC, other agencies, and programs.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

F. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AUGMENTATION TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR DUCK FARM PLANNING (RMC 3243) AND FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH SERVICES.

Mr. George Yin, Attorney for the City of Industry, addressed the Board. He voiced concerns regarding the increase in grant funds to the WCA for the implementation of site planning of the Duck Farm property. He noted that a large portion of the Duck Farm property lies within the City of Industry. He stated, “that the City of Industry is concerned that a large expenditure for a planning consultant, approximately \$250,000, may in fact be committing the WCA to attempt a course of action prior to an appropriate CEQA review”. He also stated, “that the City of Industry recognizes that CEQA does allow an exemption for planning studies; but it also requires consideration of environmental factors in such study”. He further stated, “that the consultants scope of work includes some environmental factors; but certainly not full environmental consideration as acknowledged in the staff report and that CEQA requires an analysis of impacts prior to project approval and therefore compliance should begin at the earliest stages of development”. He requested that the issue be brought back before the Board very soon

and noted that the City of Industry would like some assurance that funding will be available for a CEQA consultant before the RMC and WCA move to far along in the planning process.

In response, the Executive Officer explained that under task number one of the contract the WCA will be provided with an outline from the consultant on what the CEQA process should be. It was noted that a major portion of the CEQA related to the Duck Farm is to be directly related to what types of activities would be feasible on the property including ground water recharge and some other elements of the project that is unknown until the WCA has more factual information given the geotechnical reports and all that is necessary to be analyzed prior to undertaking a full CEQA.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Dr. Yost seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

G. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR LONG TERM DUCK FARM SECURITY SERVICES.

The Executive Officer noted that the RMC received two proposals; one from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and the other from Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), the current contractor. It was also noted that the RMC has recommended the MRCA because their cost were substantially lower and fits within the WCA's budget, and they were able to meeting the reporting perimeters.

Mr. Arrighi moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

H. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY SEEK PROPOSALS FOR PHASE II OF THE INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN SCOPE OF WORK AND ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM WORKING GROUP PARTNERS TO FUND THE PROJECT.

The Executive Officer gave a brief review of prior actions taken by the Board regarding this particular project.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Schafer seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Schafer announced that the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation adopted general plans for the Taylor Yard and the Cornfield project in June 2005. He noted that the Taylor Yard is now called the "Rios de Los Angeles State Park and that it is classified as a state recreation area.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next RMC Board meeting will be held on September 19, 2005, in the City of Paramount.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:17pm.

DATE: September 19, 2005
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 6A: Executive Officer's Report- Legislation and Initiatives

For full text and history of bills and initiatives, please visit these web sites:

Federal Bills	http://thomas.loc.gov
State Bills	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/billinfo.html
Initiative Measures	http://www.caag.state.ca.us/initiatives/activeindex.htm

Current as of 09/12/2005

Executive orders

President Bush announced an executive order that would allow Governors 18 months to submit petitions to either stop or allow road building and other construction on land where it will now be permitted. Congresswoman Hilda Solis (El Monte) issued a strongly worded statement opposing this reversal of the Clinton policy. Governor Schwarzenegger announced an agreement with the US Forest Service to protect 4.4 million California acres left vulnerable to construction under the new administration rules.

Federal Legislation

1. H.R. 280 Miller: Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields. Grants may be made by the Secretary of HUD, with procedures to be established. Grant funds are to be appropriated. Pilot program shall be developed. Amendment would de-link Section 108 loan program, as criteria to access these funds. Latest Major Action: 6/16/2005 Reported by the Committee on Financial Services, placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 80.
2. H.R. 355 Schiff (S153 Feinstein): Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act -- A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes. Latest Major Action: 2/10/2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.
3. H.R. 427 Udall: Environmental Justice Act of 2005, would require Federal agencies to develop and implement policies and practices that promote environmental justice. Expected outcome is for Federal agencies to develop strategies that identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects or disproportionately low benefits of its programs, politics and activities with respect to minority, low income and Native American populations. Calls for creating an Interagency Working Group comprised of the heads of executive agencies, offices and departments, and an 25-member citizen advisory committee both appointed by the President. Latest

Major Action: 2/25/2005 Referred to House Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.

4. S153 Feinstein: Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act, sister bill of HR355. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a resource study of the Rim of the Valley Corridor in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting the resources of the Corridor, and for other purposes. Last Major Action: **7/26/2005 Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. 8/1/2005 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.**

State Legislation

1. ACA 13 Harman, Jones, and Mullin: Proposal intended to provide exemptions for direct assessments that relate to sewer, water, and refuse collection services upon the approval by a majority vote of the property owners. This measure would exclude from these voter approval requirements, a fee or charge related to flood control, storm water drainage, or surface water drainage. This bill, in its current form, would not include costs associated with maintenance, of flood control district owned property used for a multiple use (such as bikeways or passive parks and flood control). Last Major Action: 05/04/2005 In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
2. AB 17 Koretz: This bill would add to the Public Resource Code, regarding solid waste. The bill states what types of public areas must have litter receptacles, and the proper use of those receptacles. Last Major Action: 05/26/2005, referred to Committee on Environmental Quality.
3. AB 371 Goldberg: Known as the Water Recycling Act of 2005 , this bill would amend various sections of the state's Health and Safety Code, and the Water Code relating to water. This bill would exclude defining recycled water as waste and require that the state water board provide incentives for recycling water. This bill would make the reclamation requirements applicable to recycled water. The bill would further allow and authorize the regional water board to allow recycled water to be used by fire agencies to prevent the destruction of life, property or the environment in a catastrophic fire. Last Major Action: **8/30/2005 Read second time, amended, and to third reading. To inactive file on motion of Senator Torlakson.**
4. AB 715 Levine: This bill would require the Governor, prior to making a decision regarding any state action to be taken with respect to inventoried roadless areas in the state, and in response to a proposed change in specified federal laws governing those inventoried roadless areas, to consult with the members and staff of the appropriate legislative committees, and to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report containing information on any proposed state action affecting the management of those inventoried roadless areas. Last Major Action: **8/8/2005 From committee: With recommendation: That Senate amendments be concurred in. (Ayes 6. Noes 2.)**
5. AB 1200 Laird: This bill would require the Department of Water Resources to evaluate the potential impacts on water supplies derived from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta resulting from subsidence, earthquakes, floods, and climate change, **and changes in precipitation ,temperature, ~~patterns~~ and ocean levels,~~as specified~~ and a**

combination of those impacts. as specified. The bill would require the department and the Department of Fish and Game to **identify**, evaluate and comparatively rate the **principal** options available to implement certain objectives that relate to the delta or the Sacramento and San Joaquin river systems. The bill would require the departments to jointly report to the Legislature and the Governor the results of their evaluations and comparative ratings, as specified, no later than January 1, 2008. Last Major Action: 8/15/2005 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Committee on Appropriations. 9/1/2005 Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment. (Ayes 58. Noes 20.)

6. AB 1201 Laird: This bill would revise the description of the Sierra Nevada Region for purposes of the conservancy. This bill would specify that the conservancy may not acquire a fee interest in real property by purchase. The bill would also authorize the conservancy to receive bequests and devises. Last Major Action: 9/6/2005 Approved by the Governor, Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 227, Statutes of 2005.
7. AB 1269 – Pavley – Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection and Parks Act (2007). If adopted, would authorize financing and issuance of state obligation bonds. Amounts are not specified. There are four main sections of this bill: Clean Air which includes as yet unspecified amounts of funds for the reduction of pollution caused by diesel trucks, school buses, and agricultural sources. Under the Clean Water Chapter, there are subsections that specify that amounts shall be set aside for the Santa Monica Bay, State Coastal Conservancy, SF Bay, San Diego River Conservancy and the Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Conservancy (RMC) but no actual numbers are included. The final section is for parks and wildlife, and it mentions other statewide conservancies by name, as well as urban park programs that would be replenished with new bond funds, should this be approved by the legislature. Last Major Action: 05/24/2005 In committee (of appropriations): Hearing postponed by committee.
8. AB 1524 – Laird and Nava. This bill would require the California Coastal Commission to establish a system to track an offer to dedicate property or an easement that occurs as a result of mitigations for coastal development that reduces coastal access, habitat, or views. Last Major Action: 8/29/2005 Read third time, passed, and to Assembly. (Ayes 22. Noes 12.) 9/1/2005 Enrolled and to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
9. SB 153 – Chesbro- California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006. This bill would propose to enact the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of ~~\$3,865,000,000~~ **\$3,945,000,000**. \$40,000,000 would go to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Last Major Action: 9/2/2005 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to committee.

BILL NUMBER: SB 153 AMENDED
 BILL TEXT

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 2, 2005
 AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 11, 2005
 AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 27, 2005
 AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 2, 2005
 AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 31, 2005
 AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 27, 2005
 AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 4, 2005
 AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 29, 2005

INTRODUCED BY Senators Chesbro and Murray
 (Coauthors: Senators Alquist, Florez, Kehoe, Kuehl, Perata,
 Simitian, Vincent, and Torlakson)
 (Coauthors: Assembly Members Berg, Bermudez, Evans, Karnette,
 Klehs, Koretz, Laird, Leno, Nation, Nava, Pavley, and Ruskin)

FEBRUARY 8, 2005

An act to add Chapter 1.698 (commencing with Section 5096.700) to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to financing a program for the acquisition, development, improvement, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of agricultural, coastal, cultural, forest, historical, park, recreational, and water resources in the state, by providing the funds necessary therefor through the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and by providing handling and disposition of those funds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 153, as amended, Chesbro California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006.

Under existing law, programs have been established pursuant to bond acts for, among other things, the development and enhancement of state and local parks and recreational facilities.

This bill would enact the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, which, if adopted, would authorize for the purpose of financing a program for the acquisition, development, improvement, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of agricultural, coastal, cultural, forest, historical, park, recreational, and water resources in the state, as specified, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of ~~\$3,865,000,000~~ \$3,945,000,000 .

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.698 (commencing with Section 5096.700) is added to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

CHAPTER 1.698. THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD

PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

Article 1. General Provisions

5096.700. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006.

5096.701. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) Maintaining a high quality of life for California's growing population requires a continuing investment in parks, recreation facilities, and in the protection of the state's natural and historical resources.

(2) Clean water, clean beaches, and healthy natural ecosystems that can support both human communities and the state's native fish and wildlife are all part of the legacy of California. Each generation has an obligation to be good stewards of these resources in order to pass them on to their children.

(3) Public financial resources are inadequate to meet all of the funding needs of local public park and recreation providers.

(4) There is an urgent need for safe, open, and accessible local park and recreational facilities, and for increased recreational opportunities that provide positive alternatives to social problems.

5096.705. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Acquisition of real property" means obtaining the fee title or a lesser interest in real property, including, specifically, a conservation easement or development rights. "Acquisition" with respect to historical and cultural resources means securing ownership by purchase, option to purchase, gift, exchange, dedication, or any combination, including rights to use, display, reproduce, or replicate, as appropriate.

(b) "Committee" means the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 Finance Committee created pursuant to Section 5096.767.

(c) "Department" means the Department of Parks and Recreation.

(d) "Development" includes, but is not limited to, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, preservation, protection, and interpretation.

(e) "Director" means the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(f) "District" means a regional park district, regional park and open-space district, or regional open-space district formed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 5500) of Chapter 3, a recreation and park district formed pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 5780), or an authority formed pursuant to Division 26 (commencing with Section 35100). With respect to a community or unincorporated region that is not included within a district, and in which no city or county provides parks or recreational areas or facilities, "district" also means any other district that is authorized by statute to operate and manage parks or recreational areas or facilities, employs a full-time park and recreation director, offers year-round park and recreation services on lands and facilities owned by the district, and allocates a substantial portion of its annual operating budget to parks or recreation areas or facilities.

(g) "Fund" means the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 created pursuant to Section 5096.710.

(h) "Historical and cultural resources" includes, but is not limited to, any object, building, structure, site, area, place, record, book, artwork, manuscript, recording, film, negative, or digital representation that is significant to California's history, culture, archaeology, or paleontology, including rights to use display, reproduce, or replicate, as appropriate.

(i) *"Interpretation" includes, but is not limited to, a visitor serving amenity that communicates the significance and value of natural, historical, and cultural resources in a way that increases the understanding and enjoyment of these resources and that utilizes the expertise of a naturalist or other specialist skilled at educational interpretation.*

—(i)—

(j) "Local conservation corps" means a program operated by a public agency or nonprofit organization that meets the requirements of Section 14406.

—(j)—

(k) "Nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit ~~public benefit~~ corporation qualified to do business in California, and qualified under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

—(k)—

(l) "Preservation" means identification, evaluation, recordation, documentation, interpretation, protection, rehabilitation, stabilization, development, and reconstruction, or any combination of those activities.

—(l)—

(m) "Restoration" means the improvement of a physical structure or facility and, in the case of natural system and landscape features includes, but is not limited to, a project for the control of erosion, the control and elimination of exotic species, including prescribed burning, *fuel hazard reduction*, fencing out threats to existing or restored natural resources, road elimination, and other plant and wildlife habitat improvement to increase the natural system value of the property. A restoration project shall include the planning, monitoring and reporting necessary to ensure successful implementation of the project objectives.

(m) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Resources Agency. 5096.706. Land or an interest in land acquired with funds allocated pursuant to this chapter shall be acquired from a willing seller.

Article 2. The California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006

5096.710. The proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited in the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, which is hereby created. Except as specifically provided in this chapter, the money in the fund shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature, in the manner set forth in this chapter, for acquisition, development, restoration and preservation projects, in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The sum of one billion seven hundred ~~forty~~ ~~seventy~~ million dollars ~~—(\$1,740,000,000)—~~ ~~(\$1,770,000,000)~~ for neighborhood, community, and regional parks and recreational areas.

(b) The sum of one billion three hundred million dollars (\$1,300,000,000) for state parks and wildlife protection.

(c) The sum of eight hundred ~~twenty-five~~ ~~seventy-five~~ million dollars ~~—(\$825,000,000)—~~ ~~(\$875,000,000)~~ for water quality and coastal protection.

Article 3. Neighborhood, Community and Regional Parks and Recreation Areas

5096.720. The sum of one billion seven hundred ~~forty~~ ~~million dollars~~ ~~(\$1,740,000,000)—~~ ~~seventy million~~ dollars ~~(\$1,770,000,000)~~ allocated pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5096.710 shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The sum of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) to the department for local assistance grants, in accordance with Section 5096.750, and on the basis of population, for the acquisition, restoration and development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks and recreation lands and facilities.

(b) The sum of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) to the department for grants for urban and special needs park and recreation programs and facilities in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) For the Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth Service Program (Chapter 1.692.6 (commencing with Section 5096.348))..... \$150,000,000

(2) For the Urban Park Act of 2001 (Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 5640))\$150,000,000

(3) For the California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program created pursuant to Section 5004.5..... \$100,000,000

(4) For the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Act (Chapter 1.55 (commencing with Section 5095))..... \$100,000,000

—(d)

(c) The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the department for grants, for the development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and interpretation of nonmotorized trails including, but not limited to, the San Francisco Bay Trail, the San Francisco Bay Water Trail and the California Coastal Trail for the purpose of increasing public access to, and enjoyment of, public areas for increased recreational opportunities.

—(e)

(d) The sum of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) to state conservancies that provide regional parks and recreational areas, in accordance with the particular provisions of the statute creating each conservancy, for acquisition,

development, restoration and interpretation, and for grants for these purposes, according to the following schedule:

- (1) To the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.....\$40,000,000
- (2) To the San Gabriel and Lower
Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains
Conservancy.....\$40,000,000
- (3) To the San Francisco Bay Area
Conservancy Program.....\$40,000,000
- (4) To the Santa Monica Mountains
Conservancy.....\$40,000,000
- (5) To the Sierra Nevada
Conservancy.....\$40,000,000
- (6) To the California Tahoe
Conservancy.....\$40,000,000
- (7) To the Coachella Valley Mountains
Conservancy..... \$20,000,000
- (8) To the San Joaquin River
Conservancy..... \$30,000,000
- (9) To the San Diego River
Conservancy.....\$10,000,000

—(f)

(e) The sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the California Conservation Corps for the acquisition, development, restoration, and rehabilitation of land and water resources, and for grants and state administrative costs, in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be available for resource conservation projects.
- (2) The sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be available for grants to local conservation corps for acquisition, restoration, and development of facilities to support local corps programs, and for local resource conservation activities. to improve public safety and improve and restore natural resources including regional and community fuel load reduction projects on public lands, and stream and river restoration projects.

—(g)

(f) The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available for appropriation to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment created pursuant to Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 20050) of Part 11 of the Education Code for competitive grants for the acquisition and preservation of buildings, structures, sites, places, and artifacts that preserve and demonstrate culturally significant aspects of California's history and for grants for these purposes.

—(h)

(g) The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the department for grants to natural history museums, aquariums, and botanical gardens that combine the study of natural science with preservation, demonstration, and education programs that serve diverse populations. Grants may be used for buildings, structures, and exhibit galleries that present the collections to inspire and educate the public.

—(i)

(h) The sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) to the department for grants for the acquisition, development, and restoration of regional parks that ~~are outside of the areas served by the conservancies listed~~

~~in subdivision (e) and that~~ serve multiple neighborhoods or communities, and that provide access to recreational opportunities that are lacking or limited within the region served or that provide a unique resources protection opportunity within the region.

~~—(j)~~

(i) The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available to the State Coastal Conservancy for grants for acquisition, development, and restoration to expand the Santa Ana River Parkway. Of the funds provided by this subdivision, twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be available for park projects adjacent to the mouth of the Santa Ana River. The remainder of the funds provided shall be equally divided between projects in Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties.

~~—(k)~~

(j) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) ~~to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for grants for urban forestry programs pursuant to the California Urban Forestry Act (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 4799.06) of Part 2.5 of Division 1)~~ for the purposes of urban forestry grants .

(k) The sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the department for grants to cities and counties in areas that are not eligible for grants pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 5096.720 and that have a severe shortage of parks and recreational facilities.

Article 4. State Parks and Wildlife Protection

5096.730. The one billion three hundred million dollars (\$1,300,000,000) allocated pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 5096.710 shall be available in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The sum of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature to the department for acquisition, development, interpretation, restoration, and rehabilitation of the state park system and its natural, historical, and visitor serving resources. The department shall include the following goals in setting spending priorities for the funds appropriated pursuant to this section:

(1) The restoration, rehabilitation, and improvement of existing state park system lands and facilities.

(2) The expansion of the state park system to reflect the growing population and shifting population centers and needs of the state.

(3) The protection of representative natural resources based on the criteria and priorities identified in Section 5096.754.

(4) Not less than thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be expended for the expansion, development, and restoration of state park lands administered by local agencies.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the sum of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) is hereby continuously appropriated to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened and endangered species, that provides corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, and that protects significant natural landscapes and ecosystems such as old growth redwoods and oak

woodlands, riparian and wetland areas, and other significant habitat areas, for grants for these purposes, and for related state administrative costs, pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947 (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1300) of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code). Not less than thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be used for projects to protect and restore wetlands and watershed habitat that support the Pacific Flyway. Funds scheduled in this subdivision may be used to prepare management plans for properties acquired by the Wildlife Conservation Board and for the development of scientific data, habitat mapping, and other research information necessary to determine the priorities for restoration and acquisition ~~statewide~~ consistent with Section 5096.754 .

(c) The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available for grants for the preservation of agricultural lands, grazing lands, and oak woodlands pursuant to the following schedule:

- (1) Agricultural lands preservation pursuant to the Farmland Conservancy Program (Article 1 (commencing with Section 10200) of Division 10.2).....\$25,000,000
- (2) Grazing land preservation pursuant to the California Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection Act of 2002 (commencing with Section 10330 of Division 10.4).....\$50,000,000
- (3) Oak Woodland Preservation pursuant to the Article 3.5 (commencing with section 1360) of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code.....\$25,000,000

(d) The sum of two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) shall be available to the Wildlife Conservation Board and the ~~California~~ State Coastal Conservancy for ~~Conserving California's Forests, a grant program which is hereby created~~ a coordinated program between those two agencies for forest conservation . The program shall promote the ecological integrity and economic stability of California's diverse native forests for all their public benefits through forest conservation, preservation, and restoration of productive managed forest lands, forest reserve areas, redwood forests, and other forest types, including the conservation of water resources and natural habitats for native fish, wildlife, and plants found on these lands.

(e) The sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) shall be available to the Wildlife Conservation Board for grants to implement or to assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans (Chapter 10 of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code (commencing with Section 2800)).

Article 5. Clean Water and Coastal Protection

5096.740. The eight hundred ~~twenty-five~~ ~~seventy-five~~ million dollars ~~—(\$825,000,000)~~ (\$875,000,000) allocated pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 5096.710 shall be available in accordance with the following

schedule:

(a) The sum of two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) to the State Coastal Conservancy for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources; and for grants and state administrative costs in accordance with Division 21 (commencing with Section 31000). *Not less than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) of the funds authorized pursuant to this subdivision shall be made in grants for local projects for the protection and enhancement of natural, cultural, and recreational resources within coastal watersheds of the international border region.*

(b) The sum of four hundred ~~million dollars~~ *(\$400,000,000)* ~~ten million dollars (\$410,000,000)~~ shall be available for the purposes of clean beaches, water quality, and integrated regional water management projects according to the following schedule:

(1) To the State Water Resources Control Board for the Clean Beaches Program (Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30915) of Division 20.4)\$100,000,000

(2) To the Department of Water Resources for the Integrated Regional Water Management Program ~~(Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 79560) of Division 26.5 of the Water Code)~~ pursuant to Section 5096.761\$200,000,000

(3) To the State Water Resources Control Board to reduce mercury contamination in state waters. Projects shall be designed to limit the availability of methylmercury to aquatic life in the mercury impaired waterways determined pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1313(d))\$100,000,000

(4) To the State Department of Health Services for grants and direct expenditures to fund emergency actions necessary to provide safe drinking water in low-income communities with contamination of existing drinking water supplies, and to prevent or cleanup contamination of drinking water sources\$10,000,000

(c) The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be available to the secretary for acquisition, development, restoration, and for planning purposes in accordance with the California River Parkways Act of 2004 (Chapter 3.8 (commencing with Section 5750)).

(d) The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be allocated to the Ocean Protection Trust Fund (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 35650) of Division 26.5) and available for appropriation to the State Coastal Conservancy for the purposes of projects consistent with Section 35650. Priority projects shall include the development of scientific data needed to *adapti vely* manage the state's marine resources *and reserves* , including the development of marine habitat maps, and ~~loans~~

~~and grants~~ the development and implementation of projects to foster sustainable fisheries using loans and grants .

(e) The sum of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Water Resources for urban stream restoration projects pursuant to Section 7048 of the Water Code.

(f) The sum of forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) shall be available to the State Water Resources Control Board to fund containment, cleanup, and remediation projects to prevent public exposure to contamination in the New River and for related capital improvements.

Article 6. Miscellaneous Provisions

5096.750. (a) Sixty percent of the total funds available for grants pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5096.720 shall be allocated to cities and to districts other than a regional park district, regional park and open-space district, or regional open-space district. Each city's and district's allocation shall be in the same ratio as the city's or district's population is to the combined total of the state's population that is included in incorporated areas and unincorporated areas within the district, except that each city or district shall be entitled to a minimum allocation of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). In any instance in which the boundary of a city overlaps the boundary of such a district, the population in the area of overlapping jurisdiction shall be attributed to each jurisdiction in proportion to the extent to which each operates and manages parks and recreational areas and facilities for that population. In any instance in which the boundary of a city overlaps the boundary of such a district, and in the area of overlap the city does not operate and manage parks and recreational areas and facilities, all grant funds shall be allocated to the district.

(b) Each city and each district subject to subdivision (a) whose boundaries overlap shall develop a specific plan for allocating the grant funds in accordance with the formula specified in subdivision (a). If, by January 1, 2008, the plan has not been agreed to by the city and district and submitted to the department, the director shall determine the allocation of the grant funds among the affected jurisdictions.

(c) Forty percent of the total funds available for grants pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5096.720 shall be allocated to counties and regional park districts, regional park and open-space districts, or regional open-space districts formed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 5500) of Chapter 3.

(d) Each county's allocation under subdivision (c) shall be in the same ratio as the county's population, except that each county shall be entitled to a minimum allocation of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

(e) In a county that embraces all or part of the territory of a regional park district, regional park and open-space district, or regional open-space district, whose board of directors is not the county board of supervisors, the amount allocated to the county shall be apportioned between that district and the county in proportion to the population of the county that is included within the territory of the district and the population of the county that is outside the territory of the district.

(f) In a county that currently embraces all or a part of the territory of a regional open-space district and an authority formed pursuant to Division 26 (commencing with Section 35100), the allocation shall be distributed between the county and the following entities:

(1) The funds shall be apportioned between the district and the county in proportion to the population of the county that is included within the territory of the district, and the proportion of the population of the county that is outside the district. The amounts resulting from this calculation shall be known as the district's share, and the county's first balance. The district's share shall be allocated to the district. The county's first balance shall be further apportioned, as provided in paragraph (2).

(2) The county's first balance, as determined in accordance with paragraph (1), shall be further apportioned between the authority and the county in proportion to the population of the county that is included within the territory of the authority, and the proportion of the population of the county that is outside the authority. The amounts resulting from this calculation shall be known as the authority's share and the county's second balance.

(3) The authority's share shall be divided equally between the county and the authority. The county shall receive all of the county's second balance.

(g) In a county that embraces all or part of the territory of a regional park district, regional park and open-space district, or regional open-space district, whose board of directors is not the county board of supervisors, the amount allocated to the county shall be apportioned between that district and the county in proportion to the population of the county that is included within the territory of the district and the population of the county that is outside the territory of the district.

(h) For the purpose of making the calculations required by this section, population shall be determined by the department, in cooperation with the Department of Finance, on the basis of the most recent verifiable census data and other verifiable population data that the department may require to be furnished by the applicant city, county, or district.

5096.751. (a) The director shall prepare and adopt criteria and procedures for evaluating applications for grants allocated pursuant to subdivisions (a) of Section 5096.720. Individual applications for funds shall be submitted to the department for approval as to their conformity with the requirements of this chapter. The application shall be accompanied by certification that the project for which the grant is requested is consistent with the park and recreation element of the applicable city or county general plan or the district park and recreation plan, as the case may be, and will satisfy a high priority need.

(b) To utilize available grant funds as effectively as possible, overlapping or adjoining jurisdictions and applicants with similar objectives are encouraged to combine projects and submit a joint application. An applicant may allocate all or a portion of its per capita share for a regional or state project.

(c) The director shall annually forward a statement of the total amount to be appropriated in each fiscal year for projects approved for grants pursuant to this article to the Director of Finance for inclusion in the annual Budget Bill. A list of eligible jurisdictions

and the amount of grant funds to be allocated to each shall also be made available by the department.

(d) Funds appropriated pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5096.720 shall be encumbered by the recipient within three years from the date the appropriation is effective. Regardless of the date of encumbrance of the granted funds, the recipient is expected to complete all funded projects within eight years of the effective date of the appropriation.

5096.753. Any grant funds appropriated pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 5096.720 that have not been expended by the grant recipient prior to July 1, 2014, shall revert to the fund and be available for appropriation by the Legislature for one or more of the local assistance programs specified in Section 5096.720 that the Legislature determines to be the highest priority statewide.

5096.754. In evaluating potential acquisitions for the purpose of natural resource protection, the department, the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the State Coastal Conservancy shall give priority to projects that demonstrate *one or more of the following characteristics:*

(a) Properties that link to, or contribute to linking, existing protected areas with other large blocks of protected habitat. Linkages must serve to connect existing protected areas, facilitate wildlife movement or botanical transfer, and result in sustainable combined acreage.

(b) Properties that contribute to long-term protection of ~~watersheds that provide natural resource values to one of the major biological regions of the state.~~

~~—(c) Habitat in the biological regions of California that have the least amount of protected lands.~~

~~—(d) — Properties that support relatively large areas of under-protected major habitat types. The Resources Agency shall identify these under-protected habitat types.— and improvement to the water and biological quality of the streams, aquifers, and terrestrial resources of priority watersheds of the major biological regions of the state as identified by the Resources Agency.~~

~~(c) Habitat in the biological regions of the state that have the least amount of protected lands.~~

~~(d) Properties that support relatively large areas of underprotected major habitat types.~~

~~(e) Properties that link two or more major biological regions of the state.~~

~~(f) Properties for which there is a nonstate matching contribution toward the acquisition, restoration or stewardship, and management costs. Matching contributions can be either monetary or in the form of services, including volunteer services.~~

5096.755. Up to 10 percent of funds allocated for each program funded by this article may be used to finance planning and monitoring necessary for the successful design, selection, and implementation of the projects authorized under that program.

5096.756. The department shall encourage the development of multiple benefit, joint use projects on existing public lands and the acquisition of surplus school lands in making grants pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 5096.720.

5096.757. Funds scheduled in this chapter that are not designated for competitive bid programs may also be used for the purposes of reimbursing the General Fund, pursuant to the Natural Heritage

Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000 (Division 28 (commencing with Section 37000)).

5096.758. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to the development and adoption of program guidelines and selection criteria adopted pursuant to this chapter.

5096.759. Funds provided pursuant to this chapter, and any appropriation or transfer of those funds, shall not be deemed to be a transfer of funds for the purposes of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 2780) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code.

5096.761. (a) Funds provided pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 5096.740 shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature to the Department of Water Resources for competitive grants to implement integrated regional water management plans that meet the requirements of this section.

(b) (1) The integrated water management plan shall identify and address the major water-related objectives and conflicts within the region, consider all of the resource management strategies identified in the California Water Plan, as updated by Bulletin 160-05, or its successor, and use an integrated, multibenefit approach to project selection and design.

(2) The integrated water management plan shall include performance measures and monitoring to document progress toward meeting plan objectives.

(3) Projects that may be funded pursuant to this section shall be consistent with an adopted integrated regional water management plan and shall include one or more of the following project elements:

(A) Water supply reliability, water conservation, and water use efficiency.

(B) Storm water capture, storage, cleanup, treatment, and management.

(C) Removal of invasive nonnative species, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watershed lands.

(D) Nonpoint source pollution reduction, management, and monitoring.

(E) Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting, and other treatment technologies.

(F) Water banking, exchange, reclamation, and improvement of water quality.

(G) Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood management programs.

(H) Watershed protection and management.

(I) Drinking water treatment and distribution.

(J) Ecosystem restoration and protection.

(c) The Department of Water Resources shall give preference to proposals that satisfy the following criteria:

(1) Proposals that effectively integrate water management programs and projects within a hydrologic region identified in the California Water Plan, as updated by Bulletin 160-05, or its successor; the regional water quality control board region or subdivision; or other region or subregion specifically identified by the Department of Water Resources.

(2) Proposals that effectively integrate water management with land use planning.

(3) Proposals that effectively resolve significant water-related conflicts within or between regions.

(4) *Proposals that contribute to the attainment of one or more of the objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.*

(5) *Proposals that address statewide priorities.*

(6) *Proposals that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities within the region.*

(d) *Not more than 10 percent of the funds provided by paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 5096.740 may be used for grants for the development, updating, or improvement of integrated regional water management plans.*

(e) *The Department of Water Resources shall coordinate the provisions of this section with the program provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 79560) of Division 26.5 of the Water Code.*

5096.762. *In implementing subdivision (d) of Section 5096.720, it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided shall be used to fully implement each provision of the statute governing each conservancy to the fullest extent provided by this chapter.*

5096.763. *In making grants pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 5096.720, the department shall give first priority to linking an existing state park with other major protected areas located within a major wildlife corridor connecting four heavily urbanized counties.*

5096.764. *The secretary shall provide for an independent audit of expenditures pursuant to this chapter to ensure that all moneys are expended in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. The secretary shall publish a list of all program and project expenditures pursuant to this chapter not less than annually, in written form, and shall post an electronic form of the list on the Resources Agency's Internet Web site.*

Article 7. Fiscal Provisions

5096.765. Bonds in the total amount of three billion ~~eight- nine hundred sixty-five million~~ ~~dollars (\$3,865,000,000)~~ *forty-five million dollars (\$3,945,000,000)*, not including the amount of any refunding bonds issued in accordance with Section 5096.777, or so much thereof as is necessary, may be issued and sold to provide a fund to be used for carrying out the purposes expressed in this chapter and to be used to reimburse the General Obligation Bond Expense Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 16724.5 of the Government Code. The bonds, when sold, shall be and constitute a valid and binding obligation of the State of California, and the full faith and credit of the State of California is hereby pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of, and interest on, the bonds as the principal and interest becomes due and payable.

5096.766. The bonds authorized by this chapter shall be prepared, executed, issued, sold, paid, and redeemed as provided in the State General Obligation Bond Law (Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code), and all of the provisions of that law apply to the bonds and to this chapter and are hereby incorporated in this chapter by this reference as though set forth in full in this chapter.

5096.767. (a) Solely for the purpose of authorizing the issuance and sale, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of the bonds authorized by this chapter, the California Clean Water, Safe

Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 Finance Committee is hereby created. For purposes of this chapter, the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 Finance Committee is "the committee" as that term is used in the State General Obligation Bond Law. The committee consists of the Controller, the Director of Finance, and the Treasurer, or their designated representatives. The Treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the committee. A majority of the committee may act for the committee.

(b) For purposes of the State General Obligation Bond Law, the Secretary of the Resources Agency is designated the "board."

5096.768. The committee shall determine whether or not it is necessary or desirable to issue bonds authorized pursuant to this chapter to carry out Section 5096.710 and, if so, the amount of bonds to be issued and sold. Successive issues of bonds may be authorized and sold to carry out those actions progressively, and it is not necessary that all of the bonds authorized to be issued be sold at any one time.

5096.770. There shall be collected each year and in the same manner and at the same time as other state revenue is collected, in addition to the ordinary revenues of the state, a sum in an amount required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds each year. It is the duty of all officers charged by law with any duty in regard to the collection of the revenue to do and perform each and every act that is necessary to collect that additional sum.

5096.771. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund in the State Treasury, for the purposes of this chapter, an amount that will equal the total of the following:

(a) The sum annually necessary to pay the principal of, and interest on, bonds issued and sold pursuant to this chapter, as the principal and interest become due and payable.

(b) The sum necessary to carry out Section 5096.772, appropriated without regard to fiscal years.

5096.772. For purposes of carrying out this chapter, the Director of Finance may authorize the withdrawal from the General Fund of an amount not to exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that have been authorized by the committee to be sold for the purpose of carrying out this chapter. Any amount withdrawn shall be deposited in the fund. Any money made available under this section shall be returned to the General Fund from proceeds received from the sale of bonds for the purpose of carrying out this chapter.

5096.773. Pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16720) of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the cost of bond issuance shall be paid out of the bond proceeds. These costs shall be shared proportionally by each program funded through this bond act.

5096.774. Actual costs incurred in connection with administering programs authorized under the categories specified in Section 5096.710 shall be paid from the funds authorized by this act.

5096.775. The secretary may request the Pooled Money Investment Board to make a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Account, including other authorized forms of interim financing that include, but are not limited to, commercial paper, in accordance with Section 16312 of the Government Code, for purposes of carrying out this chapter. The amount of the request shall not exceed the amount of the unsold bonds that the committee, by resolution, has authorized to

be sold for the purpose of carrying out this chapter. The secretary shall execute any documents required by the Pooled Money Investment Board to obtain and repay the loan. Any amounts loaned shall be deposited in the fund to be allocated by the board in accordance with this chapter.

5096.776. All money deposited in the fund that is derived from premium and accrued interest on bonds sold shall be reserved in the fund and shall be available for transfer to the General Fund as a credit to expenditures for bond interest.

5096.777. The bonds may be refunded in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with Section 16780) of Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code, which is a part of the State General Obligation Bond Law. Approval by the voters of the state of the issuance of the bonds described in this chapter includes the approval of the issuance of any bonds to refund any bonds originally issued under this chapter or any previously issued refunding bonds.

5096.778. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or the State General Obligation Bond Law, if the Treasurer sells bonds pursuant to this chapter that include a bond counsel opinion to the effect that the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes, subject to designated conditions, the Treasurer may maintain separate accounts for the investment of bond proceeds and the investment earnings on those proceeds. The Treasurer may use or direct the use of those proceeds or earnings to pay any rebate, penalty, or other payment required under federal law or to take any other action with respect to the investment and use of those bond proceeds required or desirable under federal law to maintain the tax-exempt status of those bonds and to obtain any other advantage under federal law on behalf of the funds of this state.

5096.779. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that, inasmuch as the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this chapter are not "proceeds of taxes" as that term is used in Article XIII B of the California Constitution; the disbursement of these proceeds is not subject to the limitations imposed by that article.

5096.781. Except for funds continuously appropriated by this chapter, all appropriations of funds pursuant to Section 5096.710 for purposes of the program shall be included in the annual Budget Bill for the 2006-07 fiscal year, and each succeeding fiscal year, for consideration by the Legislature, and shall bear the label "California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Program Fund of 2006." The annual Budget Bill section shall contain separate items for each project, each class of project, or each element of the program for which an appropriation is made.

5096.783. The secretary shall provide for an annual audit of expenditures from this chapter.

SEC. 2. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon adoption by the voters of the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, as set forth in Section 1 of this act.

SEC. 3. (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of any other provision of law, the Secretary of State shall submit Section 1 of this act to the voters at the 2006 statewide primary election.

(b) The Secretary of State shall ensure the placement of Section 1 in accordance with provisions of the Government Code and the Elections Code governing the submission of statewide measures to the voters.

(c) The Secretary of State shall include, in the ballot pamphlets

mailed pursuant to Section 9094 of the Elections Code, the information specified in Section 9084 of the Elections Code regarding the bond act set forth in Section 1 of this act. Text -- Page 4.

CORRECTIONS Text -- Page 4.

DATE: September 19, 2005
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 6B: Executive Officer's Report- Budget Expenditure

BACKGROUND: Please refer to the attached reports on expenditures and encumbrances for Operations and Support and Capital Outlay Programs. There are no significant issues to report.

Fiscal Year 2004/05 Support Expenditures Report: The "Fiscal Year 2005/06 Support Expenditures" report assists the RMC in tracking allocated income and expenditures for the fiscal year. The appropriated operating budget for the RMC is \$ 515,000. The revenue section of the report delineates the three fund sources for operations, the Environmental License Plate Fund, Proposition 40 and Proposition 50.

The expense section displays and tracks the administrative and operation expenses for the RMC. This section is separated into two (2) sections: Personnel Services and Operating Expenses/Equipment. The information is further detailed to allow the RMC to track monthly and cumulative expenditures, and the balances.

Proposition 40 and 50 Reports: These reports are generated to provide a status of Proposition Capital Outlay funding. The reports provide a comparison of the total allocated funds of previous board actions against Proposition Capital Outlay funding allocations. For a detailed report on each approved grant and associated funding level, please see Item 8D.

**FISCAL YEAR 2005/06 SUPPORT EXPENDITURES REPORT
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2005**

INCOME	Budget	Funds	Remaining Funds
<i>ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES</i>	\$ 283,000.00	01400	\$255,079.96
<i>PROPOSITION 40</i>	\$ 132,000.00	60290	\$132,000.00
<i>PROPOSITION 50</i>	\$ 100,000.00	60310	\$100,000.00
INCOME TOTAL	\$ 515,000.00		\$487,079.96

EXPENSES	Budget	Expenditures to Date	Balance
<i>PERSONNEL SERVICES</i>			
State Employees	\$ 316,917.00	\$16,251.94	\$ 300,665.06
RMC Board	\$ 8,100.00	\$0.00	\$ 8,100.00
	\$ 325,017.00	\$26,193.44	\$ 298,823.56
<i>OPERATING EXPENSE & EQUIPMENT</i>			
General Expense	\$ 51,538.00	\$ 550.46	50,987.54
Miscellaneous Office Expense	\$30,000.00	\$ 363.40	29,636.60
Library Purch Subscrip	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	2,000.00
Noc-Goods-Gen Exp (PIA)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00	1,500.00
Office Copier Exp	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 187.06	812.94
Office Copier Supp	\$ 750.00	\$ 0.00	750.00
Mtg/Conf/Exh/Sho	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	500.00
Reserve	\$ 15,788.00	\$ 0.00	15,788.00
Communications	\$ 54,405.00	\$ 1,176.14	\$53,228.86
Telephone	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 274.92	\$7,225.08
NOC Communications	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 484.23	\$2,015.77
Postage Meter Expenses	\$ 6,455.00	\$ 416.99	\$6,038.01
Travel In-State	\$ 24,950.00	\$ 0.00	\$24,950.00
Pro Rata	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$13,000.00
Facilities Operation	\$ 41,140.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,140.00
Rent-Bldg/Grnd	\$ 35,140.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35,140.00
Facility PIng-DGS (Real Estate)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,000.00
Consultants Professional Service Internal	\$ 35,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 35,000.00
Accounting - Interdept (CFS)	\$ 25,400.00	\$0.00	\$ 25,400.00
Other Interdept (Transit-Storage - Purchasing)	\$ 8,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 8,000.00
Other External Svs	\$ 500.00	\$0.00	\$ 500.00
Consolidated Data (HHSDC)	\$ 900.00	\$0.00	\$ 900.00
Admin- Interdept (HHDC)	\$ 200.00	\$0.00	\$ 200.00
Consultants Professional Service Internal	\$ 7,900.00	\$0.00	\$ 7,900.00
WCA Administrative	\$ 4,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 4,000.00
Indvd/Blntk Surety	\$ 3,900.00	\$0.00	\$ 3,900.00
	\$ 189,983.00	\$1,726.60	\$188,256.40
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 515,000.00		\$487,079.96

**PROPOSITION 40 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2005**

Funding Allocation	
FY 02/03	\$18,000,000.00
FY 03/04	\$12,400,000.00
FY 04/05	\$ 6,200,000.00
TOTAL	\$36,600,000.00
Approved Projects	\$31,603,932.00
Unallocated Funds	\$4,996,068.00

**PROPOSITION 50 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2005**

Funding Allocation	
FY 03/04	\$4,500,000.00
FY 04/05	\$6,200,000.00
FY 05/06	\$ 4,500,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,200,000.00
Approved Projects	\$11,584,642.00
Unallocated Funds	\$3,615,358.00

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 6C: Executive Officer's Report- Project and Liaison Activities

Los Angeles River Master Plan: There are 65 projects listed on the Los Angeles River Watershed Project Listing website. Not all of the information on the Project Listing has been filled in for every project. Stakeholders were encouraged to update and/or complete the Project Listing by August 10, 2005 and to submit final comments on the AB1147 Draft Project Plan by August 10, 2005. Public Works is developing a mapping component and new interface to display project information when patrons click on a project within the Los Angeles River Watershed Project Listing. The next step for the AB1147 Draft Project Plan is for the plan to be sent to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. The approval process, which will include a public hearing, is expected to be completed by the end of September 2005. Further the LA River Revitalization Plan sponsored by the City of Los Angeles and Army Corps of Engineers had a kick off meeting on Monday, September 12. The consultant team is headed by Tetra Tech.

San Gabriel River Master Plan: The current schedule for adoption of the Plan by the RMC is early fall of 2005 after approval by the Board of Supervisors. The next meeting of the Stakeholder Committee is scheduled for September 26, 2005 and one of the current activities is to update the Master Plan Project List.

Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan: No activities in the previous month.

Green Visions: The Green Visions web site has been updated with the most recent technical reports as shown on the attached page. A new report on nuisance urban wildlife has just been released for public review. Everyone is encouraged to use the web site to obtain information on the various studies and reports generated by the Green Visions team. Their web site is: www.greenvisionsplan.net.

Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council (Watershed Council): The August stakeholder meeting was cancelled. The next meeting of the Watershed Council is on September 21 and the Board meeting will take place on Thursday, September 29. Attached please find a letter sent to Senator Chesbro regarding SB 153.

Upper Santa Clara River: MRCA has completed the acquisition of the Long Canyon Property in the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed with grant assistance from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

San Gabriel River Discovery Center: The project is temporally on hold pending approval of the joint powers agreement by Los Angeles County.

San Gabriel River Monitoring Program: Significant progress has been made on implementation of the monitoring program. Through an extensive partnership of both funded and in-kind contributions the first round of sampling has begun and will be completed by the end of the month.

Wetlands Recovery Project: Secretary Chrisman chaired the meeting of the Governing Board at Cesar Chavez Park in Long Beach on July 21, 2005. The Board approved the revised Workprogram and discussed future funding partner opportunities including the possibility of adding new agency Governing Board members. Your Executive Officer will explore this matter with the State Coastal Conservancy.

Coyote Creek Watershed Plan: The first draft of the existing conditions memo has been completed; part of this memo is a “who’s who” which is a comprehensive report of the agencies that operate in the watershed, their role and regulation responsibilities as well as their plans and programs. The third meeting of the stakeholders group (the Coyote Creek Watershed Council) was held on September 8th with over 50 members attending. The RMC staff is reviewing and commenting on all aspects and products of the plan.

Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Plan: The project is on hold pending additional funding.

National Park Service (NPS) San Gabriel River Watershed Special Resource Study (Study): The Study team has completed its review of the public comments and is making preparations to present alternatives on the revised scope of the Study.

Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Activities: Information on this program is available on both the LADPW and WCA website. A copy of the letter sent to the Directors of both the Dept. of Water Resources and State Water Control Board by the four regional group leaders is attached for your information. It is expected that the preliminary notices regarding grant awards will be made on or before September 23, 2005. More information on this item is included under Item 9(I).



technical publications

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["Nuisance" Urban Wildlife - Public Review Draft](#)

Seymour, M. 2005. Green Visions Plan for 21st Century Southern California: A Guide for Habitat Conservation, Watershed Health, and Recreational Open Space. 6. "Nuisance" Urban Wildlife. University of Southern California GIS Research Laboratory and Center for Sustainable Cities, Los Angeles, California.



[SAGE \(Systematic Audit Of Green-Space Environments\)](#)

Byrne, J., Wolch, J., Swift, J and Ryan, C. 2005. SAGE (Systematic Audit of Green-space Environments): Audit Form and Instructions, University of Southern California Center for Sustainable Cities, Los Angeles, California.



[Target Species for Habitat Conservation Planning](#)

Martino, D., C. S. Lam, and T. Longcore. 2005. Green Visions Plan for 21st Century Southern California: A Guide for Habitat Conservation, Watershed Health, and Recreational Open Space. 5. Target Species for Habitat Conservation Planning. University of Southern California GIS Research Laboratory and Center for Sustainable Cities, Los Angeles, California.



[Analytical Frameworks for the Green Visions Plan](#)

Integrated research frameworks to address biological, hydrological, recreational open space planning goals using policy, community engagement, and GIS tools.

Green Visions Plan for the 21st Century, Technical Report #1: Wolch, J.R., J. Deviny, T. Longcore, and J.P. Wilson. 2004. *Analytical Frameworks for the Green Visions Plan*. University of Southern California GIS Research Laboratory and Center for Sustainable Cities, Los Angeles, California.



[The Online Inventory of Southern California Plans Relating to Habitat, Watersheds, and Recreation](#)

Inventory of recreational open space, habitat conservation, and watershed management plans. Review of past plans, highlighting alternatives offered in major planning documents, alternatives that enjoy broad consensus across planning domains, and geographic areas in which little or no planning has yet to occur.

Green Visions Plan for the 21st Century, Technical Report #2: Li, C., H. Chen, C. S. Lam, T. Longcore, J. Sayre, K. Schmoker, and J. R. Wolch, 2004. *The On-Line Inventory of Southern California Plans Relating to Habitat, Watersheds, and Recreation*. University of Southern California GIS Research

Laboratory and Center for Sustainable Cities, Los Angeles, California.



Data Availability for Habitat, Watershed, and Recreation Planning in Southern California

Identification of geospatial data requirements for Green Visions plan analyses. Survey of potential data sources, and assessment of data resolution, temporal coverage, format, and geographic coverage.

Green Visions Plan for the 21st Century, *Technical Report #3: Data Availability for Habitat, Watershed, and Recreation Planning in Southern California*. Lam, C. S., H. Chen, C. Li, and J. P. Wilson. 2004. University of Southern California GIS Research Laboratory and Center for Sustainable Cities, Los Angeles, California.



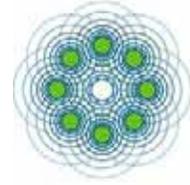
Scientific Workshop on Strategies for Integrated Habitat, Watershed and Recreation Planning

A 2004 USC workshop assembled technical experts in each of the subject areas to discuss and critique the research framework. Summaries and transcripts of the workshop.

Green Visions Plan for the 21st Century, Technical Report #4: Wolch, J.R. (ed). 2004. *Scientific Workshop on Strategies for Integrated Habitat, Watershed and Recreation Planning*. University of Southern California GIS Research Laboratory and Center for Sustainable Cities, Los Angeles, California.

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September 8, 2005



Senator Wesley Chesbro
State Capital, Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Kevin Murray
600 Corporate Pointe, Suite 1020
Culver City, CA 90230

Dear Senators Chesbro and Murray,

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council is a nonprofit organization of community groups, government agencies, business and academia working cooperatively to solve problems in the dual watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers. We agree with you that Californians deserve clean water, clean beaches, and healthy natural ecosystems, which necessitate a continuing investment in parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces, as well as water resource and water quality improvement initiatives. We agree that the financial needs are great and ongoing if we are to provide clean water and safe, open, and accessible local parks and recreational facilities for our growing population. Therefore, we strongly support the goals of SB 153.

To meet these requirements, however, we respectfully suggest that the bill as proposed thus far needs to be augmented with additional funding for the growing and heavily impacted Los Angeles region. Los Angeles has fewer acres of parks per resident than any major city in the country, and the situation throughout the County of Los Angeles is similarly challenging, with fewer children and adults able to access recreation close to their homes than in the rest of the country.

Through collaborative, stakeholder-based processes, we and our partners have identified projects, listed in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan submittals developed to date in accordance with Proposition 50, Chapter 8, for the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers watersheds, which, if funded, would go a long way toward redressing the imbalance in recreational opportunities and improving water resource management and water quality in these watersheds. We are therefore proposing the following suggested language for change and addition to SB 153:

(1) Article 5, (b), (1)

“To the Department of Water Resources for the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (Chapter 8, commencing with Section 79560 of Division 26.5 of the Water Code) ~~\$200,000,000~~ \$400,000,000. Not less than two hundred million (\$200,000,000) shall be expended to implement projects identified in the Integrated

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Regional Water Management Plans for the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers watersheds.”

(2) A new item for both the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers at \$30 million each to be administered by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the San Gabriel River & Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed to implement section 79508 of the Water Code. (Common Ground, the SG and LA Rivers Watershed Open Space Plan).

(3) A new miscellaneous section that would allocate \$50 million of the amount currently allocated to the Wildlife Conservation Board to be expended to implement section 79508 of the Water Code.

I thank you for your consideration of our proposed changes for SB 153, and I would be happy to meet with you to discuss these proposed changes and the important projects that are critical for the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers watersheds. Our Executive Director, Dr. Nancy L.C. Steele, will be contacting you in the near future regarding our proposal for changes to SB 153.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Bullard
President
(213) 228-8221

cc: Senator Sheila Kuehl
Senator Edward Vincent
Speaker Fabian Nuñez
Assemblymember Betty Karnette
Assemblymember Paul Koretz
Assemblymember Fran Pavley
Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg
Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
Councilmember Ed P. Reyes
Gloria Molina, Supervisor, 1st District
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Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor, 3rd District
Don Knabe, Supervisor, 4th District
Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor, 5th District

**City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
Watershed Conservation Authority
West Basin Municipal Water District**

August 25, 2005

Mr. Lester A. Snow
Director
Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Ms. Celeste Cantú
Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Mr. Snow and Ms. Cantú:

**PROPOSITION 50 INTEGRATED, CHAPTER 8 REGIONAL WATER
MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

The Integrated Regional Water Management Program is a unique opportunity for the State to facilitate local partnerships to implement Statewide water quality, supply, and watershed objectives. In the County of Los Angeles, that is quite a challenge since over ten million people live in this County in 88 cities and vast unincorporated areas. With that in mind, we are extremely pleased to tell you that the cooperative efforts you hoped would develop under this program have been hugely successful in the County of Los Angeles region. At the same time, we are very concerned that the unprecedented cooperation between the multitude of agencies and organizations involved in developing four strong regional groups for this program may be negatively impacted by funding decisions made during the grant award process.

Each of these regional groups has spent thousands of hours and dollars ensuring that there would be the highest degree of cooperation and partnership in developing our mutually agreed upon regions in this highly complex, primarily urban, setting. In the many workshops that have been conducted regarding this program, your agencies repeatedly reinforced that the regional group boundaries would be self determined. We have, therefore, agreed upon these boundaries (map enclosed) and respectfully urge your agencies to encourage these collaborative efforts by providing the funding which will allow us to complete the plans required under the program by December 2006.

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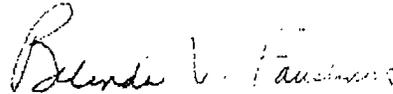
As stated in each of our applications for planning funds, we expect to continue the collaborative efforts among the four regions as this program progresses. However, we can only do so if we have the planning funds to make this possible. While each of the groups has committed to providing local funds for these efforts, State matching funds are critical both from a feasibility standpoint of funding these programs in a timely fashion and as an indication that the State is encouraging the regional groups to keep the collaborative process moving forward. We strongly urge your agencies to favorably consider all four regional applications for both planning and implementation funds.

If we are to meet the ever more challenging tasks of making sure that we and our future generations have clean and adequate water supplies, we must continue to encourage and foster these types of integrated programs. We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the comprehensive collaboration effort that has taken place to fully develop the Integrated Regional Water Management Program plans. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Shelley Luce
Executive Director
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission



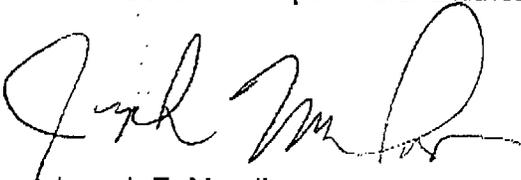
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DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 6D: Review and Status Discussion of Approved Grant Projects

The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update as to the status of each approved project under Proposition 40 and Proposition 50. The information contained in the report is project name, applicant name, funds allocated, and the project status. The report is sorted in alphabetical order by project name. The status section for each grant has been updated to provide additional detail on the grantees' current activities and progress toward project completion.

Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Funds Allocated	Project Status
				Monthly Report for Board Report by Project Manager
RMC3264	Amigos de los Rios	Alhambra Wash Naturalization	\$40,750	Planning work is proceeding for this project.
RMC3257	Aquarium of the Pacific	Aquarium of the Pacific Education Center Expansion	\$390,000	RMC Board approved 1.2 million on 3/14/05 to build a new watershed exhibit at the Aquarium.
RMC3256	Aquarium of the Pacific	Aquarium of the Pacific Educational Programs	\$12,000	Project is complete and was closed August 2004.
RMC3268	Amigos de los Rios	Arcadia Wash Restoration Feasibility Study	\$152,523	Planning is proceeding for this project
RMC3286	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Azusa Open Space and Access Plan	\$86,400	The consultant has completed work on the strategic plan for the City of Azusa and its open space. The consultant completed her research tasks with the city. Work is completed, final payments are in process.
RMC3260	City of Azusa	Azusa River Wilderness Park Acquisition	\$2,025,000	A parcel has been purchased with the Prop 13 portion of the funds, several others were identified by the City of Azusa for acquisition. An appraisal has been done for an identified parcel, the review by the state is complete, the appraisal was supported. Negotiations are underway with the City, TPL , the owners with RMC staff oversight.
RMC3238	City of Bellflower	Bellflower Riverview Park	\$300,000	A topographic survey is beign prepared and soils and geotech studies are scheduled be commence in September.
RMC3252	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	Bikeway Plan-Gateway Cities	\$250,000	Project is moving forward but will require a revised timeline. The project consultant has been selected and a kick off meeting has been scheduled for 9/15/05.
RMC3251	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Brownfield Study-San Gabriel Valley	\$250,000	Inventory of Brownfield sites is complete and grantee is reviewing the next steps.
RMC3305	City of Signal Hill	Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Appraisal)	\$20,000	The city is preparing an appraisal of the property
RMC3211	City of Signal Hill	Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Geotechnical Studies)	\$20,000	The City is preparing an appraisal for the property.
RMC3217	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Children's Native Plant Garden	\$55,000	All work for this grant is complete.
RMC3202	City of Claremont	Claremont Hills Wilderness Park	\$1,073,000	Project has been completed and the property is now owned by the City of Claremont.
RMC3246	City of Compton	Compton Creek Regional Garden Park	\$100,000	Work is scheduled to begin in September 2005.
RMC3213	County of Orange	Coyote and Carbon Creeks Watershed Management Plan	\$100,000	A draft of the first technical memo on current conditions is completed. The grantee has held third public meeting of stakeholders, with the RMC staff giving a presentation on the agency to the stakeholders.
RMC3580	Trails 4 All	Coyote Creek Regional Trail System Improvements	\$250,000	The grant agreement is executed and the grantee is beginning the scoping work.The first planning group meeting was held in August along with the first stakeholder's group meeting.There were 9 of the 13 cities represented at the stakeholders planning meeting, along with the two Orange County Supervisor's Offices, and a variety of public agencies like the OCTA and MTA.
RMC3318	City of Los Alamitos	Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement Project	\$1,440,000	The City has received its grant agreement and is currently working on several strategies for a long term lease with SCE. There is an initial concept plan for the project.

Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Funds Allocated	Project Status Monthly Report for Board Report by Project Manager
RMC3232	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Dominguez Gap Wetlands Restoration Multi-use Project	\$200,000	Plans are at 90% completion and work has begun on design of interpretive signage.
RMC3583	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Dominguez Gap/De Forest Park Restoration	\$100,000	This project is pending an agreement between Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the City of Long Beach.
RMC3273	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Geotechnical Studies	\$146,756	A draft report is complete and will be submitted for review in September, 2005.
RMC3243	Watershed Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Planning	\$330,000	Commencement of work has been delayed due to staff changes with the consultant.
RMC3274	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Traffic Studies	\$34,670	This grant has been redirected to the Watershed Conservation Authority for purposes of completion of the project.
RMC3259	County of Los Angeles	East Los Angeles Civic Center Improvements	\$500,000	The BOS has approved the budget for this project. Final design of the fountain is pending approvals by the Health Dept. and other permitting agencies.
RMC3212	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Economic Value for Watershed Management Techniques Study	\$50,000	There are additional changes being made to the program which will make the tool user friendly. A Board meeting demonstration of the tool will be scheduled for the November meeting.
RMC3249	Media and Policy Center Foundation of California	Educational Program on Urban Forestry and Creation of Sustainable Ecosystems	\$100,000	Project is complete and was closed October 2004.
RMC3263	City of Long Beach	El Dorado Nature Center Renewal	\$327,000	Grantee has executed its grant agreement and has started the design work.
RMC3208	City of Long Beach	El Dorado Regional Park Wetlands Feasibility Study	\$100,000	The study is complete and the final report is now due.
RMC3566	City of Glendora	Ferguson and Wildwood Pre-Acquisition Expenses	\$50,000	The appraisals of Ferguson and Wildwood Canyons are complete. The state review of the appraisals for Wildwood and Ferguson are complete and supported.
RMC3229	City of West Covina	Galster Park Project	\$476,000	Follow up with the City to implement the amendments approved by the RMC on May 16 are in process.
RMC3337	City of El Monte and Amigos de los Rios	Gibson Park Habitat Plantings	\$433,500	The Grantee has commenced work on this project.
RMC3223	City of Glendora	Gordon-Mull	\$2,500,000	Grantee has the appraisal complete, the state review is complete. The City of Glendora is currently reviewing the plans for the alternate route of the water line submitted by the owner.
RMC3339	North East Trees	Graham Elementary school Watershed Education Trail Phase I	\$5,000	Design concept and budget complete. Development proposal and new grant to be considered at 9/19/045 RMC meeting.
RMC3568	Watershed Conservation Authority	Green Visions- Habitat, Trail and Recreational Access Plan	\$500,000	Grantee has completed Phase I and received an extension on the Bridge Funding Phase. They have released the both a Target Species Report and Recreational Assessment planning reports. Work on the development of GIS and related tools is on-going.
RMC3568	Watershed Conservation Authority	Green Visions Phase II	\$500,000	Grant agreement has been executed and work is proceeding on Phase II of the project, including the release of three new technical reports.
RMC3233	California Native Habitat Endowment Fund	Habitat Authority Community Outreach & Education	\$46,000	Grantee has submitted an approved workplan and commenced work on the project.

Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Funds Allocated	Project Status Monthly Report for Board Report by Project Manager
RMC3556	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Historical Ecology of the RMC Territory	\$148,000	Grant agreement has been transmitted for signature
RMC3562	Watershed Conservation Authority	Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	\$100,000	Work has been completed and final work products submitted. Close out of the grant is expected in the next 30 days.
RMC3359	Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Invasive Weed Control in Riparian Habitat of San Gabriel Valley	\$36,000	Work has begun on treatment of the invasive weeds in the grant area.
RMC3225	City of La Mirada	La Mirada Creek Restoration Planning	\$150,000	The City is preparing to enter into an agreement with LA County Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. An RFP is in the final review stage to solicit proposals from qualified consultants.
RMC3367	La Verne Land Conservancy	La Verne Open Space ANF Connection (Project 1)	\$208,000	The La Verne Land Conservancy has executed its grant agreement. The City of La Verne will be accepting the open space as it is purchased, agreeing to work with the La Verne Land Conservancy in completing this project.
RMC3222	City of Fullerton	Laguna Lake Park Master Plan	\$500,000	RJM, a consultant has developed the concept design. The City will take the concept design to the City Park Commission in October.
RMC3231	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Lario Creek Enhancement Project	\$125,000	The final report outlining two concept alignments for Lario Creek has been completed and is currently under review.
RMC3372	City of El Monte	Lashbrook Park	\$71,000	The City of El Monte has received its grant agreement. Amigos de los Rios has been hired as the consultants and is currently completing a tenure agreement with the ACOE and the County.
RMC3373	County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation	Legg Lake Fishing Pier)	\$500,000	Grant agreement has been transmitted for signature.
RMC3374	City of Walnut	Lemon Creek	\$225,000	Grant agreement has been executed and the work has begun on this project
RMC3570	Aquarium of the Pacific	Long Beach Aquarium Watershed Exhibit Expansion Project	\$1,322,000	Grant agreement has been executed and the grantee is proceeding with land tenure agreements and permits.
RMC3559	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Long Canyon, Santa Clara River	\$100,000	MRCA has completed the acquisition of the property.
RMC3380	City of Bell	Los Angeles River Bikeway Path Enhancement and Rehabilitation	\$200,000	The City has received and is reviewing the grant agreement. The City indicated that it will sign it and send it by September 23, 2005.
RMC3226	City of Lynwood	Lynwood Meadows	\$562,379	The grantee is in the process of completing the planning process. A comprehensive workplan is in place for the development of the park. Grantee has indicated that there may be a delay in the project schedule due to road work on the adjacent street. A time extension will be required for this project.
RMC3266	City of Lynwood	Lynwood Nature Park	\$5,000	Lynwood and South Gate are working with North East Trees to approve lease with Cal Trans, negotiate reauthorization of \$150K in State Funds, and maintenance responsibilities. This grant paid for the environmental work on the site.

Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Funds Allocated	Project Status
				Monthly Report for Board Report by Project Manager
RMC3394	North East Trees	Maywood Bikeway Access	\$208,254	The grantee has not commenced work on this project. Work will begin in September, 2005.
RMC3395	City of Maywood	Maywood Riverfront Park	\$250,000	Grant agreement has been executed and work has begun on the project. Expected completion date is June 30, 2006.
RMC3269	City of Pico Rivera	Mines Avenue Bike Lane Improvement Project	\$280,118	Due to staffing changes with the City and RMC the timeline for this project has been impacted. Staff will follow up with further action within the next 30 days.
RMC3204	City of Monrovia	Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve- Butcher	\$810,000	The City of Monrovia has communicated with several property owners, gathering information on their willingness to sell priority identified parcels to the City at a fair, market price.
RMC3419	City of Downey	NASA Park	\$250,000	Work has begun on this project. Geotech work has been completed.
RMC3571	Friends of the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge	Native Plant Garden Trail Restoration	\$25,000	The grant agreement has been executed, the grantee is moving forward beginning work in late September.
RMC3422	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Native Plant Palettes for the San Gabriel River	\$52,788	Work is scheduled to begin in September 2005.
RMC3207	City of Brea	Olinda Historic Trail	\$98,050	The City of Brea will begin construction this month on the full length of the trail, including the new conservation easement and the extension approved by the RMC.
RMC3426	City of Brea	Olinda Historic Trail Phase II	\$45,000	The City of Brea will begin construction this month on the full length of the trail, including the new conservation easement and the extension approved by the RMC (Olinda Trail II).
RMC3253	Orange County Division, League of Cities	Orange County Open Space and Multi-purpose Opportunities	\$125,000	The Grantee has completed the scope of work and submitted a final report. File Closed.
RMC3429	City of Duarte	Pacific Communities Project	\$3,500,000	The City received funds from the WCB this summer and is taking the next steps for acquisition.
RMC3200	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Park Bond Project Management Services	\$360,487	Services under this grant have been completed.
RMC3270	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Park Bond Project Management Services II (Capital Projects)	\$589,139	Services under this grant have been completed.
RMC3242	City of Baldwin Park	Park Master Plan- Baldwin Park	\$50,000	Selected consultant withdrew, citing inadequate experience for additional scope requested by Baldwin Park Councilmembers. Tree People contract will augment outreach and survey resources.
RMC3214	Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation	Peck Water Conservation Park	\$25,000	Grantee presented final recommendations to RMC staff in March, 2005 however due to the personal leave of the EO the final report has not been submitted. The grant should be closed within the next 60 days.
RMC3235	Friends of Pio Pico	Pio Pico State Historic Park Improvements	\$5,000	Final text of Brochure being produced. Extension was processed. Project expected to be concluded by November 1, 2005.

Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Funds Allocated	Project Status Monthly Report for Board Report by Project Manager
RMC3224	City of La Puente	Puente Creek Nature Education Center	\$400,000	The design group has developed the initial design and is getting input from the various stakeholders. Joint use agreement is being worked out to provide maximum flexibility for site to provide adequate amenities such as parking. There will be a presentation to community stakeholders on Monday, 9/19.
RMC3241	City of Paramount	Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion	\$200,000	This project has been delayed due to RMC staffing changes. A new project manager has been assigned and follow up will take place within the next 30 days
RMC3561	City of Paramount	Ralph C. Dills Project	\$72,000	This part of the work has been completed as part of the acquisition.
RMC3234	Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation	Rancho Los Alamitos Native Garden Restoration	\$63,546	installation of the water filtration is progressing.
RMC3216	Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation	Rancho Los Cerritos Landscape Restoration	\$55,230	Final concept plans are complete and cost estimates based on final concept are being finalized.
RMC3458	City of Montebello	Rio Hondo - Roosevelt Avenue River Trail Entry	\$200,000	The City is completing the plans for the trail head they will be ready for review at the end of the fall of 2005.
RMC3271	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Rio Hondo Watershed Plan	\$37,455	The plan has been completed
RMC3465	City of El Monte and Amigos de los Rios	Rio Vista Nature Trail	\$567,000	Work has begun on the initial phases of the project.
RMC3221	City of El Monte	Rio Vista Park Restoration and Conservation Project	\$375,200	Demolition of the restoration areas is underway, construction will begin by the end of the month with completion by the end of 2005.
RMC3557	Southern California Coastal Water research Project	Riparian and Wetland Mapping	\$104,000	Grant agreement has been transmitted for signature
RMC3248	Watershed Conservation Authority	Rivers and Tributary Access Improvements	\$500,000	The RMC has authorized four specific projects from this grant primarily for signage improvements. The four sites are the Bosque del Rio Hondo (MRCA), SG River Thienes Ave. (Hollywood Beautification), LA River Bike Path at Golden Shore (Long Beach) and the Lower Los Angeles River Bike Path Signage (LA-DPW). Staff is working on three additional projects: SG River at Irwindale; Compton and Coyote Creeks. A status report will be made by DPW at this meeting.
RMC3272	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	RMC Grant Guidelines	\$148,422	The grant guidelines have been completed and updated. The consultant completed the workshops and provided all relevant materials. Final close of out grant shall be completed within the next 60 days.
RMC3254	Watershed Conservation Authority	RMC Workprogram Implementation	\$4,600,000	As the RMC makes recommendations and the WCA authorizes the utilization of funds, the grant amount is reduced.
RMC3477	Upper San Gabriel MWD	San Gabriel River Discovery Center	\$60,000	The project is currently on hold pending an agreement on the terms of the Joint Powers Authority that will take the lead on the project
RMC3236	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	San Gabriel River Environmental Graphic Design Services Program	\$17,500	Project is complete.
RMC3228	City of Pico Rivera	San Gabriel River Spreading Grounds	\$479,882	This project is being administered by LAC DPW. The bids received in response to the 1st request were extremely high; the project is being re-bid. The timeline will have to be extended.

Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Funds Allocated	Project Status Monthly Report for Board Report by Project Manager
RMC3567	City of Whittier	San Gabriel River Trail Connector to Pio Pico State Historic Park	\$500,000	Recommendation on RMC May 16 agenda for contract with Whittier for final design and construction of extension along Alternative 2 alignment. Stakeholders met in Feb and support project. Pico Rivera also interested stakeholder.
RMC3239	City of Seal Beach	San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement	\$150,000	The City of Seal Beach has concept plans as well as construction documents. These are currently under review by RMC staff.
RMC3481	City of Long Beach	San Gabriel River Walk	\$622,600	The City is executing the grant agreement. It has moved forward with a stakeholders meeting. The City has presented it concept plans to the RMC for review.
RMC3247	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Restoration Assessment Project	\$86,895	The Biologist has completed his sampling and has sent draft of his analysis.
RMC3230	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	San Jose Creek Bike Trail Planning	\$200,000	The City and consultant are revising portions of the master plan which staff believes will enhance the project. However, the extended planning process will require a time extension for completion of the project.
RMC3215	North East Trees	San Jose Creek Greenway Improvements, Phase II	\$48,975	The Grantee has completed the planting and community outreach phases of the project and is finalizing signage design. Permits are also pending with the Army Corps of Engineers
RMC3210	City of Santa Fe Springs	Santa Fe Springs Park Master Plan & Nature Sanctuary Feasibility Study	\$100,000	City Council approved the design concept on May 12, 2005. There has been a few delays in the timeline; Purkiss Rose has begun public outreach. City expects to begin construction late 2006 or early 2007. Extension required.
RMC3244	City of Seal Beach	Seal Beach Open Space Opportunities	\$100,000	The City of Seal Beach has received the final report RMC staff is currently reviewing this report.
RMC3262	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority	Seventh Avenue Trailhead Improvements	\$231,739	The Habitat Authority began construction and is nearing completion with the opening of the trail on September 22, 2005.
RMC3237	North East Trees	South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration	\$500,000	NET is executing an agreement with the City of South Gate to begin with the design plans for the site. They will be coordinating with Cal Trans, City of Lynwood and other relevant stakeholders.
RMC3220	City of Diamond Bar	Sycamore Canyon Park Trail Development Project-Diamond Bar	\$124,081	Construction is underway, the trailhead is taking shape as are the improvements to the trail. Completion is slated for mid-September.
RMC3582	City of Diamond Bar	Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase II	\$140,000	The grant agreement has been executed. The work on the second phase of the trail is being designed by the engineering staff and will go out to bid by the end of the month.
RMC3227	City of Palmdale	Tejon Park Expansion and Una Lake Equestrian Park	\$265,000	Planners for the City are reviewing early concepts for development that would include a set aside of the Una Lake property for open space.
RMC3218	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	THINK RIVER!	\$46,440	Project is complete. The final version of Think River! Is on file.
RMC3291	City of Bellflower	Train Depot Staging Area	\$250,000	The RMC authorized a grant of \$250,000 for this project on June 20, 2005.
RMC3209	City of San Gabriel	Vincent Lugo Park Renovation	\$75,000	The consultant is working on development of the preferred alternative.

Project ID	Applicant	Project Name	Funds Allocated	Project Status Monthly Report for Board Report by Project Manager
RMC3205	City of Pasadena	Washington Park Implementation-Pasadena	\$331,544	The planning for this project is continuing on schedule. Plans are at the 90% complete stage. Design of interpretative signage is in the final review stage.
RMC3219	Regents of the University of California	Watershed Education in Multi-lingual Communities	\$32,094	Grantee has completed the draft curriculum with the ELA College ESL program.
RMC3267	TreePeople	Watershed Education Outreach	\$188,750	Grantee working with RMC staff to refine scope of work for Baldwin Park and Paramount. SFS scope may be redirected, pending meeting with grantee.
RMC3250	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Watershed Improvement Projects-LACC	\$150,000	LACC has provided ongoing assistance with weed abatement at the Duck Farm property under this grant and phase one of removal of invasive exotic weeds is complete.
RMC3543	City of Lakewood	West San Gabriel River Open Space Project Phase II	\$300,000	work has begun on this project.
RMC3245	City of Whittier	Whittier Greenway Extension	\$150,000	Project is completed and final billing has been submitted. Staff with work with the city to identify funding for further work on this project. . City will contract next phase: Construction Drawings.
RMC3255	Watershed Conservation Authority	Woodland Duck Farm Acquisition	\$1,443,575	Approval of the agreement with LADPW is expected to be complete in Septemeber, 2005.
RMC3203	City of Long Beach	Wrigley Heights Acquisition	\$5,000,000	The property owner is seeking approval for a storage unit facility while city staff is pursuing other funding opportunities for the site as the asking price is considerably more than the grant amount.

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8A: Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority redirect a grant for development and installation of the interpretive panels at the Bosque del Rio Hondo Park (WCA 032003)

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

PROJECT TYPE: Interpretation

JURISDICTION: Los Angeles County, Supervisor District 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the development of eight (66" x 21") interpretive panels that will provide information on the native vegetation, wildlife, culturally significant events and the natural history of the Rio Hondo and its connection to the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River Watersheds.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the adoption of a resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority redirect the grant for the development and installation of the interpretive panel at the Bosque del Rio Hondo Park (WCA 32003).

BACKGROUND: The RMC recommended that the WCA authorize a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to complete the interpretive panels to fit into the sign kiosks at the Bosque del Rio Hondo. The MRCA no longer has the capacity to complete this project. Staff recommends that it be folded into on going interpretive projects that are in the planning stages on the San Gabriel River under the Rivers and Tributary Access Improvements project (RMC3248). Once the Bosque panels are incorporated into this project it will become part of the planning process for a number of interpretive projects currently in the planning process.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The funds allocated to this project (\$10,000) shall be redirected to the Rivers and Tributary Access Improvements project (RMC 3248).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

32614- The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (f) Recruit and coordinate volunteers and experts to conduct interpretive and recreational programs and assist with construction projects and the maintenance of parkway facilities.

32614- The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (g) Undertake, within the territory, site improvement projects, regulate public access, and revegetate and otherwise rehabilitate degraded areas, in consultation with any other public agency with appropriate jurisdiction and expertise, in accordance with the

purposes set forth in Section 32602. The conservancy may also, within the territory, upgrade deteriorating facilities and construct new facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation and interpretation, and natural resources protection. The conservancy may undertake those projects by itself or in conjunction with another local agency; however, the conservancy shall provide overall coordination of those projects by setting priorities for the projects and by ensuring a uniform approach to projects. The conservancy may undertake those projects with prior notification to the legislative body of the local agency that has jurisdiction in the area in which the conservancy proposes to undertake that activity.

September 19, 2005- Item 8A

RESOLUTION 2005-64

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY RE-DIRECT A GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF THE INTERPRETIVE PANELS AT THE BOSQUE DEL RIO HONDO PARK (WCA 32003).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. RECOMMENDS that the Watershed Conservation Authority disencumber the grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and directly contract for development and installation of the interpretive panels at the Bosque Del Rio Hondo Park (WCA 32003).

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on September 19, 2005

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8B: Consideration of a resolution recommending that the scope, budget and timeline be amended for the City of Seal Beach grant for the San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement Planning Project (RMC 3239)

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

PROJECT TYPE: Planning

JURISDICTION: City of Seal Beach

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC authorize an amendment to the San Gabriel River Trail Project (RMC 3239) that extends the timeline two months, amends the budget with an increase of \$10,000 and amends the scope to provide that the consultants (RBF) will develop a grant application for Resources Agency's Prop 50 River Greenway Grants Program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will restore the existing San Gabriel River Trail and the trailside facilities from the Marina Dr. to Pacific Coast Highway and upgrade the site to feature new amenities. The project will also include consultant services to write a grant for additional funding from the Resources Agency.

BACKGROUND: The City of Seal Beach has been diligently working on the plans for the greening of the end of the San Gabriel Trail as well as the parking lot improvements and the landscaping and amenities that are in the vicinity of the end of the trail with the grant from the RMC. The initial cost estimates for the entire project are for \$950,000. The RMC has set aside \$500,000 for project development. The opportunity to apply for a grant this fall with the Resources Agency would allow the completion of the entire project if it is awarded. The City does not have the resources to write the grant, however the current consultants are very familiar with the project and the requirements for the new grant opportunity. This would allow for an efficient use of funds in this effort.

FISCAL INFORMATION: It is recommended that the increased funding for this project be allocated from Proposition 40. The budget for this amendment on the project (RMC 3239) would be \$10,000.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Statute

32604- The conservancy shall do all of the following:

- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

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Further, the California State Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b) and 5066.650(b)(6) provide that:.,(b) The sum of four hundred forty-five million dollars (\$445,000,000) to the conservancies in accordance with the particular provisions of the statute creating each conservancy for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources; for grants and state administrative costs; and in accordance with the following schedule...

Section 5096.650(b)(6) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy\$40,000,000.



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**San Gabriel Trail & Staging Area Amended Budget
Exhibit B**

Task	Budgeted Amount
Task II-1: Research/Reconnaissance	\$10,000
Task II-2: Topographic Mapping	\$5,000
Task II-3, 7, 5.1: Outreach	\$10,000
Task II-4: Opportunities & Constraints	\$5,000
Task II-5: Draft Conceptual Design	\$35,000
Task II-6: Final Conceptual Design	\$60,000
Task II-9: Final Report	\$15,000
Task II-10: Meetings/Management	\$10,000
Task II-11: Grant Proposal Draft	\$10,000
Total Budget	\$160,000

Project Description for Amendment:

The project will restore the existing San Gabriel River Trail and the trailside facilities from the Marina Dr. to Pacific Coast Highway and upgrade the site to feature new amenities.

The project is being amended to:

- include a consultant to write a grant for additional funding from the Resources Agency
- extend the performance period until October 30, 2005
- amend the budget to increase it by \$15,000

September 19, 2005- Item 8B

RESOLUTION NO.: 2005-65

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO PROPOSITION 40 GRANT TO THE CITY OF SEAL BEACH FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER TRAIL ENHANCEMENT PLANNING PROJECT (RMC 3239)

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Bond Act); and

WHEREAS, The City of Seal Beach has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, This action will amend the Proposition 40 grant to The City of Seal Beach for the San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement Planning project (RMC 3239); and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that this project is consistent with the purposes of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Bond Act).
3. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. ADOPTS the staff recommendation dated September 19, 2005
5. AUTHORIZES an amendment to the grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the City of Seal Beach for the San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement Planning project (RMC 3239).
6. APPROVES an amendment that extends the performance period and modifies the scope of work in accordance with the staff report.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on September 19, 2005.

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9A: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the City of Anaheim for the Anaheim Coves Park Development Phase 1 Project (RMC 3576).

PROGRAM AREA: Multiple

PROJECT TYPE: Multiple

JURISDICTION: City of Anaheim

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC award a grant to the City of Anaheim in the amount of \$841,000 for the Anaheim Coves Park Development Phase 1 (RMC 3576). It is recommended that the funds for this grant be allocated from the WCA Workprogram Implementation grant of \$4,500,000.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The first phase of work will largely consist of refurbishment of existing landscaping and irrigation along Rio Vista Street and adjacent areas, parking for 12 cars near the Ball Road entrance, asphaltting and fencing the road separating the Islands Golf Driving Range from the main water area at Anaheim Coves, fencing to separate public use areas from the water (as there can be no body contact with the water), picnic tables and benches on concrete slabs, barbeques, planting of approximately 1,020 trees of various sizes as well as other native vegetation, interpretation signage and entry improvements, and miscellaneous road repair.

BACKGROUND: During the call for projects in Orange County the City of Anaheim put forth the Anaheim Coves Project in coordination with the Orange County Water District. Staff's initial evaluation was that it did not meet the 18 month criteria. After the recovery of funds from a rescinded grant for a project in Orange County staff reevaluated the projects from Orange County. The City of Anaheim was approached to see if the Anaheim Coves project could be developed in discrete phases.

The 116-acre Burris Pit area, known as Anaheim Coves, is the final basin in a series of recharge basins on the Santa Ana River in the City of Anaheim. It is readily adaptable to recreational uses. Because of the large size of the property, and its attendant development costs, the project has been phased with a plan designed to enable the public begin to enjoy the area by August of 2007.

FISCAL INFORMATION: It is recommended that the funding for this project be Proposition 50. The budget for this project is \$980,476 with the City providing \$138,866 in goods and services with the remainder of \$841,610 coming from the RMC funds if awarded (see attached budget detail). It is recommended that the funds for this grant be allocated from the WCA Workprogram Implementation grant (RMC 3254) of \$4,500,000 consistent with the adopted policy of disencumbering this grant as specific project allocations are approved.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

32604- The conservancy shall do all of the following:

- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

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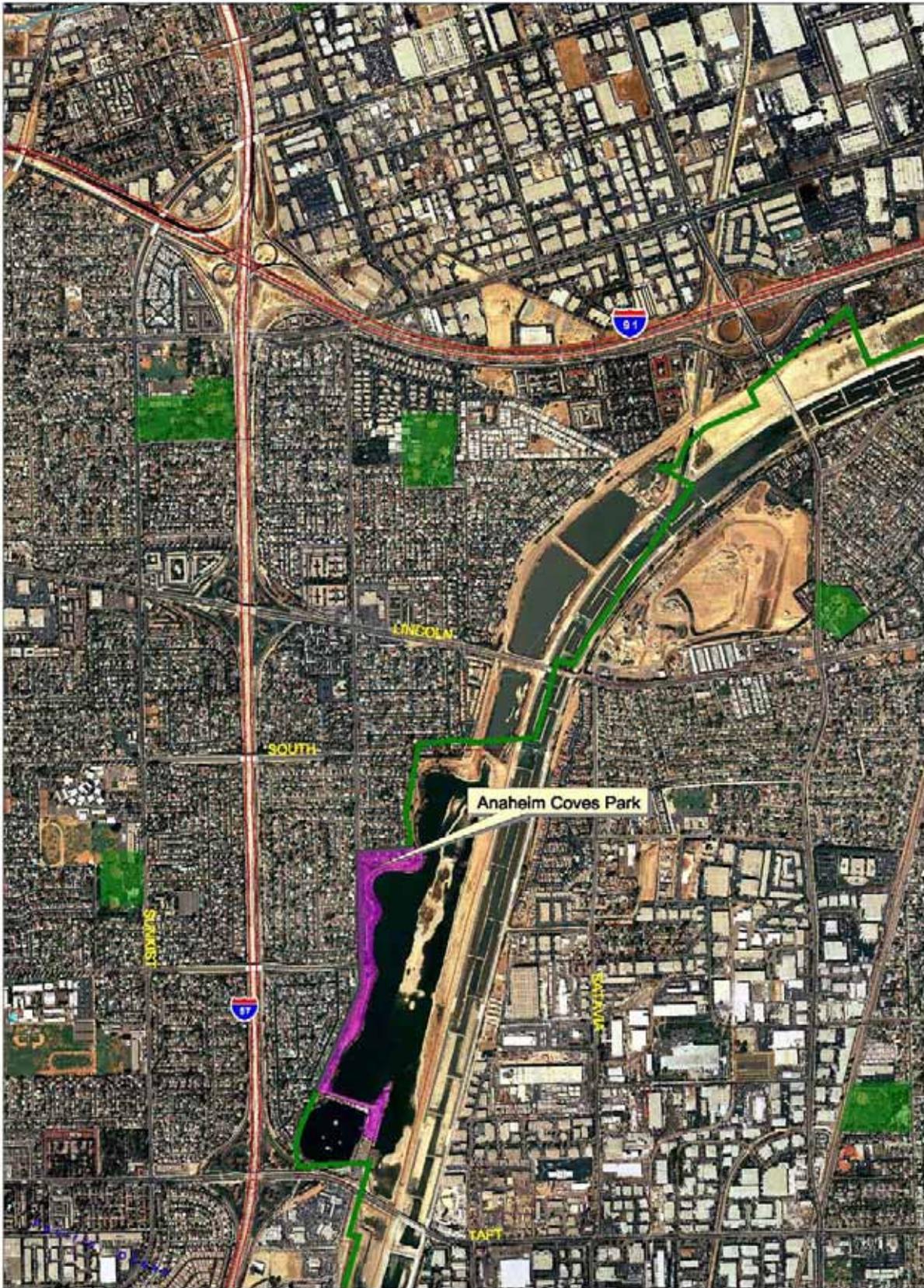
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- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.

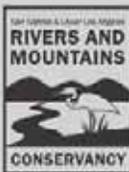
Further, California Water Code Section 79570(d) provides twenty million (\$20,000,000) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for protection of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River watersheds pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600 of the Public Resources Code).



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ANAHEIM COVES
PROJECT COSTS PHASE I DEVELOPMENT

1	<u>Rio Vista Area Landscape Enhancement</u>		
	20 new trees - 24-inch box size	\$	20,000
	New irrigation equipment (to connect to City's Central Irrigation System)	\$	10,000
			\$ 30,000
2	<u>Additional Landscape Area North and South of Existing Rio Vista Landscaped Area</u>		
	Approximately 90,000 sq. ft. of irrigation & landscape @ \$3.00 sq. ft.	\$	270,000
			\$ 270,000
3	<u>Landscape Treatment Along Length of Existing Maintenance Road</u>		
	Approximate 27,000 sq. ft. of irrigation landscape @ \$3.00 sq. ft.	\$	81,000
			\$ 81,000
4	<u>Addition of 1,000 Trees</u>		
	1,000 Mixed 15-gallon and 24" box sizes	\$	50,000
			\$ 50,000
5	<u>Asphalt Roadway between Island Golf Range and the Anaheim Coves Water Area</u>		
	15,600 Sq. ft. @\$3.50 sq. ft.	\$	54,600
			\$ 54,600
6	<u>New Fencing Length of Maintenance Rd/Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail</u>		
	8,580 Lineal feet @25.00 sq. ft.	\$	214,500
			\$ 214,500
7	<u>New Parking Lot off of Ball Rd Entrance (12 cars)</u>		
	2,400 sq. ft. @ \$5.00 sq. ft.	\$	12,000
			\$ 12,000
8	<u>Benches/Picnic Benches/Barbeques</u>		
	8 benches and 4 picnic and barbeques on concrete slabs	\$	18,000
			\$ 18,000
9	<u>Signage and Entry Improvements</u>	\$	25,000
			\$ 25,000
10	<u>Miscellaneous Asphalt Repairs</u>		
	Pot hole, edge treatment repairs	\$	10,000
			\$ 10,000
			\$ 765,100
11	<u>Contingency (10%)</u>	\$	76,510
			\$ 841,610
	<u>City Project Related Costs</u>		
	Inspection/Administration (3.5%)	\$	29,456
	Permits (3%)	\$	25,248
	Design (10%)	\$	84,161
		\$	138,866
			\$ 138,866
		SUB-TOTAL:	\$ 980,476
		Less City Match	\$ 138,866
			\$ 841,610
	RMC GRANT REQUEST GRAND TOTAL:	\$	841,610

ANAHEIM COVES - PHASE I

LAND TENURE AND AGREEMENT						
Deliverable	Tasks	Task Description/Comments	Start Date	End Date	Cost	Funding Source
					per task	
Draft Agreement	In progress	Currently finalizing details with Orange County Water District for Joint Use Agreement	In Process	10/1/2005	City Staff Time	City
Final Agreement	Finalize Use Agreement		10/11/2005	10/25/2005	City Staff Time	City
Encroachment Permit	Obtain encroachment permit from OCWD	Get written permission from owner to allow the consultant to enter the site for project design purposes	10/26/2005	11/23/2005	City/OCWD staff time	City
Survey Data for Design	Gather necessary survey data for Design concept of the project	Preliminary data will be gathered prior to selecting an Architect and Engineering Firm.	11/28/2005	12/27/2005	City /OCWD staff time	City
DESIGN						
Deliverable	Tasks	Task Description	Start Date	End Date	Cost	Funding Source
					per task	
Architect & Engineering Firm	Draft & Mail RFP		8/1/2005	8/8/2005	City Staff Time	City
	Await completed proposals from interested firms		8/8/2005	8/29/2005	City Staff Time	
	Review proposals received		8/29/2005	9/12/2005	City Staff Time	
	Conduct Interviews and complete selection process		9/12/2005	9/26/2005	City Staff Time	
	City Council awards Architect and Engineering Contract		9/26/2005	10/10/2005	City Staff Time	
	Send Notice to Proceed to selected firm		10/10/2005	10/10/2005	City Staff Time	
Final Concept Design	Finalize development of the Concept Design	Incorporate survey data and public input into the concept design	10/10/2005	10/24/2005	City Staff Time	City
Public Input	Public meetings to review final concept design	Send out notices and conduct community meetings	10/24/2005	11/7/2005	City Staff Time	
		Hold Community Meetings	11/21/2005	12/20/2005	City Staff Time	
	Approval of Final Master Plan	Master Plan is presented to Parks and Recreation Commission for approval	1/25/2006	1/25/2006	City Staff Time	
Project Construction Documents	Complete Construction Documentation	Architect to submit construction drawings at 50%, 90%, and 100% completion states	1/26/2006	6/1/2007	\$84,161	City
City/OCWD Approval-Building Permit	Obtain Approval from City/OCWD	Plans reviewed by City's Community Services Dept., Building Dept., and by OCWD to obtain approval of plans	6/1/2006	8/9/2006	City Staff Time	City

ANAHEIM COVES - PHASE I

CONSTRUCTION						
Deliverable	Tasks	Task Description	Start Date	End Date	Cost	Funding
					per task	Source
CEQA Negative Declaration and environmental documents	Complete Initial Study and Environmental Information Forms	Complete required forms to file for Negative Declaration	1/26/2006	3/27/2006	City Staff Time	City
Public Bid Process	Complete Bid for project construction	Prepare bid	8/10/2006	8/17/2006	City Staff Time	City
		Await proposals from bidding firms and review bids	8/17/2006	9/17/2006	City Staff Time	
		Award Bid to Construction Company	9/21/2006	10/3/2006	City Staff Time	
Copy of Contractor Bond & Insurances	Obtain Contractor Bond and Insurances	In order to proceed with the job, City must have all the required insurances and documentation	10/3/2006	10/24/2006	City Staff Time	City
Notice to Proceed	Issue Notice to Proceed	Once required materials have been received and approved by the City, then the City issues a Notice to Proceed	10/25/2006	10/25/2006	City Staff Time	City
Phase I built	Construction	Upon confirmation to the Notice to Proceed, the Construction Company can begin construction on the project	10/25/2006	3/31/2007	841,610 RMC \$54,701 City	RMC Grant, City
	Project Monitoring	City Staff monitors contractor progress, reviews final report and takes appropriate further action.	10/25/2006	3/31/2007	City Staff Time	
	Maintenance period	Contractor allows a 90-day grow-in period for landscaping to ensure survival of plant materials	3/31/2007	7/1/2007	City Staff Time	
Phase I complete	Project closeout and Notice of Completion issued	City/OCWD approve project and process Notice of Completion (45 day period)	7/1/2007	8/15/2007	City Staff Time	City

September 19, 2005 - Item 9A

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-66

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF ANAHEIM FOR THE ANAHEIM COVES PARK DEVELOPMENT PHASE 1 PROJECT (RMC 3576).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the addition of the City of Anaheim's Anaheim Coves Park Development Phase 1 Project (RMC3576) to the RMC workprogram.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated September 19, 2005
5. APPROVES a grant from Proposition 50 in the amount of \$841,000 to the City of Anaheim for the Anaheim Coves Park Development Phase I (RMC 3576).

6. AUTHORIZES a corresponding reduction in the Workprogram Implementation grant (RMC 3254) to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON September 19, 2005

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9B: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the City of Anaheim for the Oak Canyon Nature Center Interpretive Elements (RMC 3425).

PROGRAM AREA: Mountains, Hills, and Foothills

PROJECT TYPE: Interpretation

JURISDICTION: City of Anaheim

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC award a grant to the City of Anaheim for the Oak Canyon Nature Center Interpretive Elements (RMC3425) in the amount of \$6,050.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project proposes improvements for the Oak Canyon Nature Center's interpretive trail. The RMC funding would provide the means to install new interpretive elements on the Nature Center's Heritage Trail consisting of the manufacture and installation of custom galvanized steel posts that will support a new "funnel-web spider" crawl through web.

BACKGROUND: The Oak Canyon Nature Center is a 58-acre natural parkland with a year-round stream, Walnut Creek, three adjoining canyons, and over four miles of hiking trails that traverse oak woodlands and coastal sage scrub habitat. The Oak Canyon Nature Center is open to the public everyday, year round and hosts approximately 38,000 visitors each year.

The City of Anaheim proposed this project with the earlier call for projects, at that time the project consisted of a large amount of paving in access areas. It did not score well in the evaluation process and was not recommended for funding. The RMC staff went back to the City requesting a new approach to what needed to be done in the park to enhance the visitor experience. The City sent back the project in this form.

FISCAL INFORMATION: It is recommended that the funding for this project be Proposition 40. The budget for this project is \$ 6,050 as detailed in the attached budget.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

32614- The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (f) Recruit and coordinate volunteers and experts to conduct interpretive and recreational programs and assist with construction projects and the maintenance of parkway facilities.

32614- The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (g) Undertake, within the territory, site improvement projects, regulate public access, and revegetate and otherwise rehabilitate degraded areas, in consultation with any other

public agency with appropriate jurisdiction and expertise, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602. The conservancy may also, within the territory, upgrade deteriorating facilities and construct new facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation and interpretation, and natural resources protection. The conservancy may undertake those projects by itself or in conjunction with another local agency; however, the conservancy shall provide overall coordination of those projects by setting priorities for the projects and by ensuring a uniform approach to projects. The conservancy may undertake those projects with prior notification to the legislative body of the local agency that has jurisdiction in the area in which the conservancy proposes to undertake that activity.

32614.5-

- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.

Further, California State Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(b) and 5066.650(b)(6) provide that:.,(b) The sum of four hundred forty-five million dollars (\$445,000,000) to the conservancies in accordance with the particular provisions of the statute creating each conservancy for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources; for grants and state administrative costs; and in accordance with the following schedule...Section 5096.650(b)(6) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy\$40,000,000.



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**Oak Canyon
Nature
Center
RMC3425**

- RMC Boundary
- Open Space
- City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Los Angeles Watershed
- San Gabriel Watershed
- Lakes and Reservoirs

- Freeways
- Major Roads
- Major Rivers
- Minor Rivers



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Sources: State of California - The Resource Agency - United States Geological Survey - Thomas Brothers Maps - California Department of Fish and Game

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Oak Canyon Nature Center Interpretive Elements (RMC 3425) Exhibit A: Tasklist and Timeline

TASK LIST

1. Obtain an estimate for the manufacture and delivery of ten 4" od galv./brown powder coated posts with 2" diameter steel eye hooks and 18" steel rebar cages to the Nature Center.
2. Obtain estimate for the labor and concrete to set the 10 posts, rebar cages, and concrete footings per designed layout.
3. Authorize manufacture, delivery and installation of posts.
4. Request reimbursement /payment to vendor.
5. Project Completion report to RMC

TIME LINE

Upon approval, this project will take less than one month to complete.

Oak Canyon Nature Center Interpretive Elements (RMC 3425) Exhibit B: Budget

Manufacture and delivery of posts	\$2,875.00
Installations labor and materials	\$2,650.00
<u>10% Contingency</u>	<u>\$ 525.00</u>
<u>Total est. project expense</u>	<u>\$6,050.00</u>

Oak Canyon Nature Center Interpretive Elements (RMC 3425) Exhibit C: Monitoring and Assessment

The City of Anaheim currently has programming efforts on the project site and will provide all necessary support services during all phases of the proposed project utilizing current staff.

September 19,, 2005 - Item 9B

RESOLUTION 2005-67

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF ANAHEIM FOR THE OAK CANYON NATURE CENTER INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS PROJECT (RMC 3425)

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Park Bond Act) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that this project is consistent with the purposes of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Bond Act) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and
3. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated September 19, 2005.
5. APPROVES the addition of the Oak Canyon Nature Center Interpretive Elements Project (RMC 3425) to the RMC Workprogram.
6. APPROVES a grant in the amount of \$ 6,050.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on September 19, 2005.

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 9C: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to North East Trees for the Graham Trail Improvement Project (RMC 3340).

PROGRAM AREA: Urban Core

PROJECT TYPE: Development

JURISDICTION: Los Angeles County, Supervisor District 1

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of a resolution authorizing a grant in the amount of \$50,920 to North East Trees for the Graham Trail Improvement Project (RMC 3340).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Graham Trail project will include a naturalized dry boulder stream-like enhancement to an existing storm drain inlet at the intersection of the alley and the path; new vines and trees at the key access points, and signage manufactured on ceramic tiles and installed along the walkway. The project will also include planting of new street trees along the streets adjacent to the school.

BACKGROUND: The Graham Elementary Project is located in the unincorporated area of Florence-Firestone (Los Angeles County District 1), walking distance from the Firestone Blue line station. There are two Los Angeles Unified schools, an elementary and an early childhood center, that serve the Graham community. Situated in a very dense urban population, the major walkway into school is a pedestrian path along 85th Street that is owned and operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. This project will focus on the enhancement of this path which will be called The Graham Urban Trail, once it is completed.

North East Trees has designed an imaginative urban watershed trail that will enhance the pedestrian path with elements of ecological significance and will create a small urban destination designed to enhance water quality by improving the urban storm water runoff in the adjacent alley. The urban watershed trail will highlight the importance of preserving natural resources and reducing pollution in an urban neighborhood. Paving tiles made by the schoolchildren will be installed along the trail to reflect these concepts through the children's own artistic and conceptual vision. Local artists will work with North East Trees, the County, and the Supervisor's office to capture student representations of local habitat and wildlife.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The RMC awarded a \$5,000 contract with North East Trees for work from December 1, 2004 through April 1, 2005 to generate designs and preliminary budget for enhancements that included concepts for redesigning the underutilized alley and storm drain. The total cost for this phase of the project is \$102,270. The grant request for \$50,920 from RMC and \$45,840 from LADPW will fund the working drawings and completion of construction improvements. Los Angeles County District 1 has committed to provide \$2000 for project outreach and additional ongoing funding to maintain the completed project. Southern California Edison has undertaken to fund the necessary relocation of a utility pole in the project area. Funding will be allocated from RMC Prop 40 funds in accordance with the attached budget.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

32614- The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (g) Undertake, within the territory, site improvement projects, regulate public access, and revegetate and otherwise rehabilitate degraded areas, in consultation with any other public agency with appropriate jurisdiction and expertise, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602. The conservancy may also, within the territory, upgrade deteriorating facilities and construct new facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation and interpretation, and natural resources protection. The conservancy may undertake those projects by itself or in conjunction with another local agency; however, the conservancy shall provide overall coordination of those projects by setting priorities for the projects and by ensuring a uniform approach to projects. The conservancy may undertake those projects with prior notification to the legislative body of the local agency that has jurisdiction in the area in which the conservancy proposes to undertake that activity.

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- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

§32614.5: (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.



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**Graham Trail
Improvement
Project
RMC3340**

Source: State of California — The Resource Agency — United States Geological Survey — Thomas Brothers Maps — California Department of Fish and Game

- RMCO boundary
- Open Space
- City boundary
- County boundary
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GRAHAM URBAN TRAIL PROJECT TIMELINE

No.	Deliverables	Month	Task 1: Design Development	Task 2: Construction drawings	Task 3: Permits	Task 4: Community Outreach	Task 5: Design workshop	Task 6: Install bulb on light pole	Task 7: Move guy wires	Task 8: Construction	Task 9: Street Trees	Task 10: Closing Documentation	Administration	Contingency	Total Cost	
			\$9,000	\$5,000	1,500	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$700	\$3,500	31,400	\$36,000	\$1,000	\$7,530	\$2,640	\$103,270	
1	Prepare design specifications for Title, materials, soil tests, adhesives	1														
2	Full set of construction drawings	2	\$9,000													
3	Permits (Alley and street trees)*	3		5,000												
4	Outreach to neighbors	4			no-fee											
		4				\$2,000										
						\$2,000										
5	Design workshop with elementary school and artist	5														
							\$2,000									
							\$2,000									
							\$2,000									
6	Installation of Alley light bulb on existing pole	6						\$700								
7	Movement of SCE guy wires at entrance and alley	6							\$3,500							
8	Construction of improvements in alley and trail	9								\$26,400						
		9														
		9								5,000						
		10														
		11														
9	Installation of 100 street trees	12									\$30,000					
											\$6,000					
10	Closing documentation	13										1,000				
			\$4,000	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$4,000	6,000	700	\$3,500	\$31,400	\$36,000	\$1,000	\$7,530	\$2,640	\$103,270	

**Project Budget
Graham Elementary Park and Trail Concept---Implementation**

	Phase I		Units	Amount	Hrs	RMC	DPW (cash)	DPW (in-kind)	SD1 (in-kind)	SCE (in-kind)	
	Design Concept		1		100	\$5,000					
	Phase II-Design/Build										
	Design Development (tile, materials, coordination, specs, soil tests)				65	\$6,500					
1											
2	Construction drawings		(alley only)		50	\$5,000					
3	Permits (Alley and street trees)*							\$1,500			
4	Outreach to immediate neighbors		2 parent group meetings		20				\$2,000		
		NET develops bilingual presentation and bilingual fact sheet			20	2,000					
5.1											
5	Design workshop with 20 students	Facilitation at workshop	1 Saturday workshop		20	\$2,000					
		Artist prepares workshop and generates nature icons	10-12 icons		20	\$2,000					
5.1											
		NET design and produce bilingual flyers for workshop	2,000 flyers		20	\$2,000					
5.2											
6	New Street Lamp on Alley pole/Grape (DPW must request; and edison will install)		1 street light lamp					\$700			
7	Movement of SCE guy wires at entrance and alley		1							\$3,500	
8	Construction of improvements in alley and trail (From Fir to 84th Street)										
		12"x12" tiles custom tile insert	40			\$6,200					
8.1											
		Metal Trash Receptacle	1 in (alley only)			\$1,700					
8.2											
		Boulder/cobble placement for dry stream alley drainage	alley			\$7,200					
8.3											
		Decomposed granite surfacing	(alley only)			\$6,200					
8.4											
		Construction/demolition haul away	(alley only)					\$5,000			
8.5											
		24" box trees	5			\$2,100					
8.6											
		5 gallon plant	10								
8.7											
		1 gallon plant	15								
8.8											
		5 gallon vines	17								
8.9											
		Soil amendment				\$3,000					
'8.10											
9	Street Trees in parkways		100					\$30,000			
		Coordination and supervision of street tree implementation	3 meetings @4 hrs each		60		\$6,000				
9.1											
10	Construction contingency		10% of Construction				\$2,640				
11	Project Administration		10% of Phase II			\$5,020					
	Sum total					\$102,260	50,920	8,640	37,200	\$2,000	\$3,500

* County to waive fees

Note: no irrigation in alley; DPW road maintenance will water and maintain.

Exhibit C: Monitoring and assessment plan for Graham Urban Trail Phase 2

A. Landscape Maintenance

1. Pre-construction: During Task 9--- the coordination of street tree installation--- North East Trees will work with LA County DPW to ensure that a watering program is developed for the street trees and the alley improvements, through a combination of private property owners and the County's Road Maintenance Division's watering trucks.
2. Establishment period (90 days): North East Trees will monitor the establishment of the urban trail landscape improvements, for 90 days following installation. Watering will be provided by the County.
3. Post construction: After the 90-day establishment period, the County Department of Public Works will continue to provide water to the new landscaping in the alley and will maintain that the street trees are watered and not damaged.

B. Graffiti Abatement

1. LA County DPW will continue to abate graffiti on walls, the walkway, and the alley walls in the area of the Graham urban trail, after construction.

C. Tile Replacement

1. Tiles will be laid in such a manner that they will not be an easy target for vandals. North East Trees will provide replacement tiles and will provide specifications for the tiles to LACO DPW and LACO CDC, so that tiles can be replaced over the life of the project (20 years or in-perpetuity).

September 19, 2005 - Item 9C

RESOLUTION NO.: 2005-68

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO NORTH EAST TREES FOR THE GRAHAM TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RMC 3340).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Park Bond Act) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated September 19, 2005 and
4. APPROVES the addition of the Graham Trail Improvements Project to the RMC Workprogram.
5. APPROVES a grant from Proposition 40 in the amount of \$50,920 to North East Trees for the Graham Trail Project Phase 2.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON September 19, 2005

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9D: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the City of Cudahy for Los Angeles River Parkway Access Improvements (RMC 3586).

PROGRAM AREA: River Parkway

PROJECT TYPE: Development & Interpretation

JURISDICTION: City of Cudahy

RECOMMENDATION: That direction be given to staff regarding development of a grant recommendation related to the City of Cudahy Los Angeles River Parkway Access Improvements (RMC 3586) in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The attached map developed by Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works (DPW) staff describes five distinct project sites including areas in the DPWs' right of way and along River Road between Live Oak and Fostoria Streets in the City of Cudahy.

1. The Cudahy Riverfront project has been designed and construction is scheduled to begin this year. The project is administered and funded by DPW.
2. The Gateway Enhancements to the Los Angeles River Bikeway have not been designed or funded. Staff expects to work with the City and DPW to complete the design and implementation.
3. Development of a Pocket Park – Clara Street: The City is taking steps to develop a conceptual plan for this site and may seek RMC funding for related river parkway access improvements.
4. Development of a Pocket Park – Cecilia Street: Same as above.
5. Acquisition and Development of Pocket Park – Fostoria: RMC staff has advised the City that currently there is no available RMC Prop. 40 or 50 funding for this element of the project.

BACKGROUND: On May 16, 2005, the City of Cudahy made a presentation to the RMC regarding their proposed project(s) along the Los Angeles River. At that time staff advised the Board that while the City had not submitted their project for consideration during our competitive grant cycles there were certain elements to their plans which could be eligible for the river parkway access improvement funds set aside for the current fiscal year. RMC staff has met with the City contract staff, DPW and staff from Supervisor Molina's office on various occasions regarding these projects. At this time the City has committed to obtaining a full concept design and budget for the pocket parks and the gateway enhancements. It is expected that this work will be completed within the next 60 to 90 days.

There are several significant reasons why this project is a priority for RMC funding: 1) providing River Parkway improvements in a highly impacted urban area, 2) strategically continuing the River Parkway improvements adjacent to the City of Bell's project previously approved by the Board, 3) allocating grant funds in a historically underserved area for previous RMC grant cycles and 4) leveraging other funded projects such as DPW, Prop. A and other state funds. The total

amount set aside for Phase II River Parkway Access Improvements for the current fiscal year is \$500,000. Staff is requesting direction to continue to work with the City to develop a grant proposal for consideration by the Board in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from RMC Prop. 50 funds upon completion of their conceptual plan and budget.

PROPOSED PROJECTS: CITY OF CUDAHY

1. **Cudahy Riverfront Project:** Involves landscaping a 1/4 mile reach along the Los Angeles River Bikeway from about Live Oak Street to Fostoria Street.
2. **Gateway Enhancements** to Los Angeles River Bikeway access points at both Clara Street and Cudahy Neighborhood Park.



3. **Development of a Pocket Park** on recently acquired parcel at Clara Street and River Road.
4. **Development of a Pocket Park** on recently acquired parcel at Cecilia Street and River Road.
5. **Acquisition and Development of Pocket Park** on parcel at Fostoria Street and River Road.

September 19, 2005 - Item 9D

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-69

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE CITY OF CUDAHY LOS ANGELES RIVER PARKWAY ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cudahy is developing a concept plan for a Los Angeles River Parkway within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations title 14 Section 15262 and Section 15306; and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 15262 and Section 15306.
3. DIRECTS staff to work with the City of Cudahy on the proposed project consistent with the terms described in the staff report dated September 19, 2005.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON September 19, 2005

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9E: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant to the Media & Policy Center Foundation for the Eden's Lost and Found Documentary.

PROGRAM AREA: Multiple

PROJECT TYPE: Interpretation

JURISDICTION: Territory Wide

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of a resolution authorizing a grant in the amount of \$74,750 to the Media and Policy Center Foundation for the Eden's Lost and Found Documentary. It is recommended that the funds for this grant be allocated from the WCA Workprogram Implementation grant of \$4,500,000.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will produce a film on the Emerald Necklace that will be a portion of the PBS series *Eden's Lost and Found*. This project will also provide a curriculum that will be developed closely with Amigos de los Rios to utilize with their community outreach, with the local schools and park programs as a companion to the film. Both of these products will utilize and enhance the interpretive themes and goals of the revitalized parks of the Emerald Necklace, emphasizing sustainable practices and choices.

BACKGROUND: The RMC provided a grant to the Media and Policy Center Foundation for an initial portion of the documentary *Eden's Lost and Found*. The goal of *Eden's Lost and Found* is to create an integrated media and grassroots educational program for PBS and international broadcasters, and for educational communities throughout the country, dealing with the rebirth of the urban environment through sustainable practices. *Eden's Lost and Found* will show how urban and community forestry and proper watershed management improves the quality of our daily lives. It will examine shifting urban priorities and re-visit earlier environmental strategies.

The initial two hours of the film was completed and the DVD for the RMC is in distribution. PBS approached the Media and Policy Center Foundation to expand their documentary/series from two to four hours. The Media and Policy Center Foundation approached the RMC with the idea of doing a specific piece on the resurgence of green space and ecological awareness in the El Monte Area, utilizing the Emerald Necklace as a tool to tell the story of what is happening along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers in a one of the most heavily populated areas in Los Angeles County.

The overall budget for this project is \$2,800,000 with funds coming in large and small amounts from different parts of the country and from different kinds of private and public entities.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The total cost for the project is of which \$2,800,000 the RMC previously funded \$100,000 the Media and Policy Center Foundation is currently requesting \$74,500 from the RMC Proposition 50 funds in accordance with the attached budget. It is recommended that the funds for this grant be allocated from the WCA Workprogram

Implementation grant (RMC 3254) of \$4,500,000 consistent with the adopted policy of disencumbering this grant as specific project allocations are approved.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

32614- The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (b) Enter into contracts with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties, and enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency, in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (e) Enter into any other agreement with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties for the purposes set forth in Section 32602.

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- (f) Recruit and coordinate volunteers and experts to conduct interpretive and recreational programs and assist with construction projects and the maintenance of parkway facilities.

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- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.

The California Water Code Section 79570(d) provides twenty million (\$20,000,000) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for protection of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River watersheds pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600 of the Public Resources Code).

Edens Lost & Found Documentary (RMC 3587)
EXHIBIT B: Budget

1)	Research & Development re Emerald Necklace and El Monte	\$ 5,000
2)	Emerald Necklace Video Segment	\$35,250
3)	Duplication of Emerald Necklace DVD's	\$ 5,000
4)	1-Hour Version	\$15,000
5)	Online Website Segment on the Emerald Necklace	\$ 5,000
6)	<u>Teachers Guide on Emerald Necklace</u>	<u>\$ 9,500</u>
<u>Total of Continuing Grant Request</u>		<u>\$74,500</u>

Edens Lost & Found Documentary (RMC 3587)

EXHIBIT C: Monitoring and Assessment

The Media & Policy Center Foundation intends to work closely Ms Sandy Heberer, Senior Director of the Non-Fiction Programming Department of PBS (Alexandria VA) and with Mr. Dave Davis, Oregon Public Television's Executive-in-Charge-of-Production. OPB is the project's presenting station. The task of the presenting station is to monitor and assess all stages of development of the project. PBS will not work with independent producers unless there is a presenting station to protect everyone's interests. We have worked under these same conditions with our last project, ***And Thou Shalt Honor***, produced for and broadcast on PBS.

September 19, 2005 - Item 9E

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-70

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE MEDIA AND POLICY CENTER FOUNDATION FOR THE EDEN'S LOST AND FOUND DOCUMENTARY PROJECT (RMC 3587).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated September 19, 2005
4. APPROVES a grant from Proposition 50 in the amount of \$74,500 to the Media and Policy Center Foundation for the Eden's Lost and Found Documentary project.
5. AUTHORIZES a corresponding reduction in the Workprogram Implementation (RMC 3254) grant to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON September 19, 2005

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9F: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant to the City of Seal Beach for the implementation of the San Gabriel River Parkway Trail Enhancement (RMC 3573).

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

PROJECT TYPE: Development

JURISDICTION: City of Seal Beach

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC award a grant to the City of Seal Beach for the San Gabriel River Trail Improvements Project (RMC 3573) in the amount of \$500,000. It is recommended that the funds for this grant be allocated from the WCA Workprogram Implementation grant of \$4,500,000.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will restore the existing San Gabriel River Trail and the trailside facilities from the First Street parking lot north to Marina Drive and as far north as Pacific Coast Highway and upgrade the site to feature new amenities. The restoration will include interpretive, way-finding and regulatory signage, native landscaping as well as a parking lot with more sustainable features.

BACKGROUND: The San Gabriel River Trail and staging area in Seal Beach is either the beginning of the trail or the end, depending on where you come from to visit it. It has long been the gateway to the San Gabriel River and the amenities and bike trail are in need of refurbishment. The RMC awarded a grant to the City of Seal Beach for the planning of the improvements at the end of the San Gabriel River and Bike Trail, a gateway to the San Gabriel River. At the end of the San Gabriel River Trail there is a parking lot, with some park amenities and landscaping that lead to the beach. The goal of the initial planning was to create a more sustainable park and gateway along with greening of the bike trail as it proceeds north to Pacific Coast Highway. Also in the plans are the improvements to the access gates on the trail at Marina Ave as well as Pacific Coast Highway.

In developing the design concepts and preliminary construction documents the tentative budget came into focus. The current projected budget is \$923,085. The RMC has set aside \$500,000 in Proposition 50 funds for the development of this project. The City will be applying for other funding for this project through the Resources Agency Prop 50 funds and other funding opportunities that may arise. The consultant company (RBF) will present a phasing of the project so that RMC may move forward with some elements of this project.

FISCAL INFORMATION: It is recommended that the funding for this grant come from Prop 50. The RMC portion of the budget will be \$500,000 in accordance with the attached budget detail. It is recommended that the funds for this grant be allocated from the WCA Workprogram Implementation grant (RMC 3254) of \$4,500,000 consistent with the adopted policy of disencumbering this grant as specific project allocations are approved.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

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Further, California Water Code Section 79570(d) provides twenty million (\$20,000,000) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for protection of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River watersheds pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600 of the Public Resources Code).

San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement Exhibit A: Tasklist and Timeline

Task Description	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06
Approvals & Community Outreach													
Mobilization													
Demolition													
Phase 1													
Phase 2													
Phase 3													
Construction													
Phase 1													
Phase 2													
Phase 3													
Irrigation													
Phase 1													
Landscape													
Phase 1													
Phase 2													
Program Manager Oversight													
Progress review and approvals													
Completion of tasks		*		*				*		*	*	*	*



RIVER'S END STAGING AREA ENHANCEMENT PLAN

City of Seal Beach

OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Prepared September 12, 2005

RBF Consulting

Prepared based on the 1st Submittal Construction Documents dated August 31, 2005

JN.: 10-103934.001

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY/ UNITS		UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT	FUNDING
1	Mobilization	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	50/50
2	Demolition					
3	Clear and Grub	1	LS	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	50/50
4	Remove AC Pavement	18,500	SF	\$2.50	\$46,250.00	RMC
5	Remove Concrete Pavement	9,500	SF	\$2.00	\$19,000.00	RMC
6	Remove Concrete Curb	450	LF	\$5.00	\$2,250.00	RMC
7	Remove Wood Bollards	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	RMC
8	Remove Wood Sign	1	EA	\$500.00	\$500.00	RMC
9	Salvage Signs and Trash Receptacles	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	RMC
10	Remove Street Light and Power Lines	6	EA	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00	RMC
11	Remove Wood Wall	1	LS	\$150.00	\$150.00	PROP 50
12	Remove Tree	15	EA	\$500.00	\$7,500.00	RMC
13	Remove Bicycle Racks	1	LS	\$50.00	\$50.00	RMC
14	Remove Concrete Barrier	1	EA	\$50.00	\$50.00	RMC
15	Remove Chain Link Fence and Gate	225	LF	\$5.00	\$1,125.00	RMC
16	Remove Block Wall	1	LS	\$200.00	\$200.00	PROP 50
17	Remove Shower. Cut and Cap Supply Line	1	LS	\$250.00	\$250.00	PROP 50
18	Adjust Utilities to Grade	1	LS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	RMC
19	Salvage Wood Windsurfing Rack	1	LS	\$250.00	\$250.00	PROP 50
20	Salvage Solar Powered Pay Station	1	EA	\$450.00	\$450.00	RMC
21	Subtotal Demolition				\$97,725.00	
22	Construction					
23	Concrete Curb and Gutter	2,300	LF	\$20.00	\$46,000.00	RMC
24	Asphalt Slurry Seal	34	ELT	\$350.00	\$11,900.00	RMC
25	Concrete Sidewalk - Natural Color	5,120	SF	\$5.00	\$25,600.00	RMC
26	Concrete Sidewalk - Integral Color - Sandblast Finish	12,500	SF	\$6.50	\$81,250.00	PROP 50
27	8" Concrete Ribbon Curb	1,300	LF	\$12.00	\$15,600.00	RMC
28	6" Concrete Mow Curb	565	LF	\$10.00	\$5,650.00	RMC
29	6" Concrete Curb	45	LF	\$15.00	\$675.00	RMC
30	Pedestrian Ramp	3	EA	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	RMC
31	Cast-In-Place Concrete Seat Walls	515	LF	\$100.00	\$51,500.00	PROP 50
32	Striping and Signage	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	RMC
33	5' Concrete Wheel Stop	97	EA	\$200.00	\$19,400.00	RMC
34	Lighting and Electrical	1	LS	\$57,000.00	\$57,000.00	RMC
35	Precast Concrete Bench	3	EA	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	PROP 50
36	Precast Concrete Trash Receptacle	9	EA	\$1,200.00	\$10,800.00	PROP 50
37	Precast Concrete Picnic Table	4	EA	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00	PROP 50
38	Precast Concrete Recycling Receptacle	3	EA	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	PROP 50
39	Precast Concrete Bollard	1	EA	\$700.00	\$700.00	RMC
40	Re-Install Wood Windsurfing Rack	1	EA	\$300.00	\$300.00	PROP 50
41	Drinking Fountain	2	EA	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	PROP 50
42	Outdoor Shower and Drain	1	EA	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	PROP 50
43	Stone Kiosk	2	EA	\$8,500.00	\$17,000.00	PROP 50

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44	Stone Entry Monument	1	EA	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	RMC
45	CMU Split Face Block Wall	500	LF	\$60.00	\$30,000.00	RMC
46	Tubular Steel Rolling Gate	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	RMC
47	Bicycle Rack	1	EA	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	PROP 50
48	Re-Install Solar Powered Parking Machine	1	EA	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	RMC
49	Subtotal Construction				\$424,275.00	
50	Landscape					
51	Import Class A Topsoil	427	CY	\$28.00	\$11,956.00	50/50
52	Soil preparation, fine grading, and fertilizer	52,000	SF	\$0.45	\$23,400.00	50/50
53	24" Box tree	49	EA	\$270.00	\$13,230.00	PROP 50
54	5 Gallon shrub	1,196	EA	\$20.00	\$23,920.00	PROP 50
55	1 Gallon shrub	338	EA	\$8.00	\$2,704.00	PROP 50
56	Turf	22,100	SF	\$0.65	\$14,365.00	RMC
57	Root control barrier	1,105	LF	\$7.50	\$8,287.50	PROP 50
58	Water Quality Sump Drain	19	EA	\$75.00	\$1,425.00	RMC
59	Bark Mulch (2" Thick)	29,900	SF	\$0.50	\$14,950.00	PROP 50
60	90-Day plant establishment period	1	LS	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	50/50
61	Subtotal Landscape				\$123,237.50	
62	Irrigation					
63	Complete irrigation system installed, including all water meters, backflow preventers, controllers, valves, equipment, piping, sleeving, and trenching.	52,000	SF	\$2.00	\$104,000.00	50/50
64	Subtotal Irrigation				\$104,000.00	
65						
66	Subtotal				\$769,237.50	
67	20% Contingency				\$153,847.50	50/50
68	Estimated Total Bid				\$923,085.00	

Since the LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others or over the Contractor(s)' method of determining prices, or over the competitive bidding or market conditions, its Opinion of Probable Construction Cost provided herein are to be made on the basis of its experience and qualifications and represents its best judgment as an experienced and qualified professional LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, familiar with the construction industry; but the LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual Project or Construction Cost will not vary from its Opinion of Probable Construction Cost. If prior to the Bidding or Negotiating Phase, OWNER wishes greater assurance as to Project Cost, it shall employ an independent cost estimator.

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San Gabriel River Parkway Trail Enhancement (RMC3573) Exhibit C: Monitoring and Assessment

The City of Seal Beach is a local government municipality in Orange County and is immediately adjacent to the San Gabriel River. In order to evaluate the success of work Seal Beach on the San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement grant program, the following monitoring and assessment plan has been drafted.

- 1) The City of Seal Beach will provide the State of California Rivers and Mountains Conservancy with a copy of all documents for review and approval.
- 2) The City of Seal Beach will provide the RMC with quarterly project reports outlining the progress that has been made towards completion of project goals.
- 3) A final report will be compiled including pertinent design, deliverables, quarterly reports.
- 4) The RMC will be invited to participate in any outreach, advisory and/or stakeholders groups formed for this project.

June 20, 2005 - Item 9F

RESOLUTION NO.: 2005-71

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF SEAL BEACH FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL ENHANCEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT(3573).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated September 19, 2005
4. APPROVES a grant from Proposition 50 in the amount of \$500,000 to the City of Seal Beach for the San Gabriel River Parkway Trail Enhancement Development project.
5. AUTHORIZES a corresponding reduction in the Workprogram Implementation grant (RMC 3254) to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON September 19, 2005

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9G: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens for a workshop on native landscape design (RMC 3585).

PROGRAM AREA: Multiple

PROJECT TYPE: Development

JURISDICTION: Territory-Wide

RECOMMENDATION: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant in the amount of \$5,212 to the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens for a workshop on native landscape design (RMC 3585).

Project Description: This project is to host a workshop on sustainable landscape design using native plants for landscape architects. The project will include the selection of funded project(s) and track the application of the workshop principles in the completed design.

BACKGROUND: Along with the availability of funding for watershed and open space projects, grant guidelines call for an increased emphasis on landscapes that incorporate sustainable design concepts and native plants that are more appropriate to the region and the environment. Landscape architects, who, for the most part, are unfamiliar with employing these elements in their designs, must learn how to use native palettes and how to design them to conform to typical urban site conditions of this region.

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council's (LASGRWC) Landscape Ethic Committee (LEC), a working group comprised of members representing a variety of landscape and environmental professions has formulated a recommendation that the LASGRWC pursue partnerships to conduct a series of landscape design workshop(s) aimed at providing design professionals with effective solutions to the problems they are likely to confront when designing native landscapes in urban environments. The recommendation includes short term and long term goals. These are as follows:

- Facilitate 1-day workshops to provide training to landscape architects on native landscapes.
- Develop partnerships with professional organizations to establish professional certification for training sessions in native landscapes.
- Conduct outreach to the design profession to promote the program
- Seek funding partners to assist in the long term funding of the program

Adoption of the long term goals by LASGRWC Executive Board has yet to be considered, however, the Board has approved hosting the February, 2006 Native Landscape Design Workshop. A memo recording the approval is attached as Exhibit (A). Together, the LASGRWC in partnership with the RMC and Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens will host the

first of a series of workshops on native landscapes in February, 2006. Local landscape architecture firms will be targeted and invited to send associates to attend the workshop.

FISCAL INFORMATION: It is recommended that the funding for this project be Proposition 50. The total cost for the project is \$16,890 of which \$5,212 is requested. LADPW has committed to provide in-kind contribution of printed materials and LASGRWC is providing \$4,800 in staff time. LASGRWC is seeking additional funds from the Metropolitan Water District. A budget for the workshop is attached as exhibit (B).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

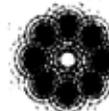
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- (b) Enter into contracts with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties, and enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency, in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (e) Enter into any other agreement with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties for the purposes set forth in Section 32602.

32614- The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (g) Undertake, within the territory, site improvement projects, regulate public access, and re-vegetate and otherwise rehabilitate degraded areas, in consultation with any other public agency with appropriate jurisdiction and expertise, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602. The conservancy may also, within the territory, upgrade deteriorating facilities and construct new facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation and interpretation, and natural resources protection. The conservancy may undertake those projects by itself or in conjunction with another local agency; however, the conservancy shall provide overall coordination of those projects by setting priorities for the projects and by ensuring a uniform approach to projects. The conservancy may undertake those projects with prior notification to the legislative body of the local agency that has jurisdiction in the area in which the conservancy proposes to undertake that activity.

Further, California Water Code Section 79570(d) provides twenty million (\$20,000,000) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for protection of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River watersheds pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600 of the Public Resources Code).



MEMO

TO: Belinda Faustinos
Executive Officer
Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

FROM: Nancy L. C. Steele
Executive Director
Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council

DATE: 13 September 2005

SUBJECT: BOARD RESOLUTION

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council adopted the following resolution, by action of the Board:

Adopted August 29, 2005,

Whereas the Landscape Ethic Committee of the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Watershed Council has recommended that the Watershed Council develop and carry out one or more workshops for landscape design professionals to teach them about the principles of sustainable landscape design;

The Board therefore resolves:

To adopt as its goal to partner with professional organizations and agencies to develop curriculum for a workshop on sustainable native landscape design for design professionals; following up with a series of workshops, expanding the audience to other areas of the landscape community.

**THE LOS ANGELES & SAN GABRIEL RIVERS WATERSHED
COUNCIL**

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Draft Timeline:

LEC Native Landscape Design Workshop: Task List and Timeline: Target Deadline Task

June/July LEC Mtgs:	Brainstorming Sessions Draft date, curriculum, budget developed.
August 17 th :	Draft Recommendation for LASGRWC EXCOM
August 23 rd :	Recommendation to EXCOM
Sept 8 th :	Review and comment on draft Budget, curriculum and speaker list prepared for approval by LEC
Sept 8 th :	Budget, curriculum and speaker list approved by LEC
Sept 12 th :	Speakers contacted
Sept 12 th :	MWD Community Partnering funding request
Sept 19 th :	Recommendation for funding to RMC
Oct 13 th :	Funding confirmed
Oct 13 th :	Speakers confirmed
Oct 13 th :	Site confirmed
Oct 20 th :	Invite design draft
Nov 15 th :	Invites distributed
Dec 30 th :	Registration materials developed
Jan. 13 th :	Deadline for RSVP
Jan. 20 th :	Food ordered
Jan. 20 th :	Speaker materials submitted
Jan. 27 th :	Packets assembled
Feb. 3 rd :	Participants confirmed.
Feb. 7 th or 8 th :	Convene Seminar
Feb 28 th	Assess/Evaluate Conference
March 31 st	Complete Conference Report

September 19th, Item 9G, Exhibit B**Sustainable Landscape Design Workshop****Feb 7 or 9th, 2005 Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens**

Drafted: Sept 12, 2005

	RMC	TBD	In-kind (LASGRWC)	In-kind (RSABG)	In-kind (LADPW)
Personnel Expenses					
Program Development and Planning			\$4,800.00	\$2,820.00	
Announcement Design (10hrs x \$37.50)	\$375.00				
Event Speakers (\$500 x 8 paid speakers)	\$4,000.00				
Subtotal Personnel Expenses	\$4,375.00		\$4,800.00	\$2,820.00	\$0.00
Site Fees					
Lodging for Speakers (\$100x 2 out of town speakers)		\$200.00			
Site Coordination		\$500.00			
Rancho Santa Ana Site Rental				\$350.00	
Coffee (2)/Snacks \$5/ each		\$350.00			
Lunch, \$15/person		\$525.00			
Dinner, \$20/person		\$700.00			
Delivery charge, \$20/meal for 1 meal		\$20.00			
Linen Rentals		\$50.00			
Videography		\$500.00			
Subtotal Site Fees	\$0.00	\$2,845.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
Outreach Materials					
Announcement Printing (100 x \$3.00)	\$300.00				
Announcement Postage (100 x .37)	\$37.00				
LA River Master Plan Landscaping Guidelines, 25 x \$Cost					\$862.50
Misc Materials/printing	\$500.00				
Subtotal Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$863.00
Subtotals	\$5,212.00	\$2,845.00	\$4,800.00	\$3,170.00	\$863.00
Grand Total	\$16,890.00				

Monitoring Plan
Native Landscape Design Workshop.

Grantee will over see the completion of the all tasks as follows:

Task

- Brainstorming Sessions
- Draft date, curriculum, budget developed.
- Draft Recommendation for LASGRWC EXCOM
- Recommendation to EXCOM
- Review and comment on draft Budget, curriculum and speaker list prepared for approval by LEC
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- Participants confirmed.
- Assess/Evaluate Conference
- Complete Conference Report

A final report will be submitted to the RMC upon completion.

September 19, 2005 - Item 9G

RESOLUTION NO.: 2005-72

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDENS FOR A WORKSHOP ON NATIVE LANDSCAPE DESIGN (RMC 3585).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated September 19, 2005 and
4. APPROVES the addition of the Workshop on Native Landscape Design to the RMC Workprogram.
5. APPROVES a grant from Proposition 50 in the amount of \$5,212 to Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden for a workshop on native landscape design.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON September 19, 2005

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9H Consideration of resolution authorizing letters of support for Prop. 50 River Parkway Program grant applications for RMC Workprogram projects

RECOMMENDATION: Consideration of resolution supporting the applications for Prop 50 River Parkway grants for projects on the RMC workprogram.

BACKGROUND: The California River Parkways Grant Program is a statewide competitive grant program administered by the Secretary for Resources. Funding is available to acquire, restore, protect and develop river parkways, through the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 - Proposition 50. The Resources Agency is soliciting applications from public agencies and nonprofit organizations. Eligible projects must provide public access or be a component of a larger parkway plan that provides public access. Qualifying projects must be consistent with a regional watershed plan such as Common Ground or the Master Plans for the San Gabriel or Los Angeles Rivers.

Staff has been contacted with a request for a letter of support by a number of entities interested in applying for River Parkway funds. The application deadline is October 18, 2005 and staff anticipates that further requests for support will be submitted. Letters of support have been requested from the Cities of Claremont, Diamond Bar, Seal Beach, and Long Beach to date. Please see A, B, C and D. Staff proposes to draft customized letters of support for each project as appropriate and with consideration of technical grant requirements.

FISCAL INFORMATION: \$40.5 million is available statewide.

**City of Claremont
Memorandum**

TO: BELINDA FAUSTINOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SAN GABRIEL LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS & MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY

FROM: JESSE M. DUFF
INTERIM CITY MANAGER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

PROJECT: KEYSTONE ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR THE EAST SAN GABRIEL
VALLEY CONSERVATION AND WATERSHED CORRIDOR (Johnson's
Pasture)

The City of Claremont is preparing to submit a California River Parkways Grant application for the above referenced project. A letter from the San Gabriel Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy in support of the City's project is requested.

Project Summary

The City of Claremont is seeking to purchase 183 acres of undeveloped hillside property known historically as Johnson's Pasture. The title "Keystone Acquisition Project for the East San Gabriel Valley Conservation and Watershed Corridor" was selected because it reflects a larger vision, one that seeks to combine and integrate the conservation efforts being undertaken in our region. This keystone property is part of the North Claremont Reserve that has been defined in a State-approved Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP) and lies within the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains in the City of Claremont (and its sphere of influence). Johnson's Pasture is at risk of development, and the Claremont City Council has made protecting this area a top priority.

The value to the region of acquiring and preserving this open space is supported by the following elements:

Habitat: The project will permanently protect large, unfragmented blocks of high quality habitat, including Englemann and coast live oak woodlands, sub-associations of Coastal Sage Scrub, and grasslands.

Watershed: The project will protect watershed that feeds both ground water basins and the San Gabriel River. Several intermittent and ephemeral drainages transect the property. It contains the headwaters of a blue line stream that

descends down Gail Canyon, and is a key watershed for both Thompson Creek and San Antonio Creek.

Wildlife Corridor: The project is an important component of a proposed viable reserve system that includes an uninterrupted wildlife movement corridor that extends over a distance of five miles or greater from San Dimas, through La Verne and Claremont, to the San Bernardino County Line.

Recreation: The project will connect Marshall Canyon Regional Park to the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park, and provide alternate public access points to a larger parkway system that includes the Thompson Creek Bike Trail, Cobal Canyon Mountain Way, Burbank Mountain Way, and Johnson's Pasture Mountain Way.

Grant Request - \$5 Million

A recent appraisal of the project, sponsored by The Trust for Public Lands, recommends a fair market value of \$6 million for this land. The Claremont Wildlands Conservancy has volunteered to raise \$1 million from local donations for the project. The City is seeking \$5 million from the California River Parkways grant program. When acquired, the land would be added to the 1700-acre Claremont Hills Wilderness Park and managed by the City of Claremont.

Letters of Support

The City of Claremont has received letters in support of its effort to acquire Johnson's Pasture from the following: Claremont Wildlands Conservancy, Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation; The Trust for Public Land; Claremont Area League of Women Voters. Additional letters are expected to be received from the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy, Mountain Lion Foundation, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens, and Endangered Habitat League. A letter from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy would be an impressive addition to the list of supporters to SAVE JOHNSON'S PASTURE, a San Gabriel Mountains keystone open space acquisition project.

Thank you for your kind consideration of the City of Claremont's request for a letter in support of this important project.

Submitted by:

Betty J. Sheldon
Acting Deputy City Manager

V/citymans: bsheldon-support ltr

Letter of Support from Diamond Bar
Letter to be inserted at a later date

Letter of Support from Seal Beach
Letter to be inserted at a later date



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September 13, 2005

Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
900 S. Fremont Avenue,
Annex Building, 2nd Floor
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

Dear Belinda,

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT – DEFOREST WETLANDS

The City of Long Beach is preparing an application for the DeForest Wetlands project through the Proposition 50 California River Parkways Grant Program, which is due October 18, 2005. As part of the application, letters of support must be included in the proposal. Within the next week, the City of Long Beach, through the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine will be asking the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to sign a detailed letter of support for the DeForest Wetlands project. This letter is to let you know that our request will be forthcoming and to ensure that the RMC will be able to sign the letter in support of the DeForest Wetlands project.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Leslie Hunsaker, of my staff, at (562) 570-3131.

Sincerely,

Dennis Eschen
Manager of Planning and Development

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September 19, 2005 - Item 9H

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-73

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR PROP. 50 RIVER PARKWAY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR RMC WORKPROGRAM PROJECTS

The RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to submit letters of support for Prop 50 River Parkway Program grant applications consistent with the staff report dated September 19, 2005.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON September 19, 2005

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9I: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) award a professional services contract for further development of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt the attached resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority award a professional services contract for further development of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan

BACKGROUND: The IRWM Plan efforts have been before this body on various occasions and the attached staff report from the July 18, 2005 meeting provides a history of the program and this agency's involvement along with the other regional group members. In accordance with the approval, of both the RMC and WCA, staff released a request for proposals and only received two submittals. Proposals were received from teams led by CDM, and Brown and Caldwell. The Regional Management Group selected a review committee and it was decided to interview both teams. Based on both the content of the proposal and the interview, the review committee recommended to the Regional Group that the Brown and Caldwell team receive further consideration. A copy of their methodology, fee schedule and draft contract is attached.

Since the WCA is the applicant for both the planning and implementation grants under this program they are the entity that must contract for the consulting services. However, there have been certain developments regarding the likely possibility that one or more of the Los Angeles basin planning grant applications will be rejected; therefore it is recommended that approval for execution of this contract be subject to the condition that at least 50% of the requested funding is approved by the state. Preliminary recommendations are scheduled to be released at or just prior to a workshop in Sacramento on Friday, September 23, 2005.

FISCAL INFORMATION: As noted, in the July 18, 2005 staff report, the current action has no direct cash implications for the RMC or WCA. The continued involvement of RMC staff in this effort does have an impact which is justified based on the potential for future project funding from this source and the added benefit of RMC policies impacting other group member projects. The total amount of the proposed contract is \$499,461 with Phase 1 at \$199,146, which is well within the funding commitments made by the regional group partners.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

The recommended action is consistent with the following Public Resources Code Section:

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DATE: July 18, 2005

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8H: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority seek proposals for Phase II of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan scope of work and accept contributions from working group partners to fund the project

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt the attached resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority seek proposals for the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan scope of work and accept contributions from working group partners to fund the project

BACKGROUND: Over the last nine months the IRWM efforts both locally and state wide have been substantial. In summary the IRWM program was established in accordance with provisions of Proposition 50 which amended the California Water Code to add, among other things, §79560 authorizing the Legislature to appropriate \$500 million for IRWM project. The intent of IRWM Grant Program is to encourage integrated regional strategies for management of water resources and to provide funding, through competitive grants, for projects that protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water. Approximately \$380 million is available for IRWM grants in two funding cycles.

In November of 2004 the RMC authorized a grant to the WCA for preliminary analysis and development of a plan framework for a regional IRWM proposal. From November of 2004 to July 14, 2005 the following tasks have been completed:

- 12 meetings of various stakeholders/regional group members
- Formation of Regional Water Management Group (Management Group)
- Development of a Memorandum of Understanding for Management Group
- Development and approval by the Management Group of a project identification form and project evaluation criteria
- Review and ranking of 33 projects
- Established ten Tier 1 projects
- Submission of Planning Grant Application
- Finalized IRWM Plan Framework (Attached)
- Submission of Implementation Grant Application

The current active members of the Regional Group are: Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Watershed Conservation Authority, Central Basin Municipal Water District, City of Long Beach, Water Replenishment District of Southern California, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, California Coastal Conservancy, TreePeople, City of El Monte and Amigos de los Rios.

As was known from the onset, completion of a full IRWM Plan is necessary by January 2007 in order to comply with the terms of the grant guidelines. While the framework document completed with RMC funds is an essential building block for that effort there is still substantial work that must be completed in the next 18 months. As the chart below indicates the total cost of the IRWM Plan is expected to be about \$800,000. (Note: This does not include the \$100,000 allocated by RMC to the WCA for this project; these funds as not eligible as a match).

Task	Total Budget	Match Funding	Funding Requested
2.1 Project Coord. and Admin.	\$72,000	\$19,000	\$53,000
2.2 IRWMP Objectives	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
2.3 Development of Water Management Focus Areas	\$392,000	\$256,000	\$136,000
2.4 Integration of Water Management Strategies	\$50,000	\$13,000	\$37,000
2.5 IRWMP Implementation	\$35,000	\$21,000	\$14,000
2.6 Impacts and Benefits	\$19,000	\$0	\$19,000
2.7 Data and Technical Analysis	\$54,000	\$10,000	\$44,000
2.8 Data Management	\$22,000	\$5,000	\$17,000
2.9 Stakeholder Involvement	\$55,000	\$14,000	\$41,000
2.10 Prepare IRWMP	\$89,000	\$0	\$89,000
TOTAL	\$800,000	\$350,000	\$450,000

In order to meet the required time frame the budget was evaluated to determine the nature and cost of work that must be completed before December 30, 2005. Further, staff identified which elements of the scope of work could be completed as "in kind" and those that would require consultant services. The following table summarizes those findings:

Item	Phase I (June 2005-Dec 2005)	Phase II (January 2006-December 2006)
Consultant	\$220,000	\$280,000
In Kind	\$150,000	\$200,000
Total	\$370,000	\$480,00

In order to meet the Phase I schedule it will be necessary to hire a consultant as soon as possible. That attached scope of work was developed based in the work plan in order to seek bids from qualified consultants. As the applicant for both the planning and implementation grants, WCA has been identified as the appropriate regional entity for administration of group activities. Therefore it is necessary that WCA act as the administrative entity for the consultant contract. In order to efficiently proceed with the contract it is expected that while both Phase I & II will be included in the bidding process Phase II will only be pursued if the state planning grant is approved or if there are further funding commitments from the regional group members.

FISCAL INFORMATION: As noted above the RMC has already made a \$100,000 contribution to this effort. LACDPW has provided in excess of \$100,000 in staff time to date related to both the planning and implementation grant applications. Therefore it was requested and agreed that

the other regional partners would make cash contributions for the Phase I consultant element of \$220,000. To date funding commitments have been made as follows:

Agency	Amount
Central Basin Municipal Water District	\$50,000
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	\$45,000
Water Replenishment District of Southern California	\$50,000
City of Long Beach	\$45,000
City of El Monte	\$30,000
Gateway Cities Council of Governments	\$5,000
Total	\$225,000

Therefore, at this time it is expected that the full amount of the contract will be paid from group member contributions. It should be noted that the continued involvement of staff from RMC in the administrative functions of this effort while performing services for the WCA will be an "in kind" contribution and therefore constitute a fiscal impact that is consistent with the agency's policies and priorities. Adoption of this action would also authorize the corresponding WCA FY 05/06 budget amendments for receipt and expenditure of the group member contributions.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

The recommended action is consistent with the following Public Resources Code Section:

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Section 2 Qualification and Experience

Team Experience

Selecting Brown and Caldwell will provide the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) with Proposition funds through the development of a technically, economically, and politically effective Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).

Brown and Caldwell's Water Resources Practice is focused on delivering holistic, multidisciplinary answers to today's water resources challenges. We see all water as a resource, whether it's in the ground, pristine mountain streams, urban runoff, or wastewater treatment plant effluent. To make the best use of water resources in a sustainable manner and to protect associated ecosystems, we work with our clients to develop innovative, cost-effective, and integrated strategies. The Brown and Caldwell team is prepared to work with the Regional Water Management Group for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed Region (Regional Group) to develop an IRWMP that attracts significant Prop 50 funding, through inclusion of eligible individual projects identified by the Regional Group as well as regional projects identified through the process of integration of water management strategies in Task 4 of our approach in the following section.

Our proposed team has assisted other agencies throughout the nation develop watershed plans and successful grant applications, which accomplish multiple objectives. Our team capabilities include the development of Watershed Management Plans which comprehensively address the water supply and water quality objectives for several regions in Southern California. We understand the technical design and construction issues as well as the costs of projects to achieve compliance with the multiple objectives defined in your five Water Management Focus Areas (WMFA). Our diverse team of experts will deliver project success through their extensive knowledge of local conditions balanced with a national perspective. We have assembled a team with unmatched experience studying the water supply, water quality, and ecological conditions in the San Gabriel and Los Angeles region. Our team has completed urban watershed plans such as Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea, the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Watershed and Open Space Plan Phase II, the Sun Valley Watershed Management Plan, the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Plan, the Compton Creek Watershed Management plan, the Santa Monica Watershed Management Plan, and the Santa Ana River Integrated Watershed Plan.

Our team is skilled at helping clients obtain funding through State and Federal programs. Over the past six years, we have helped clients obtain over \$70 million in grants. Under Chapter 8, we have worked with nine regions throughout the State, to submit applications requesting nearly \$240 million. Lastly, through this recent integrated planning work in the North Santa Monica Bay and South Bay County Region's, and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) county-wide effort, our team has already begun to deliver cross-regional coordination among the different regions. This is important as the various regions within the County begin to target the next round of Chapter 8 funding as well as funding via other sources. Our team is actively engaged at developing a set of regional projects that would provide significant water supply and water quality benefits and also attract significant federal resources from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Bureau of Reclamation. Our proposed **Project Manager, Michael Drennan**, is currently providing leadership of a county-wide effort to develop a significant local funding source to serve as the leverage our region will need to attract future State and Federal funds at a level that will ultimately address your needs.

"The Los Angeles County ASCE stakeholders group is developing a potential design concept for regional projects that would accomplish groundwater recharge and water quality/TMDL objectives, and because this concept incorporates habitat restoration along the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, the implementation costs could be eligible for 65 percent federal funding through the Corps. We look forward to coordinating with this countywide effort to identify potential opportunities for partnering on projects such as these."

**Ruth Villalobos, Chief of Planning,
Los Angeles District, US Army
Corps of Engineers**

We have teamed up with **RMC Water and Environment (RMC)** because of their strong local experience assisting water supply agencies in Southern California to address their water management issues including development of Prop 50, Chapter 8 applications on behalf of the North Santa Monica Bay and Los Angeles County South Bay Region's. RMC's integrated water management experience includes planning and implementation of water conservation programs, groundwater development and management, surface water supply development and reliability analysis, and recycled water development. **EIP Associates** is also a member of our team because of their expertise in incorporating habitat, recreation and open space components into features that provide our water resource goals, while

understanding the regional and county-wide habitat, and open space planning goals. **David Miller and Associates** is a nationally recognized company in the field of economic analysis, and will provide important execution of the analysis we are recommending for benefit cost analysis of projects and alternatives. We have also invited **Hargreaves Associates** to join our team because of their strong design and construction experience with projects that accomplish the goals identified in the five WWFAs of the draft IRWMP. Our team's strong design experience in water supply, stormwater treatment management, watershed management, habitat restoration and parks, open space, and greenway development insure that projects emerging out of your planning process will ultimately be funded and constructed.

Watershed Management Plan

City of Santa Monica, California

Staff Involved: Michael Drennan, Project Manager, TJ Kim, Project Engineer, Nancy Gardiner, Stormwater Monitoring, Dan Bunce, GIS

Firm's Level of Involvement: Prime Contractor

Responsibility: Brown and Caldwell is assisting the City of Santa Monica (City) to develop a plan which includes approximately \$200 million in capital improvements for managing the quantity and quality of the City's urban runoff. The mission of the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) is to restore a healthier balance between the urban environment and the natural ecosystem, including the Santa Monica Bay, by reducing the pollution in urban runoff, reducing urban flooding, and increasing water conservation, recreational opportunities, open space, and wildlife and marine habitat. *This plan is particularly relevant to the WCA's needs because it identified a comprehensive set of projects to address the City's quantifiable goals for the objectives in its mission statement.*



The Santa Monica WMP is one of the first plans to comprehensively address TMDL compliance from an entire watershed. It includes a number of multipurpose BMPs including Creek Daylighting to accomplish its mission as well as to build community support for funding.

Consistent with the City's history of responsible environmental management, Brown and Caldwell is helping to formulate multipurpose best management practices (BMPs) and creek restoration projects that improve runoff water quality, reduce runoff volume, conserve fresh water resources, increase wildlife habitat, and foster community education.

Brown and Caldwell's major tasks include preparation of project grant applications, geographic information system (GIS) database development of stormwater infrastructure, developing BMPs that work in combination to achieve the City's runoff-related goals, creating a funding plan that proposes cost-sharing partners, and promoting public outreach and education to garner support for the project.

Reason for Success/Lessons Learned

The City sought to understand the long term costs and benefits of a comprehensive set of projects that would address their TMDL compliance issues for the next 20 years. Development of concept designs and cost estimates for these projects allowed the City to identify high priority projects that should be constructed early, as well as multiple outside funding sources that could participate over the next 20 years.

County-wide Watershed Management and Funding Plan

American Society of Civil Engineers, Los Angeles County, California

Staff Involved: Michael Drennan, Project Manager, TJ Kim, Project Engineer

Firm's Level of Involvement: Prime Contractor

Responsibility: The mission of the ASCE Los Angeles County Watershed Infrastructure Funding Workgroup is to complete an integrated long-term regional watershed management plan for Los Angeles County by 2007 and develop the information needed to support a voter-approved funding mechanism by 2008 to implement the plan. The workgroup is made up of a broad cross section of stakeholders representing public agencies, business, and the environmental community and has acknowledged the power of working together to create support for a multi-billion dollar funding measure. They have also indicated that the Plan will likely identify a series of multipurpose projects for

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stormwater cleanup, pollution prevention technologies, habitat and wetlands restoration, creation of neighborhood parks and greenbelts to filter and control stormwater runoff, drinking water protection, and water conservation.

Brown and Caldwell is providing the workgroup with the following technical and program management services:

- Strategic direction and leadership;
- Facilitation of monthly meetings of steering committee and subcommittees;
- Technical and administrative support; and
- Strategic plan.

The strategic plan will outline tasks, activities, and schedule for action items identified for the Steering Committee, for both the near term (3 – 6 months) and long term (through 2008). It will contain four chapters corresponding to the Steering Committee and each of the three Subcommittees: Watershed Plan Development, Funding Plan, and Public Outreach Plan, including a list of activities, schedule, estimated budget for each activity, and responsible party for each action.

Reason for Success/Lessons Learned

A wide cross-section of stakeholders agree that in working together they will likely develop support from County residents for a county-wide funding measure. In order to gain voter support for this measure, they recognize that it is necessary to identify a comprehensive set of projects to address the region's water supply and water quality needs.

Sun Valley Watershed Management Project*

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Staff Involved: Michael Drennan, Project Manager

Firm's Level of Involvement: Prime Contractor

Responsibility: Michael Drennan served as the Project Manager for the Sun Valley Watershed Management Project between 1998 and 2003, while employed at Michael Drennan Associates, Inc. The primary purpose of the project was to assist Los Angeles County (County) with development of a comprehensive watershed management plan and Environmental Impact Report for the Sun Valley Watershed.



*The vision for Sun Valley:
Solving Flooding While Greening the Community*

The proposed solution includes over \$150 million of capital improvements to address the primary flooding problem, as well as other objectives such as reduced stormwater pollution to comply with future Total Maximum Daily Limits/Loads (TMDL), increased recreation in local neighborhoods, flow reduction to the Los Angeles River, ground water recharge, habitat enhancement, and energy conservation. Michael was responsible for oversight of all tasks including stakeholder coordination and facilitation, alternatives analysis, watershed modeling, BMP evaluation, engineering cost estimates, benefit-cost analysis, media campaign, as well as demonstration project planning and funding development. BMPs include regional neighborhood solutions such as multipurpose parks, utilization of vacant open space (such as power line easements), as well as on-site solutions including cisterns, porous pavement, dry wells, infiltration facilities, tree planting, and mulching. The County has described this project as a model for how all their flood control projects will be implemented in the future.

**This is a recent project managed by Michael prior to joining Brown and Caldwell and is listed here to provide a representative sample of his experience in managing similar projects.*

Reason for Success/Lessons Learned

A comprehensive ongoing stakeholder process, combined with a solid understanding of the design of multipurpose projects assured the success of this project. The final public hearing to review the Environmental Impact Report, which included over \$150 million of capital improvements, included over a dozen community leaders expressing support for the project with no formal opposition.

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Proposition 50/Chapter 8, Planning and Implementation Grant Applications for IRWMP

Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba (CABY) Regional Water Management Group, California

Staff Involved: Paul Selsky, Project Manager

Firm's Level of Involvement: Prime Contractor

Responsibility: The CABY Regional Water Management Group was formed in early 2005 to develop an IRWMP and implement projects for a seven county subarea of the Sierra region of California. Brown and Caldwell was selected by the group to assist in its early formulation stages and to prepare the planning and implementation grant applications.

The CABY region boundary is defined by the watersheds of the four rivers. The lower elevation boundary on the western side of the region was selected to be consistent with the western boundary of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

The CABY group consists of five water agencies, four non-profit organizations, two state agencies, and two federal agencies. The non-profit conservation groups are interested in preservation, protection, and restoration of the four watersheds in the CABY watershed and the greater Sierra Nevada region. Other groups that have already been identified and consulted include power utilities, other conservation groups, tribal representatives, representatives from disadvantaged communities, recreation groups, and other economic interests.

Brown and Caldwell worked with the CABY group to define preliminary objectives, and define an approach that would meet the objectives, incorporate stakeholder input, and also meet statewide priorities.

Reason for Success / Lessons Learned

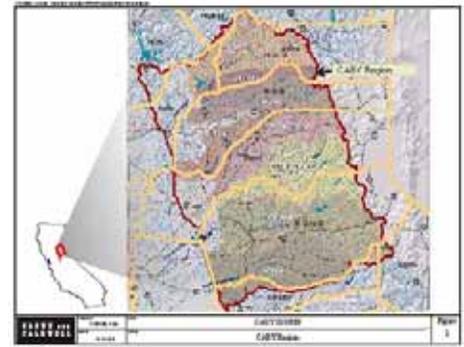
Challenge: Small group was acting independently to obtain IRWMP plan grant funding. Very late in the grant proposal process, a decision was made to incorporate small group into the regional grant application. We were asked to consolidate the two grant applications into one regional application and did. **Lessons learned:** Had group made decision earlier in the process to bring in the smaller group, more time would have been available to successfully integrate and prioritize projects for the implementation phase of the grant process. Stronger leadership could have driven this process more effectively.

Team Member Qualifications

Our **Project Manager, Michael Drennan, P.E.**, is the Southern California Watershed Management Service Leader and an expert in grant funding, watershed planning and management, team and project leadership, and stakeholder facilitation. Michael has devoted his career to improving the balance between the natural ecosystem and urban development. He has been working for more than 25 years to help clients develop solutions that recognize the connection between a community's environmental health and its economic prosperity. He is successful at developing grant funding because he is an expert at helping the funding agency see how the proposed projects provide a clear return on investment towards the granting agency's goals. He will be responsible for the delivery of services in accordance with the established Scope of Services provided in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

The Brown and Caldwell proposed project team has extensive knowledge in each of the five WFMA's defined by the Regional Group including: water supply reliability and water quality protection and improvement, groundwater management and conjunctive use, stormwater management and flood protection, watershed management, habitat, and recreation, water recycling, reclamation, and conservation. To enhance our capabilities, Brown and Caldwell has also added several specialized subconsultants to our team. These subconsultants have a strong understanding of the local area and community issues that are key for successful implementation of an effective IRWMP and watershed projects.

The table on the following pages gives a succinct overview of our key team members' qualifications. For detailed information of these team members please review the resumes located in Appendix A of this Proposal.



Brown and Caldwell was selected to prepare the planning and implementation grant applications.

BROWN AND CALDWELL TEAM CREDENTIALS		
Team Member / Specific Task	Education / Team Workload Availability (%)	Basis for Selection
BROWN AND CALDWELL TEAM MEMBERS		
MICHAEL DRENNAN, P.E. Project Manager IRWMP Development and Tasks 1, 2, 4, and 6	M.S., Civil/Environmental Engineering B.S., Civil Engineering 50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unique blend of management and regulatory expertise. ▪ Successful track-record at leading large stakeholder groups to consensus. ▪ More than 25 years managing large interdisciplinary projects in water resources. ▪ Actively engaged with several watershed groups, providing consensus building for watershed management and leadership for the development of environmentally sustainable water quality improvement projects that serve multiple purposes. ▪ Brings regulatory agency trust to his clients; served 12 years as a senior engineer at the Regional Water Quality Control Board. ▪ Project Manager for the Los Angeles County's Sun Valley Watershed Management Project. Michael was responsible for this \$2 million investigation of alternatives to traditional flood control solutions in a small watershed tributary to the Los Angeles River.
CINDY PAULSON, PH.D. Technical Advisor	Ph.D., Environmental Engineering M.S., Environmental Engineering B.A., Political / Enviro. Science 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More than 19 years of experience in water quality monitoring, data evaluation, and modeling; urban and agricultural runoff evaluation and BMPs; TMDL analysis, pollutant-trading programs, watershed planning and management, and stakeholder consent-building. ▪ Worked extensively on several major TMDLs in the West, including regulatory and technical analysis, innovative strategies and approaches, special water quality studies design and execution, stakeholder outreach strategies and implementation, and adaptive implementation. ▪ Helped public utility clients save more than \$50 million by developing and implementing innovative TMDL strategies to meet water quality objectives more cost-effectively.
PAUL SELSKY, P.E. Technical Advisor Task 5 IRWMP Implementation	B.S., Civil Engineering 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More than 24 years of describing water systems, developing demand projections, evaluating conservation methods, describing existing and planned sources of water, evaluating water recycling opportunities and presenting water supply reliability data for water systems throughout California. ▪ Serves as a member on the Board of Directors for the Carmichael Water District. ▪ Developed water savings and cost assumptions for BMPs for 21 water systems throughout California.
RUBEN ZUBIA, P.E. Technical Advisor	Masters of Business Administration B.S., Civil Engineering 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Over 19 years of experience in water resource management and the planning, design and construction of waterworks, irrigation and civil engineering projects. ▪ Conducted various evaluations on behalf of the United States Bureau of Reclamation involving water supply and storage. ▪ Worked with CEQA/NEPA compliance services preparing mitigation plans, and designing numerous projects associates with groundwater banking programs.
MATT DERRIGO Project Coordination and Administration	B.S., Civil Engineering 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expert in modeling of water related systems such as pump stations, flow monitors, and sewer collection. ▪ Managed the schedule, budget and resources for projects ranging from \$30,000 to \$130,000. ▪ Conducted interview, client meetings and coauthored various of technical memorandums and reports for various cities throughout California.

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BROWN AND CALDWELL TEAM CREDENTIALS		
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T.J. KIM, PH.D., P.E. Data Analysis and Management Tasks 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 10	Ph.D., Civil Engineering M.S., Engineering B.S., Chemical Engineering 50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted and supervised work related to TMDLs, Municipal Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, drinking water quality monitoring and regulatory compliance. Developed Waterworks Districts' multi-million dollar capital improvement projects associated with drinking water quality regulatory compliance. Reviewed and critiqued TMDL regulations and relevant policies proposed by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board, and the State Water Resources Control Board.
BETTY SCHMUCKER Task 9 Stakeholder Involvement Task leader	M.A., Anthropology B.A., Anthropology 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specializes in organizing and supporting public outreach and stakeholder meetings/workshops, developing and implementing strategic community relations plans, and providing public meeting support in the following areas: meeting agendas, venue preparation, development of presentation materials, and assisting in the dissemination of post-meeting materials.
JAMES SANDERSON Task 9 Stakeholder Involvement	Instructional Media Design 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specializes in the design, supervision, and execution of public involvement campaigns and interactive training programs. Produces interactive content using 3-D animation, aerial video, and virtual tours for presentations. Produced annual reports and capability brochures for fortune 500 firms including: Goldman Sachs, Aerojet, Prudential Agriculture, Hewlett Packard, UC Healthcare, and the California Water Control Board.
KATHERINE LOWRY Task 9 Stakeholder Involvement	B.A., Communications, Public Relations Emphasis 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specializes in developing and implementing strategic community relations plans, and providing public meeting support in the following areas: meeting agendas, venue preparation, development of presentation materials, and assisting in the dissemination of post-meeting materials.
MARTIN STEINPRESS, P.G., CHG Task 3 IRWMP Focus Areas	M.S., Geology B.A., Geological Sciences 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed many environmental and groundwater project for past 16 years and has been working in the filed of geology and hydrology for the past 28 years. National groundwater resources services leader and a technical expert in hydrogeology with extensive experience in analyzing and solving complex groundwater problems.
LISA MADDAUS, P.E. Task 3 IRWMP Focus Areas Task 5 IRWMP Implementation	M.S., Civil/Environmental Engineering B.S., Civil/Environmental Engineering 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully written grant applications awarding over \$9 million. Prepared a detailed water audit according to the sate-of-the-art International Water Association performance indicators for water supply. Prepared water savings estimates based on an analysis of over five years of monthly metering data including periods before and after the conservation of commodity rates for the City of Davis.
MELANIE HOLTON, P.E. Task 5 IRWMP Implementation	B.S., Civil Engineering 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared Urban Water Management Plans for several water systems throughout California and has assisted in the design and permitting for a number of water pipeline projects. Project engineer for preparing grant applications including benefit-cost analyses for water conservation projects in Northern California for the Regional Water Authority and Sacramento Suburban Water District. Evaluated water conservation measures for 21 water systems throughout California including developing water savings and cost assumptions for each conservation BMP.

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WILLIAM DAWSON Task 6 Impacts and Benefits	M.S., Environmental Engineering B.S., Civil Engineering 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 34 years of project planning, project management and developing engineering solutions for water resource problems. His most recent assignment, prior to joining Brown and Caldwell, was in Washington, D.C., working in the “Chiefs” office to formulate the US Army Corps of Engineers annual budget and present it to Congress. Directed program, budget, and execution of \$600 million civil works program and \$300 million military program involving environmental remediation projects.
CHRIS KNOCHE, P.G. Task 7 Data and Technical Analysis	B.S. Geology 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficient in preparation of scoping documents, client communication, cost estimates, work plan preparation, report preparation, delivery order management, budgeting, and scheduling and contract negotiations. Acted as Task Manager to coordinate Caltrans District 7 BMP Retrofit Pilot Program stormwater monitoring, maintenance, and reporting.
NANCY GARDINER Task 7 Data and Technical Analysis	M.S., Hydrogeology A.B., Geology 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nancy has managed the stormwater quality monitoring program on behalf of the City of San Diego and 19 other municipal NPDES stormwater co-permittees. The program was designed to characterize stormwater quality and pollutant loading from urban runoff to local receiving waters. She served as project manager for the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Plan for Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, developing the water quality and BMP sections of the Plan. The Plan has broad implications, including use as a planning tool in establishing and implementing TMDLs for this water body.
DAN BUNCE, P.E. Task 8 Data Management	B.S., Environmental Engineering 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan has planned and implemented GIS and electronic document management systems for several private and municipal clients, and managed significant digital data collection/conversion activities. GIS Data Collection Manager for the City of Santa Monica’s Watershed Management Plan. He led the GIS data collection team and implemented the Watershed-Wide GIS to facilitate the identification of multipurpose BMPs.
MARC DAMIKOLAS, P.E. Task 8 Data Management	B.S., Civil Engineering 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marc has extensive experience with civil and environmental data management. He has worked in the planning, design, data collection / conversion and implementation of environmental data management systems for the San Diego Unified Port District, City of San Diego Water Department, Orange County Sanitation District, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and others.

RMC WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL

RMC’s integrated water management experience includes planning and implementation of water conservation program, groundwater development and management, surface water supply development and reliability analysis, and recycled water development. RMC also evaluates implementation strategies related to cash flow and funding to develop a road map for overcoming traditional hurdles of water related projects. For Proposition 50, Chapter 8, RMC worked with nine regions of the 50 regions in the State including the North Santa Monica Bay Region and the Los Angeles County South Bay Region-to prepare planning grant and implementation grant applications with grant requests totaling nearly \$240 million. In addition to its integrated water management and Proposition 50 experience, RMC offers unique expertise in large scale water recycling programs in California, from planning through implementation, so they know to successfully implement these programs step-by-step. RMC successfully managed more than two dozen recycled water projects in California, ranging from preparation of master plans to design and construction management of fully operational treatment and distribution facilities. RMC provides unique expertise in indirect and direct potable water reuse strategies. RMC have worked on projects with similar technical, regulatory, environmental, and institutional challenges and can apply lessons learned on previous recycled water projects to the WCAs IRWMP.

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TOM WEST, P.E. IRWMP Implementation Tasks, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10	M.B.A. M.S., Environmental Engineering B.S. Civil Engineering 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project manager/director for the North Santa Monica Bay and Los Angeles County South Bay Proposition 50 Chapter 8 applications, both completed in less than four months. Water treatment, water resource and water quality expertise; managed water-related projects for more than 50 different agencies, including the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Managed a series of studies and facilitated stakeholder discussions that evaluated low flow impacts in both the upper and lower reaches of the Los Angeles Rivers.
EIP ASSOCIATES		
<p>EIP has prepared many of the region’s urban watershed plans such as Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea, the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Watershed and Open Space Plan Phase II, the Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan, the Ballona Creek Watershed Management plan, and the Santa Ana River Integrated Watershed Plan. EIP’s key technical strengths is that their staff of natural resource scientists and biologists have decades of field experience within all major types of habitats found in California. EIP’s work includes restoring and creating wetlands, river and stream ecosystems, woodlands, and other natural environments. EIP is also proficient at integrating and designing terrestrial and aquatic habitat restoration components within urban and rural open space. These designs involve the creation, enhancement, and/or re-location of native terrestrial and aquatic habitats into large scale restoration and open space planning efforts that involve multiple uses such as educational, recreational, water treatment, and habitat creation. In addition, EIP’s hydrologists and aquatic scientists perform watershed planning, conduct studies to evaluate how projects could impact water quality, fish stocks, and aquatic ecosystems, and then implement these projects at regional and local scales.</p>		
Team Member / Specific Task	Education / Team Workload Availability (%)	Basis for Selection
MARK HORNE Task 2 IRWMP Objectives	B.A., Geography / Ecosystems 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark brings extensive experience in strategic and long-range planning, determination of environmental review strategy, consultant and team management, critical path identification and public and agency relations. Has managed complex CEQA documents, and parallel CEQA and NEPA documents. Participated and/or lead meetings with community groups, interact with public agencies and respond to press inquiries on environmental and process issues.
JOHN SPRANZA Task 3 IRWMP Focus Areas	M.S., Zoology/Aquatic Ecology B.S., Aquatic Biology 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John has extensive experience in aquatic ecosystem assessment, watershed assessment, stream and river ecology, fisheries ecology/management, and advanced statistics. Technical experience includes stream and river fisheries assessments, stream ecosystem modeling, watershed assessment, spatial analysis of floodplain and wetland ecosystems and communities, river restoration with respect to dam removal projects, and water quality assessment/analysis.
DAVID MILLER AND ASSOCIATES		
<p>David Miller & Associates, Inc. (DMA) is a multidisciplinary consulting firm specializing in water resource and environmental infrastructure planning, formulation, financing, and implementation. Most of DMA’s staff had successful careers as planners and upper-level managers with the US Army Corps of Engineers working at their local, regional, or national offices prior to coming to DMA. DMA recognizes the challenges faced by resource managers in promoting environmentally sustainable development; stimulating economic activity while protecting and restoring the natural environment.</p>		

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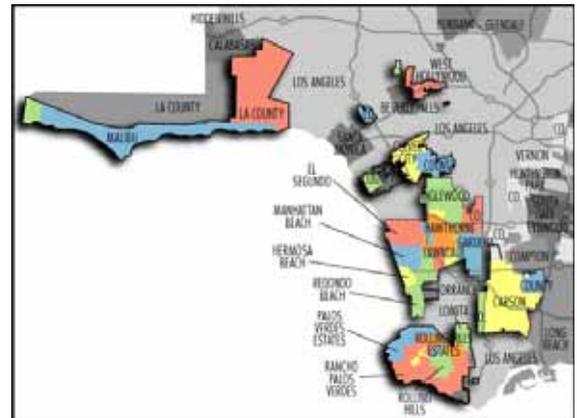
BROWN AND CALDWELL TEAM CREDENTIALS		
Team Member / Specific Task	Education / Team Workload Availability (%)	Basis for Selection
ELDON KRAFT Task 6 Impacts and Benefits	BA: Psychology 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varied project training while employed at the US Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District including: Hydrologic Engineering for Planners; Civil Works Planning Program Management; Economic Analysis for Planners.
HARGREAVES AND ASSOCIATES		
Hargreaves Associates combines the skills of landscape architecture, planning, and urban design with related disciplines to create memorable environments. The work is characterized by a philosophy of strong, simple design that responds in innovative ways to the unique set of forces exerted upon each site from both cultural and environmental processes. This design philosophy is integrated with a clear understanding of costs, current construction techniques, and scheduling, with an all-important emphasis on the clients' needs and goals.		
Team Member / Specific Task	Education / Team Workload Availability (%)	Basis for Selection
MARY JONES Technical Advisor Task 4 Integration of Water Management Strategies	Texas A&M University College of Architecture and Environmental Design Bachelor of Landscape Architecture 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served as Principal in Charge for such award-winning projects as the Sydney Olympics Master Concept Design, University of Cincinnati Master Plan, Guadalupe River Park, Byxbee Park, and Crissy Field in San Francisco's Presidio. Served on numerous juries, lectures widely, and is active in the public forum of design and development issues.

RMC Water and Environmental Project Experience

IRWMP Support

West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMWD), California

Under contract with the West Basin Municipal Water District, RMC worked with agencies and stakeholders in the Los Angeles County South Bay Region to identify, prioritize, and integrate water supply reliability and water quality improvement projects as part of an integrated water supply planning process and to submit planning and implementation grant applications under Proposition 50, Chapter 8. In late-April 2005, WBMWD took over leadership of the integrated planning effort from the City of Los Angeles for the Ballona Creek, Dominguez Channel, and Lower Santa Monica Bay watersheds. WBMWD called on RMC to help the region prepare a planning grant application. Leveraging its integrated planning and Chapter 8 experience from the North Santa Monica Bay Region and elsewhere in the State, RMC was able to prepare a competitive planning grant application in only three weeks.



Based on this success and RMC's knowledge of the Proposition 50, Chapter 8 processes, WBMWD subsequently retained RMC to prepare the implementation grant application. In the next two months, RMC conducted two successful stakeholder workshops and developed a prioritization strategy that not only produced projects meeting the State's requirements, but also created an equitable distribution of projects to the greatest number of stakeholders and an even distribution of projects within each of the Region's three watersheds. In addition, RMC also developed a working draft IRWMP designed to serve as a road map for the upcoming integrated planning process and to produce the most points possible with the implementation grant application.

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IRWMP and Implementation

North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds Integrated Regional Water Management Group and City of Malibu, California

Under contract with the City of Malibu, RMC worked with agencies and stakeholders in the North Santa Monica Bay Region. RMC helped to identify, prioritize, and integrate water supply reliability and water quality improvement projects as part of an integrated water supply planning process. Key agencies

involved include the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Los Angeles County Waterworks No. 29, West Basin Municipal Water District, Los Angeles County DPW Watershed Management Division and Triunfo Sanitation District (Ventura County). Cities involved included Malibu, Westlake Village (Ventura County) and Calabasas.

Reclaimed Water Facility Plan

City of Palo Alto, California

The Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP) completed two previous studies, which provided a framework for developing recycled water storage and distribution facilities to the RWQCP service area.

RMC further developed a focused plan for the distribution system that would deliver recycled water to the southern portion of the RWQCP reclamation area – the reuse sites in Mountain View and Moffett Field. As part of the project, RMC conducted a detailed recycled water market assessment which included descriptions of all users or categories of potential users, including type of use, expected annual recycled water use, peak use, estimated internal capital investment required (on-site conversion costs), needed water cost savings, desire to use recycled water, date of possible initial use of recycled water, present and future source of water and quantity of use, quality and reliability needs, summary tables of potential users and related data. The study led to the definition of a \$16-million regional recycled water program to be implemented by 2008.

South Bay Water Recycling

City of San Jose, California

RMC managed the master planning and Phase 2 development of the expansion of the SBWR. Project included managing an array of market verification, master planning, and conceptual design efforts to expand recycled water market by 15 mgd by 2005, representing \$180 million in infrastructure. RMC managed master planning of 2020 water recycling options, including urban export, agricultural export, groundwater recharge, reservoir augmentation using recycled water, and environmental enhancements. The long-term plan included strategies for indirect potable reuse, and presented a discussion of the array of technical, regulatory, institutional, financial, and public perception issues surrounding that option. RMC also prepared a Streamflow Augmentation Strategy for the South Bay region. This plan identified potential opportunities and constraints of introducing recycled water directly into the region's stream system. Water quality and physical characteristics that would be a factor in implementation were identified. RMC also designed facility upgrades, reviewed water quality to assess MF/RO and EDR pilot plant performance, and assessed system capacity to serve recycled water to Coyote Valley.



EIP Associates Project Experience

Watershed and Open Space Plan, Phase II

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, California

EIP Associates worked with Michael Drennan, when he was with a previous firm, on the Phase II of the Open Space Plan, initiated work identified in the subsequent plans of the Common Ground report (which was the subject of

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Phase I). These plans include: River Parkways Plan, Tributaries Plans, Trails and Bike Paths Plan, Mountains, Hills & Foothills Plan, Habitat Conservation Plan, Cultural Landscapes Plan, and Monitoring and Assessment Program. The initiation of each subsequent plan included identification of agencies that should be involved in planning activities, key resource partners, all potential stakeholders, funding opportunities and previous (or current) plans and planning activities. Phase II included outreach to cities within the RMC territory to develop city-specific appendices to the Common Ground report, development of a brochure to publicize the mission of the RMC, and development of a consortium of agencies and universities interested in development and sharing of GIS data related to the San Gabriel and Los Angeles watersheds. Phase II also provided the RMC with tools to track projects and progress towards implementation.

Ballona Creek Watershed Management Plan

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, California

EIP Associates and Brown and Caldwell are providing technical assistance and planning services for the Ballona Creek Watershed Management Plan. EIP will assist the Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force develop a broad vision of an ecologically healthy watershed that is articulated with simple, clear, and quantitative goals including: prioritizing actions that are defined with stakeholder consensus to make progress towards those goals; and attracting future funding partners that will support these actions because they recognize their investments are sound and leveraged by other funding partners. EIP will also assist in articulating a vision for the future of the watershed using stakeholder facilitation, coordinate plan development with other ongoing plans and relevant jurisdictions, and assist in the identification of key responsibilities for plan implementation.

David Miller and Associates Project Experience

Proposed White Paper for Federal Funding with the US Army Corps of Engineers

Orange County Watershed and Coastal Resources Division

The current federal process for ranking ecosystem restoration projects severely limits the ability to restore aquatic ecosystems in urban environments because of high real estate costs compared with non-urban areas of the nation. *DMA and Brown and Caldwell* are preparing a document on behalf of Orange County presenting a review of the project ranking process that the US Army Corps of Engineers is currently using to develop the fiscal year 2006 budget for aquatic ecosystem restoration, and identifying a set of recommendations supporting development of aquatic ecosystem performance measures that allow ecosystem restoration projects in highly urbanized environments to compete effectively for federal funding. The Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem restoration project is being used as a case study to illustrate the application of the recommendations developed in the analysis. It is expected that the draft White Paper will be presented to the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Office of Management and Budget and will cause a national review of the existing ranking criteria.

Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule Study

Jacksonville District, US Army Corps of Engineers, Florida

Lake Okeechobee is a large, natural, shallow, freshwater lake located in the central part of the Florida peninsula. Historically, Lake Okeechobee has been regulated with the goals of meeting multiple objectives, water supply and flood control. However, environmental concerns for the lake's littoral zone and disruptions to overland flows through the vast wetland complex in South Florida, including the Everglades, have increasingly become competing objectives. The purpose of the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule Study was to develop a regulatory schedule for the lake that more effectively balanced these competing objectives. DMA conducted an economic analysis as part of the Jacksonville District's effort in estimating the effects of alternative regulation schedules for Lake Okeechobee. DMA's investigation addressed the economic tradeoffs among these competing objectives. DMA's analysis consisted of estimating the economic consequences for agricultural and urban water use, for navigation and recreation, and for

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commercial fishing which may be associated with alternative lake regulation schedules. Economic impacts were analyzed in terms of both net national effects and regional effects.

Hargreaves Associates Project Experience

Trinity River Park and Restoration Project

City of Dallas, Texas

The Trinity River Park for Dallas has become not only an icon for the city, but is a functional park system that restores the sinuosity to the Trinity River, which had been removed from the river corridor in previous U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) work. Hargreaves' created the vision for the new park, guided the reclamation of the natural habitat of the river, and enhanced environmental sustainability with new wetland systems. These wetlands take the majority of urban stormwater runoff from downtown Dallas and cleanse it before returning it to the river.



Above: Trinity Park before.

Side: Trinity Park restores the sinuosity to the Trinity River.

The new Trinity River Park knits miles of scattered recreational facilities into one system totaling thousands of acres. In addition, the plan contains 275 acres of new and restored wetland environments that improve the quality of Dallas' urban stormwater runoff before it enters the river system and provides new native habitat, for plants and animals to thrive. New business addresses and fine places to live overlooking the Trinity will create a new city; focusing inward toward its river and seminal park environment rather than receding away from an uninviting and largely ignored floodway.

Guadalupe River Park

San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California

Hargreaves Associates served as lead consultants for the urban design and landscape architectural services for this three-mile linear river park corridor through downtown San Jose. As a USACE Flood Control project, the first imperative was to control floods as effectively as possible. The USACE's original plan would have satisfied this by confining the river in a channel made of concrete and rip-rap. The City of San Jose and the Santa Clara County Water District had much broader goals for the corridor including; safely controlling floods, creating habitat for people and wildlife, encouraging economic development, and transforming the river into an amenity to contribute to the renaissance of downtown San Jose, and creating a positive focal image for the city as a whole.



The Guadalupe River Park delivered a world class urban river park

Hargreaves Associates led a large multidisciplinary team including hydraulic, civil, structural, and geo-technical engineers, and environmental consultants for San Jose and its associated 14 reviewing agencies. The project's complexity required both digital and physical modeling to accurately illustrate real-time hydraulic flows. Hargreaves' design was first digitally modeled using the USACE HEC-RAS program to test and assess potential flood volume, velocity, and scour to ensure compliance with all regulations at each stage of design. Upon design consensus Hargreaves provided drawings and information to the USACE for the production of an 80-foot long scale model of the river corridor for testing in the USACE water tunnel in Vicksburg, Michigan. Coordination with the USACE was vital, as effective flood control and a strong design approach were equally crucial to the project's success. Beginning construction in 1988, the Guadalupe River Park implementation occurred over a ten year period delivering the citizens of San Jose a world class urban river park.

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Project Understanding

Brown and Caldwell understands that the Regional Group needs to develop a highly effective IRWMP that complies with the requirements of Proposition 50, Chapter 8 in order to attract significant grant funding for critical projects to accomplish the objectives of water supply reliability, water quality protection, nonpoint source pollution control as well as other objectives identified in their five WMFAs. Through our team's historical work in the Region and our most recent work and discussions with members of the Regional Group, our project team is intimately familiar with the issues facing the Regional Group and the context within which this IRWMP is undertaken. In particular, Regional Group members are seeking to accomplish the following:

- Create a comprehensive document that addresses water supply and water quality issues and lists all the relevant projects and activities in the Region which can be readily used to seek outside funding. The Santa Ana Watershed Protection Authority prepared a similar document in the late 1990s and was subsequently successful in obtaining a \$200+ million line item in the Proposition 13 bond measure.
- Obtain Proposition 50, Chapter 8 funding or other outside funding to either: (1) implement projects which, without funding could not move forward (e.g. water quality projects), or (2) improve the economic viability of projects so as to limit the pressure to increase rates on customers (e.g. water or sanitation projects).
- Develop partnerships among stakeholders to implement projects either through shared costs, land, or ideas, which generate momentum that spreads throughout the stakeholder group.
- Demonstrate to the State that all relevant parties are involved in the process by obtaining official adoption from the Regional Group members and the important stakeholder groups. This also includes bringing new entities into the process; in particular the Foothill Communities Region lead by the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.
- Develop effective cross-coordination among the other Regions in Los Angeles County to both promote County-wide integrated planning but to also address the State's concerns about how the regional boundaries have been established.
- Use this as an opportunity to learn more about what other entities are doing in the Region to either build on others accomplishments or to address mitigation measures when two projects potentially conflict.
- By December 2006 - a relatively short amount of time - complete the IRWMP and have it adopted by as many Regional Group members and stakeholders so that the Region meets its Round 1 obligation and is positioned strongly for Round 2.
- Use this as an opportunity to build closer working relationships with customers (e.g. Central Basin and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles Counties with the cities they serve).

Based on the understanding of the issues identified above, we have defined our team's mission as follows: to assist the Regional Group to attract significant Prop 50 funds through the development of a technically, economically, and politically effective IRWMP. The IRWMP will be highly effective because it will be:

- **Technically Effective – The IRWMP Will Specifically Respond to Prop 50 Requirements**
 - ✓ A detailed scope of work is already provided including suggested stakeholder meeting schedule and agendas, proposed additional questions to the existing project identification form to quantify water supply and water quality benefits of the solicited projects, and suggested process for alternatives analysis, gap analysis, benefit cost analysis, and project ranking.
 - ✓ Identify a comprehensive set of implementation projects that meet the technical and quantifiable objectives for water supply and reliability, and water quality objectives in our local rivers and ocean.
 - ✓ A technically and scientifically defensible benefit cost analysis will provide additional powerful credibility to the set of projects.
- **Economically Effective – The IRWMP Will Attract Significant Prop 50 Grant Funding**
 - ✓ Defines a comprehensive set of projects through a “bottom-up” and “top-down” approach.
 - ✓ Once a comprehensive set of projects (a Capital Improvement Plan) is defined, projects will be prioritized according to Prop 50 criteria, as well as federal criteria to assure attraction of both State and Federal funding.
 - ✓ Local costs will be reduced because the process will promote projects that attract significant federal funding.

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■ **Politically Effective – The IRWMP Will Be Coordinated With Other Regional and County-wide Planning Efforts, and Local Stakeholders**

- ✓ Projects will provide multiple tangible community benefits, and therefore assist the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) accomplish their mission while attracting stakeholder support.
- ✓ The set of defined projects will attract additional local and federal funding.
- ✓ The plan will be developed in coordination with other regional and county-wide planning efforts, and therefore encourage cooperation rather than competition. (State competitive grants by nature encourage competition. We propose to build cooperation by identifying the universe of projects needed by all parties, and then prioritizing and selecting the projects best suited for various funding sources including Prop 50, local and federal.).

Our Approach

The following section presents our proposed approach to the tasks and deliverables outlined in the RFP. We provide our suggested approach to each task.

Task 1: Project Coordination and Administration

Objective: Manage and report the progress of the scope of work for reporting to State Water Board and Department of Water Resources (DWR), and be responsible for communicating progress and soliciting input from stakeholder organizations in the Region.

Key Issues: Maintaining contact with Regional Group members and other stakeholders to obtain sufficient engagement. Also, official adoption of the IRWMP by some agencies may be challenging, particularly with the compressed project schedule. Thus, ongoing support for adoption is needed to increase the likelihood of adoption by key stakeholders. Lastly, coordination with the other regions will be important, if not essential, as the State has expressed some reservations about the lack of coordination among the LA County regions.

Approach: Develop the IRWMP in coordination with state granting agencies, and local, regional and federal stakeholders to encourage cooperation rather than competition and to provide tangible community benefits.

Implementation: Form three different groups of participants for the purpose of providing various levels of input into the development of the IRWMP. These first three groups are:

1. Regional Group

- ✓ Organize and direct quarterly meetings to discuss issues that affect the overall IRWMP process and to further identify and develop regional implementation projects.
- ✓ Prepare quarterly reports detailing the status on progress, budget, and schedule.
- ✓ Proposed Regional Group meeting schedule and draft agenda items are provided below.

Regional Group Meeting	Proposed Agenda Items
October 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Review existing regional objectives ■ Draft Regional Document Review forms ■ Identify current and planned studies, activities, and plans ■ Discuss comments made to Step 2 PSP ■ Discuss IRWMP adoption process ■ Discuss outreach to disadvantaged communities ■ Review results of and plans for Planning Grant funds awarded - discuss how planning grant funds will be utilized ■ Prepare Stakeholder Workshop #1
December 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Finalize quantifiable regional objectives ■ Prepare Step 2 applications

"Michael's thorough understanding of the TMDL process, as well as the relationships he has maintained at the State and Regional Boards, make him an ideal resource for municipal clients hoping to make real progress with these issues."

Tom Mumley,
Statewide TMDL Coordinator,
State Water Resources
Control Board

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary of results from Task 3 (Review of local and regional plans) ▪ Prepare for Task 4, 6, and 7 (project integration, benefit assessment and data & technical analysis) ▪ Identify project integration opportunities ▪ Some other things to do in an IRWMP, need to decide when to discuss ▪ Refine and water management strategies ▪ Define regional priorities ▪ Define impacts and benefits from Plan implementation ▪ Prioritize projects ▪ Approach to measure Plan performance ▪ Approach to data management ▪ <i>Review adoption plans, strategies and timelines - clarify support needed</i> ▪ <i>Discuss outreach to disadvantaged communities</i>
January 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Present to State grant agencies Region's IRWMP activities to date ▪ Discuss Planning Grant funding agreement and plans with state granting agencies ▪ <i>Review adoption plans, strategies and timeline - clarify support needed</i> ▪ <i>Discuss outreach to disadvantaged communities</i>
March 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finalize Step 2 application ▪ Discuss results of WMFAs development and project integration ▪ Discuss alternatives and revisions to prioritization process ▪ Prepare Stakeholder Workshop #2 ▪ <i>Review adoption plans, strategies and timelines - clarify support needed</i> ▪ <i>Discuss outreach to disadvantaged communities</i>
June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finalize project prioritization ▪ Review data and technical analysis ▪ Discuss results of benefit assessment and implementation refinements ▪ Discuss preparation of draft IRWMP and comments to be provided by stakeholders ▪ Prepare Stakeholder Workshop #3 ▪ <i>Review adoption plans, strategies and timelines - clarify support needed</i> ▪ <i>Discuss outreach to disadvantaged communities</i>
September 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review draft IRWMP ▪ Review projects/regions awarded funding in Round 1 ▪ Review strategies for IRWMP process in 2007 and Round 2 application ▪ <i>Review adoption plans, strategies and timelines - clarify support needed</i> ▪ <i>Discuss outreach to disadvantaged communities</i>
December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review final IRWMP ▪ Prepare Public Meeting ▪ <i>Review adoption plans, strategies and timelines - clarify support needed</i> ▪ <i>Discuss outreach to disadvantaged communities</i>

2. WMFA subcommittees that consist of representatives from the Regional Group as well as other stakeholders involved with issues relating to one of the five WMFAs (details in Task 3).
 - ✓ Organize and direct meetings on an as-needed basis (up to 15 total meetings) to obtain technical input and discuss the integration of water management strategies during the development of the IRWMP.
3. Stakeholder Group (details in Tasks 2, 4 and 6)
 - ✓ Organize and direct three workshops to engage the full group of agencies and cities during the development of the IRWMP.
4. Coordination with other Los Angeles County Regions (i.e., Foothill Communities Region, South Bay Region, Upper LA River Region, North Santa Monica Bay Region).
 - ✓ Organize monthly discussions with other regions.
 - ✓ Evaluate consistency of the IRWMP with the other regional groups' IRWMPs.

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5. IRWMP adoption support.

- ✓ Prepare an adoption plan for each entity, identifying key dates, needs for briefings and adoption process.

Deliverables:

- Phase I
 - ✓ Regional Group kickoff meeting (an agenda and meeting minutes)
 - ✓ Regional Group 4Q/05 meeting (an agenda and meeting minutes)
 - ✓ 4Q/05 quarterly report
- Phase II
 - ✓ Regional Group kickoff meeting with the State (an agenda and meeting minutes)
 - ✓ Four Regional Group quarterly meeting in 2006 (agendas and meeting minutes)
 - ✓ Four quarterly reports for 2006

Task 2: IRWMP Objectives

Objectives: Develop a comprehensive list of quantifiable regional planning objectives that address water related issues.

Key Issues: Obtaining agreement on substantive objectives may be challenging given the diversity of regional stakeholders and their individual agendas.

Approach: Identify the quantifiable regional objectives for planning purposes based on stakeholders' input for water supply, surface and groundwater management, ecosystem restoration, recreation, and stormwater and urban runoff water quality in the local rivers and ocean, and use them as a tool to measure progress towards overall regional goals and needs. Examples of quantifiable objectives are as follows:

- Meet water supply reliability goal of average monthly demand at least 70 percent of the time.
- Infiltrate or treat the first 3/4-inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period to comply with existing and future TMDLs.
- Achieve Recreation and Parks goal of 5 acres of open space per 1,000 residents.

Implementation:

- Identify and form appropriate subcommittees that review existing narrative objectives.
- Coordinate subcommittees' activities to develop a draft list of quantifiable regional objectives that address water related issues.
- Organize and direct Stakeholder Workshop #1 in October 2005 to receive stakeholders' comments and input on the draft list.
- Assist the Regional Group in refining and finalizing these objectives while ensuring compliance with the Proposition 50, Chapter 8 program preferences and statewide priorities, including and achieving one or more goals of the CALFED Bay Delta Program (as outlined on pg 9 of RFP).

Deliverables:

- Phase I
 - ✓ Draft list of quantifiable regional planning objectives
 - ✓ Stakeholder Workshop #1 in October 2005 (an agenda and meeting minutes)
 - ✓ Report detailing the final IRWMP objectives

Task 3: Development of WMFAs

Objectives: Identify existing information and data gaps, develop tools and methodologies to fill the data gaps, and aid in the integration of water management strategies into the five WMFAs.

Key Issues: Identify any existing information missing, identifying and accurately describing studies, plans and activities and their intended outcomes now in progress or planned for the near future. Also, when reviewing plans and

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studies, clarify discrepancies between the goals and objectives of the planning document and the newly established regional objectives.

Approach: Use scientific, technical tools and methodologies to fill the regional data gaps, and develop a comprehensive data set for region-wide integration of water management strategies and projects.

Implementation:

- Organize and direct subcommittee meetings to address issues within each of the five WMFAs.
- Prepare Regional Document Review forms, and review existing local and regional plans, programs and projects using the forms. Develop an inventory of existing BMPs, water/wastewater facilities, flood control facilities, parks, open spaces, habitat protection programs, etc.
- Compile data associated with potential sources of pollution, land uses (schools, parks, open spaces, etc.), runoff coefficients, aerial photos, hydrology, hydraulics (storm drains, channels, etc.), existing and potential beneficial uses and their impairment, ecosystem, current and future water/wastewater demands, land availability, etc. in order to identify opportunities and constraints for water management strategies.
- Prepare a preliminary Technical Memorandum for each of the five WMFAs to identify existing information, data gaps, discuss and develop tools and methodologies to fill the data gaps, and aid in the integration of water management strategies into WMFAs and the development of IRWMP.
- Suggested approach to preparing the Technical Memorandum for each WMFA is as follows:
 - ✓ Water supply reliability and water quality protection and improvement: Existing urban water management plans and water datasets will be reviewed to assess the overall reliability of the water supply in the Region and to identify data gaps. Spreadsheet models or more complex ones linked with GIS can be used outside the scope to further evaluate the impacts of (1) conservation schemes, (2) transfer of water rights and (3) modification of the operating strategies for the control facilities in the Region. Water quality evaluations based on existing monitoring data, plans and documents will be conducted at a watershed scale for this project. Simple loading models, such as the Watershed Treatment Model or the LA County pollutant loading model, will be used to fill the data gaps in the existing water quality plans and programs, and to predict water quality impacts of implementing water quality capital projects identified in the IRWMP.
 - ✓ Groundwater management and conjunctive use: After reviewing existing groundwater management plans and other relevant plans, our team can adapt or modify existing models or develop our own GIS and/or spreadsheet-based models to close any gaps identified in Region's water budget. GIS with their built-in analysis and programming tools often forms an ideal platform for supplementary conjunctive use studies and could provide the additional advantage of generating valuable graphics for communicating local issues. Such a powerful GIS tool can be developed outside of the scope for the benefits of stakeholders after the project.
 - ✓ Stormwater capture and management, surface storage, and flood management: Our team will first compile the available information from existing plans to develop a single, comprehensive list of flood prone areas as well as a list of flood control facilities and their capacity. If necessary, hydrological data such as frequency and volume of flood events will be obtained from LACDPW using the hydrology and hydraulics model developed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. After the initial evaluation, a hydraulic analysis for Region's flood control system can be performed outside the scope to evaluate the existing flood control system capacity and to identify deficiencies in the system. This analysis will include recommendations for drainage improvements to reduce (to a level of insignificance) or eliminate the existing deficiencies within Region's flood control system, and will present cost estimates and schedules for the design and construction of the recommended drainage improvements. The recommended drainage improvements in this analysis not only include additional conveyance system capacity to address deficiencies, but also include stormwater retention facilities that will help alleviate deficiencies. These recommendations will be based on the regional objectives of identifying solutions, which provide progress towards stormwater quality objectives as well as progress with storm drain conveyance objectives.
 - ✓ Watershed management, habitat enhancement, and recreation: All of the goals defined in the other four water management focus areas should be consistent with a holistic view of watershed management that promotes additional habitat and recreation opportunities. For example, stormwater capture and infiltration more closely approximates the function of a natural undisturbed watershed. The planning process will examine and

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emphasize projects that are multi-objective, such as providing wetlands to improve stormwater control and water quality while providing additional wildlife habitat and a natural hydrological regime that will benefit both terrestrial and aquatic species. As appropriate, active and passive recreational activities and public educational programs can be integrated into areas of restored habitat. This approach has been used along the San Gabriel River, and continues to be expanded upon in areas such as the Whittier Narrows. Similarly, regional stormwater facilities located near waterways could be integrated to parkland expansion and river restoration projects. Combining environmental functions with enhanced recreational and educational opportunities will promote better public acceptance of proposed project by maximizing public awareness and education of the need and necessity of maintaining natural river-floodplain interactions through appropriate management practices and at times individual/group public activities. Similarly, regional stormwater facilities located near waterways could be integrated to parkland expansion and river restoration projects. Combining environmental functions with enhanced recreational opportunities will promote better public acceptance of any proposed projects.

- ✓ Water recycling, water reclamation, and water conservation: Aspects of this water management focus area will be integrated into the other areas. For example, the impacts of water conservation will be included in the analysis of water supply reliability and conjunctive use studies. Our team will also review opportunities to combine an evaluation of the water management benefits of water recycling and reclamation, with a strong evaluation of the technical challenges and project costs for expanded water recycling and reclamation. Utilization of GIS will provide proximity analysis of potential recharge projects to available groundwater storage and compare water recycling plants to areas of high demand for recycled water. Lastly, as public perception of the benefits and perceived dangers of recycled water is inconsistent, public education will be addressed.
- Prepare Final Technical Memorandum incorporating comments and input from subcommittees and the Regional Group.

Deliverables:

- Phase I
 - ✓ A subcommittee meeting for each of the five WMFAs (an agenda and meeting minutes)
 - ✓ New regional document review forms
 - ✓ Preliminary Technical Memorandum for each of the WMFAs
- Phase II
 - ✓ Additional subcommittee meetings for each of the five WMFAs on an as-needed basis (agendas and meeting minutes)
 - ✓ Final Technical Memorandum for each of the WMFAs

Task 4: Integration of Water Management Strategies

Objectives: Identify and recommend potential synergies or linkages between the five WMFA Technical Memorandums to form the basis for development of regional projects meeting multiple benefits.

Key Issues: There are multiple ways to define integration and various frameworks which can be applied. A simple definition and framework is needed for this preparation of the IRWMP due to the short time frame and limited time to meet with stakeholders to discuss and develop multiple integration alternatives.

Approach: Define a comprehensive set of projects through a bottom-up and top-down approach that quantifiably solve multiple problems and maximize projects' benefits in order to attract current Prop 50 funding as well as future federal funding. Most projects developed to date in the draft plan have been identified through a process of a "call for projects" to stakeholders within the region. We call this process as a bottom-up approach to identify projects. To effectively integrate water management strategies, we also recommend a top-down approach to problem solving. This approach would promote a process of viewing the watershed and the existing defined projects on one map, as a whole, and then utilizing a simple GIS based model to identify potential regional projects that may accomplish similar objectives of several existing individual projects.

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Implementation:

- Develop a document/strategy matrix to confirm the water management strategies addressed in the Region, to quantifiably determine any overlaps and gaps in existing plans and/or projects against the regional objectives identified in Task 2, to assist with the integration of plans and projects across a range of water management strategies, and to develop a comprehensive set of projects and strategies that quantifiably fill the gaps and attract both State and Federal funding by increasing projects' benefits.
- Map the areas covered by local plans and proposed projects for each of the five WMFAs to determine if any geographic overlapping exists between proposed projects and to illustrate that water management strategies provide achievement with the quantified objectives defined in Task 2 across the entire Region once integrated.
- Perform an alternatives analysis which includes a set of multi-purpose regional projects that serve as an alternative to the single-purpose projects and strategies that just fill the gaps.
- Organize and direct Stakeholder Workshop #2 in March 2006.
- Develop integrated strategies.

Deliverables:

- Phase I
 - ✓ Document/strategy matrix
 - ✓ Project/plan maps
- Phase II
 - ✓ Stakeholder Workshop #2 in March 2006 (an agenda and meeting minutes)
 - ✓ Integrated Strategies Table
 - ✓ Alternatives Analysis and Benefit/Cost Analysis of Alternatives

Task 5: IRWMP Implementation

Objectives: Determine and prioritize multi-objective projects, and develop an implementation plan that identifies the lead regional agency, and the institutional structure and funding mechanism.

Key Issues: The most challenging issue with this task will be the need to collect a variety of information from stakeholders and consolidate it into a single implementation plan. In the Round 1 application, implementation information from stakeholders was provided in a variety of different formats with varying degrees of quality.

Approach: Prioritize and rank the selected projects according to the Prop 50 project scoring criteria and others determined by the Regional Group, develop a comprehensive implementation plan that includes a detailed funding mechanism with other regional groups in Los Angeles County and the ASCE Los Angeles Regional Watershed Infrastructure Funding Workgroup, and promote projects that could attract additional local and federal funding.

Implementation:

- Determine and prioritize multi-objective projects.
 - ✓ Complete project identification forms with stakeholders' input. Our team has identified a set of additional questions to the existing project identification form used in the Step 1 Implementation Grant application process, and will be happy to provide that. They will help prepare the Step 2 Implementation Grant application as well as the second round Implementation Grant application by providing useful information regarding water supply and water quality benefits of the solicited projects.
 - ✓ Rank various projects based on the Prop 50 project scoring criteria.
 - ✓ Refine the selected projects to address as many water management strategies as possible.
 - ✓ Develop a specific implementation schedule.
 - ✓ Include projects in the submittal for the Implementation Grant.
- Develop an implementation strategy.
 - ✓ Identify the lead agency and the institutional structure.

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- ✓ Identify beneficiaries and potential funding/financing for plan implementation.
- ✓ Discuss ongoing support and financing for operation and maintenance (O&M) of implemented projects.
- ✓ Coordinate with other regional groups in Los Angeles County and the ASCE Los Angeles Regional Watershed Infrastructure Funding Workgroup to ensure that the Region's implementation strategy is consistent with county-wide efforts.
- ✓ Finalize the implementation plan.

Deliverables:

- Phase II
 - ✓ Project identification forms
 - ✓ Matrix with project rankings and ranking criteria
 - ✓ Project identification and implementation schedule
 - ✓ Plan implementation plan

Task 6: Impacts and Benefits

Objectives: Analyze potential impacts and benefits as well as order of magnitude costs associated with implementation of the comprehensive set of projects (or different alternatives) identified in Task 4.

Key Issues: Quantifying impacts and benefits can be challenging, particularly for water quality projects. Utilizing the approach recommended by the State for the Step 2 application will not only allow the region to prepare the analysis expected by the State for the Round 2 application, it also reduces the uncertainty about which impact/benefit analysis tools to apply.

Approach: Perform various technical analyses, using geographic-based and/or modeling tools if necessary, to evaluate each of the proposed projects for their effectiveness at achieving the quantified objectives set in Task 2, and complete economic analyses of the proposed projects that compare the water supply and water quality benefits and other expected benefits of these projects compiled and analyzed in Task 5 and the project costs (capital and O&M costs). Such technically and scientifically defensible benefit cost analyses will provide additional powerful credibility to the set of projects identified.

Implementation:

- Analyze the following impacts and benefits as well as capital and O&M costs for each prioritized project using technical tools if necessary:
 - ✓ Water supply and water quality benefits
 - ✓ Environmental advantages
 - ✓ Cost benefits
 - ✓ Project fills a Region gap
- Organize and direct Stakeholder Workshop #3 in June 2006.
- Prepare a final impacts, benefits and order of magnitude costs table.

Deliverables

- Phase II
 - ✓ Stakeholder Workshop #3 in June 2006 (an agenda and meeting minutes)
 - ✓ Final impacts, benefits and order of magnitude costs table

Task 7: Data and Technical Analysis

Objectives: Develop data collection programs that fill data gaps in existing efforts.

Key Issues: The potential volume of data that is being collected in the region could be significant and come in disparate forms.

Approach: Develop practical monitoring programs and technical tools that meet Region’s data needs such as data for contaminant sources identification, wet weather flow and contaminant loading, BMP effectiveness, habitat, recreation, etc., for effective water management and environmental protection.

Implementation:

- Document the data, technical methods, and analysis used for the Technical Memorandum in Task 3.
- Compile and review existing performance measures to identify those that are relevant to the IRWMP (e.g., hydraulic/hydrologic model developed by US Army Corps of Engineers and LACDPW, Watershed-Wide Monitoring Program, LACDPW’s monitoring program, Los Angeles County Sanitation District’s monitoring program, etc.).
- Prepare a Technical Memorandum on existing water quality monitoring programs.
- Identify the studies and assessments that currently exist within the Region.
- Prepare a Technical Memorandum on regional studies/assessments.
- Identify the need for any additional water supply and water quality monitoring as well as other data gaps.
- Develop data collection programs that fill data gaps in existing efforts.

Deliverables:

- Phase I
 - ✓ Technical Memorandum on existing water quality monitoring programs
- Phase II
 - ✓ New water quality monitoring program that fills gaps in existing efforts
 - ✓ Technical Memorandum on regional studies/assessments

Task 8: Data Management

Objectives: Develop a database that captures existing regional projects related with monitoring efforts, and catalog the results of studies and assessments.

Key Issues: Again, the potential volume of data that is being collected in the region could be significant and come in disparate forms.

Approach: Create a database system that effectively manages the data collected in Task 7, and compatibly communicates with other regional and state agencies.

Implementation:

- Work with the appropriate agencies and stakeholders to define the minimum database requirements and features, and possible enhancements above the minimum level.
- Integrate the database with the SWRCB’s statewide data management efforts and requirements (e.g., Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program, etc.).
- Propose a database system that meets the minimum requirements and possible enhancements.
- Develop the database system based on agreed requirements.
- Include geocoding features into the database system to allow the creation of GIS data layers.

Deliverables:

- Phase I
 - ✓ Minimum database requirements and features, and possible enhancements
- Phase II
 - ✓ Proposed database system requirements
 - ✓ New database system

Task 9: Stakeholder Involvement

Objectives: Perform general outreach activities to regional stakeholders throughout the development of the IRWMP.

Key Issues: Stakeholder input is critical to the integrity of the integrated planning process to gain not only information from multiple sources, but also to generate the necessary political support to obtain plan adoption.

Approach: Develop and implement a public outreach strategy which will increase public support of and participation in development and implementation of the IRWMP.

Implementation:

- Identify stakeholders included in developing the IRWMP.
- Develop and implement mechanisms and processes of how stakeholders will participate in the planning and implementation efforts and how they can influence decisions made regarding water management.
- Discuss disadvantage communities within the Region and their involvement in the planning process. Consider implementation projects that directly benefit these communities.
- Address environmental justice issues.
- Identify State and Federal agencies involved with strategies, actions and projects, and identify areas where they can assist in the planning and funding of IRWMP components.
- Share information related to the IRWMP development with stakeholders through the IRWMP website, e-mail announcements, and periodic stakeholder meetings.

Deliverables:

- Phase I
 - ✓ Stakeholder contact list
 - ✓ IRWMP website and its monthly update
 - ✓ General communication and outreach materials (e.g., public notice, e-mail announcements, etc.)
- Phase II
 - ✓ Monthly update IRWMP website
 - ✓ General communication and outreach materials (e.g., public notice, e-mail announcements, etc.)

Task 10: Prepare IRWMP

Objectives: Complete the IRWMP.

Key Issues: There is a very tight schedule for completion of the draft and final IRWMP, and it will be critical to have all stakeholders understand their role in assuring the draft document and appropriate approval are received in a timely manner. In addition, an important element of each technical memorandum will be to clearly identify where results presented in each will be transferred to the IRWMP document.

Approach: Prepare the IRWMP with input and feedback from various stakeholders.

Implementation:

- Prepare an administrative draft IRWMP.
- Prepare a public draft IRWMP by incorporating comments from the Regional Group.
- Prepare a final IRWMP by incorporating stakeholder comments.
- Assist and coordinate with all appropriate entities in adopting the final IRWMP prior to January 2007.

Deliverables:

- Phase II
 - ✓ Administrative draft IRWMP
 - ✓ Public draft IRWMP
 - ✓ Public meeting
 - ✓ Final IRWMP

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Organization Chart

The organizational chart, Figure 2-1 on page 25 or our Proposal, provides a summary of the specific technical disciplines to be provided by each proposed team member.

Team Resources

Please refer to Section 6 of our Proposal for the table that identifies the resources of our firm and each subconsultant. The table will provide specific tasks, level of effort, hours, and individuals and titles, and will also provide hourly rates and cost basis for reimbursables and all fees associated with tasks and deliverables.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control

We also use the term Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) when referring to the quality management process, we make a defined separation in the functions of QA/QC. Quality Assurance encompasses the elements of the project that affect quality and is the responsibility of the task leaders. Quality Control, or quality checking, surveillance and verification, is the responsibility of the independent project review team. Quality Assurance is an overarching task, one that begins at project commencement and is incorporated in every element of project work. It becomes a cultural element, something that pervades every activity of our team, and impresses itself in all aspects of our work.

Quality Control, is a series of discrete tasks completed at specific times by specific individuals possessing specific skills. Though no less important than the cultural characteristics of Quality Assurance, Quality Control is much more recognizable during a project, as it appears continuously at critical submittal dates, during workshops, and so on. As defined in PMBOK, it is vital to recognize the difference between QA and QC, and not simply treat them as a single project element.

Our QA/QC approach will save you time and money by conducting continuous quality checks throughout the project. Our project quality officer (PQO), Paul Selsky, will report directly to our project manager, and will coordinate all quality related activities. Under our QA/QC philosophy, our PQO will develop our project QA/QC plan. Included in the plan are QA/QC roles, responsibilities, work elements and schedules.

We Build Quality into the Project

Brown and Caldwell recognizes the importance and value of problem prevention and has invested in and has successfully implemented techniques that simplify and coordinate the planning process. One key to a successful planning project is the coordination of data management extending from monitoring data to GIS layers. Therefore in addition to our established engineering procedures for checking calculations, we also incorporate strict version control, data validation, and testing procedures. These techniques, along with our experience and planning talent, build quality into the project.

Our QC is Continuous and Performed by an Independent Review Team

Quality control tasks will be performed continuously through the project by our Project Quality Officer (PQO) and designated project review team members. Continuous monitoring will allow for the correction of any problem before the problem compounds. Our PQO, Paul Selsky, is an officer of the company and authorized to take any action necessary to assure the quality performance of the work. Similarly, the review team members are seasoned veterans and are all independent of any direct responsibility for the conduct of the project. The PQO and review team members are assigned and committed for the term of the project, and will be active throughout the project, and not just at milestone reviews.

Agency Familiarity and Contract Acceptance

Contract Acceptance

Brown and Caldwell prefers Alternative 1 contained in Attachment 2 instead of Alternative 2 in Attachment 3.

Brown and Caldwell is willing to accept all the terms and conditions contained in the attached sample Consultant Services Agreement. We have included the following suggested revisions to clarify potential inconsistencies within the existing terms and conditions and to reflect the standard within the consulting industry for this type of consulting

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contract. We would be happy to discuss the rationale behind these suggested revisions at the time of contract negotiation.

First page, third paragraph, lines 3-4: Change “...exercise the ordinary care and skill expected of the average practitioner in Consultant’s profession...” to “...utilize generally accepted engineering principles and practices customarily utilized by competent engineers...” to reflect our standard of care for professional services.

Article 7 – Terms and Termination: First paragraph, line 5: Change “three” to “ten”. Second paragraph, line 1: After “...his services rendered...” add “plus reasonable termination expenses.”

Article 8 – Indemnification: Note that Article 8 might conflict with the indemnity provision in Attachment 2 or 3 – Indemnification and Insurance provisions. Therefore, to avoid any conflicts, delete Article 8 in its entirety and use the indemnity wording in the attachment. If this is not possible, then the indemnity in paragraph 2 should be reworded as follows to reflect a proportionate fault approach that is supported by our professional liability insurance policy): “Consultant agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless WCA, RMC, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, their Board of Supervisors, Executive Officers, agents and employees from and against any and all liability, expense, including defense costs and legal fees, and claims for damages of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, death, personal injury, or property damage to the extent arising from Consultant’s negligence, willful misconduct, or unlawful actions, operations, or services hereunder.”

Article 9 – Liability and Insurance: Brown and Caldwell prefers Alternative 1 wording in Attachment 2 with the following modifications to lines 6-8 in the first paragraph of Article I: “...to the extent arising from any wrongful or negligent act, error, or omission of Consultant, its agents, or subconsultants of any tier.”

Article 25 – Consultant Responsibility and Debarment: Paragraph c – line 2: Change “violated any” to “violated any material”

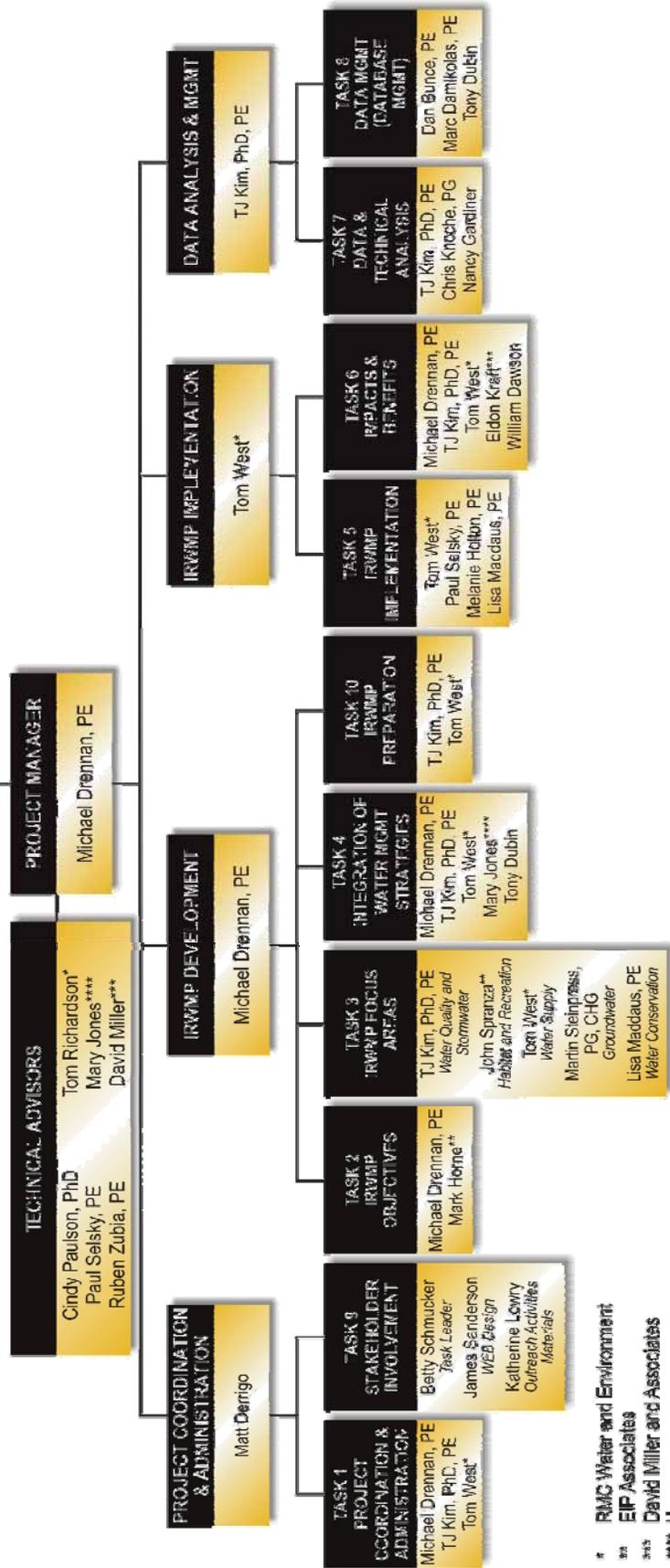
Article 26 – No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration and/or Termination of Agreement: Line 3: After “..of this Agreement” add “..except for reasonable termination expenses.”

Detailed Description of Firm’s Assumptions

We look forward to working the WCA staff to successfully complete this project. Brown and Caldwell assumes the WCA will:

- Provide all background documents and data in support of the IRWMP development process within three weeks after contract execution;
- Execute a GIS data sharing agreement with four weeks of contract execution;
- Review draft deliverables (such as the draft IRWMP) and provide a consolidated set of comments from the Regional Group within three weeks; and
- Provide all data from members of the Regional Group such that it can be integrated together in a useful format.

Watershed Conservation Authority



* RMC Water and Environment
 ** EIP Associates
 *** David Miller and Associates
 **** Hargreaves

Figure 2-1. Organization Chart

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Section 4 Fees for Services

Team Resources

Table 4-1 not only identifies the resources of our firm and each subconsultant (specific tasks, level of effort, hours, and individuals and titles, it also provides hourly rates and cost basis for reimbursables and all fees associated with tasks and deliverables.



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Hourly Rate Schedule

We have provided rate schedules for all individuals and services, including sub-consultants, anticipated to be used on this project on the following pages.

Brown and Caldwell Schedule of Hourly Billing Rates

Level	Engineering	Technical/Scientific	Administrative	Hourly Rate
A			Office/Support Services I	\$45
B	Drafter Trainee	Field Service Technician I	Word Processor I Office/Support Services II	\$50
C	Assistant Drafter	Field Service Technician II	Word Processor II Office/Support Services III	\$60
D	Drafter Engineering Aide Inspection Aide	Field Service Technician III	Accountant I Word Processor III Office/Support Services IV	\$70
E	Engineer I Senior Drafter Senior Illustrator Inspector I	Geologist/Hydrogeologist I Scientist I Senior Field Service Technician	Accountant II Word Processor IV	\$75
F	Engineer III Engineer II Inspector III Lead Drafter Lead Illustrator	Geologist/Hydrogeologist II Scientist II	Accountant III Area Business Operations Mgr Technical Writer Word Processing Supervisor	\$80
G	Engineer III Inspector III Senior Designer Supervising Drafter Supervising Illustrator	Geologist/Hydrogeologist III Scientist III	Accountant IV Administrative Manager	\$110
H	Senior Engineer Principal Designer Senior Construction Engineer Senior Engineer	Senior Geologist/Hydrogeologist Senior Scientist	Senior Technical Writer	\$120
I	Principal Engineer Principal Construction Engineer Supervising Designer	Principal Geologist/Hydrogeologist Principal Scientist	Corp.Contract Administrator	\$140
J	Supervising Engineer Supervising Constr. Engineer Supervising Engineer	Supervising Scientist Supervising Geologist/ Hydrogeologist	Assistant Controller	\$160
K	Managing Engineer	Geologist/Hydrogeologist Managing Scientist	Area Bus Ops Mgr IV	\$170
L	Chief Engineer Executive Engineer	Chief Scientist Chief Geologist/Hydrogeologist	Corp Marketing Comm. Mgr.	\$180
M	Vice President			\$180
N	Senior Vice President			\$200
O	President/Executive Vice President			\$205
P	Chief Executive Officer			\$215

Expenses:

Other direct costs (ODCs) will be charged at actual cost plus 10%.

Subconsultants will be billed at actual cost plus 10%.

Mileage rate will be that allowed by current IRS guidelines.

2005 RMC RATE SCHEDULE

Classification	2005 Hourly Billing Rate
Principal 3	\$215
Principal 2	\$205
Principal 1	\$200
Sr Project Manager 3	\$195
Sr Project Manager 2	\$190
Sr Project Manager 1	\$185
Project Manager 3	\$180
Project Manager 2	\$170
Project Manager 1	\$160
Project Engineer 3	\$150
Project Engineer 2	\$140
Project Engineer 1	\$130
Project Planner 3	\$145
Project Planner 2	\$135
Project Planner 1	\$125
Environmental Scientist 3	\$145
Environmental Scientist 2	\$135
Environmental Scientist 1	\$125
Assistant Engineer	\$110
Sr. CAD Designer	\$120
Sr. Graphic Designer/Artist	\$110
Sr. Project Accountant	\$110
Sr. Administrator	\$105
CAD Designer	\$110
Graphic Designer/Artist	\$100
Project Accountant	\$100
Administrator	\$95
Assistant CAD Designer	\$100
Assistant Graphic Designer/Artist	\$90
Assistant Project Accountant	\$90
Assistant Administrator	\$85

1. The individual hourly rates include salary, overhead and profit. The hourly rates also include ordinary expenses, including telecommunications, computer usage, and regular reproduction jobs. Other direct costs (ODCs) such as large reproduction jobs, mileage, and travel expenses, will be charged at actual cost plus 10%. Subconsultants will be billed at actual cost plus 10%. Mileage rate will be that allowed by current IRS guidelines.

2. RMC reserves the right to adjust its hourly rate structure at the beginning of the calendar year for all ongoing contracts. RMC will provide advance notice of any rate changes affecting current contracts.

3. Large plots produced in-house by RMC will be billed at a flat fee of \$50 per plot.



Hourly Rates

David Miller	\$127.95
Jerry Diamantides	\$100.23
Eldon Kraft	\$ 83.97

BILLING RATES

—	Hargreaves	\$300.00/hour
	Jones	\$250.00/hour
	Principal	\$160-175.00/hour
	Senior Associates	\$100-145.00/hour
	Associate	\$70.00-125.00/hour
	Staff	\$50.00-100.00/hour

Hourly wages are subject to change effective January 1 of every calendar year.

Reimbursable Expenses:

The following costs shall be reimbursed at cost plus 10% and are not included in the Fee for Professional Services:

- A. Cost of copies of drawings, specifications, reports and cost estimates; xerography and photographic reproduction of drawings and other documents furnished or prepared in connection with the work of this Contract. No receipts for reimbursables under \$25.00 will be submitted. Printing for milestone issuance is not included.
- B. Costs of commercial carrier and public transportation, lodging, car rental and parking, subsistence and out-of-pocket expenses. Private automobile travel at \$0.34 per mile.
- C. Cost of postage and shipping expenses other than first class mail.
- D. Long distance telephone charges, fax charges.

- E. Photographic services, film processing.
- F. Cost of models, special renderings, promotional photography, special process printing, special equipment, special printed reports or publications, maps and documents approved in advance by Client.
- G. Fees for additional special consultants retained with approval of Client.

AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2005.

BY AND BETWEEN

Watershed Conservation Authority, a joint power authority between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles WCA Flood Control District (District)

AND

Brown and Caldwell, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant,"

WCA has determined that it is a matter of public convenience and necessity to engage the specialized services of a Consultant to develop a San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Integrated Regional Water Management Plan as specified in the attached scope of work.

Consultant is a recognized professional with extensive experience and training in this specialized field. In rendering these services, Consultant shall, at a minimum, exercise the ordinary care and skill expected of the average practitioner in Consultant's profession acting under similar circumstances. The work will involve the performance of professional, expert, and/or technical services of a temporary or part-time duration; and

The parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. Definition

"WCA" means the joint power authority between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

2. Consultant's Services

The scope of work shall be as outlined in the Attachment dated **month-day**. No work shall commence on this project until a written Notice to Proceed is issued by WCA for each phase of this two phase project.

3. Consideration

In consideration of the performance by Consultant in a manner satisfactory to WCA of the services described in Article 2 above, including receipt and

acceptance of such work by the Executive Officer of the Watershed Conservation Authority (hereinafter called Executive Officer), WCA agrees to pay Consultant a maximum not to exceed fee of **amount in words** Dollars (\$ **amount in figures**). The total amount of compensation for Phase I shall not exceed \$xxx,xxx, the total amount of Phase II shall not exceed \$xxx,xxx.

WCA shall compensate Consultant as follows:

a. Monthly payments for the work accomplished shall be made upon verification and acceptance of such work by the Executive Officer, as stated in the Attachment dated **month-day**, 2005, up to a maximum of \$**amount**. Monthly invoices shall be accompanied by an analysis of work completed for the invoice period. This analysis shall be prepared in a format satisfactory to Executive Officer.

b. Supplemental Consultant Services may be required at WCA's discretion, upon prior written authorization by Executive Officer, and will be based on Consultant's fee schedule on file with Executive Officer.

c. If Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) are provided in the attachment, WCA shall limit COLAs to the lesser of: 1) the average salary increase or decrease granted to WCA employees or 2) the increase or decrease from the previous fiscal year's U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics' Urban Consumer Price Index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange WCA, CA. If the COLA is based on the CPI, the adjustment shall be based on the change in the CPI from time of execution of this contract to the time at which the COLA is to be made. In the event fiscal circumstances ultimately prevent the Board of Supervisors from approving any increase in employee salaries for a fiscal year, Consultant will not receive a COLA for the contract period which coincides with that fiscal year.

d. In the event that budget reductions occur in any fiscal year covered by this Agreement that may cause WCA to consider terminating this Agreement, the parties agree to attempt to renegotiate the terms of this Agreement to reduce the cost thereof in lieu of termination under the termination provisions of the contract.

f. Consultant will not be required to perform services which will exceed the contract amount, scope of work, and contract dates without amendment to this Agreement.

Consultant will not be paid for any expenditure beyond the contract amount stipulated without amendment to this Agreement.

4. Equipment and Supplies

Consultant agrees to furnish all necessary equipment and supplies used in the performance of the aforementioned services.

5. WCA's Responsibility

WCA will make available any items specified in the Request for Proposals.

6. WCA's Representative

Executive Officer, or his authorized representative, shall represent WCA in all matters pertaining to the services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement.

7. Terms and Termination

The terms of this Agreement shall commence on the date stipulated in the Notice to Proceed, and unless otherwise modified, shall terminate on the date that the work is accepted by WCA. WCA may, at its sole option and discretion, cancel or terminate this Agreement, without any liability other than payment for work already performed, up to the date of termination by giving three days written notice of such termination to Consultant.

Consultant shall be paid the reasonable value of his services rendered. In the event of any such termination by WCA, Consultant shall provide to WCA a termination report consisting of all drawings, specifications, reports, and data accumulated to the date of such termination in a form capable of assimilation for use by WCA.

8. Indemnification

For damages, claims, liabilities, costs, suits, or expenses arising from Consultant's lawful activities on behalf of WCA under this Agreement, WCA agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Consultant against any and all damages, claims, liabilities, costs, suits, or expenses for which WCA would be liable if Consultant were an employee.

Consultant agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless WCA, RMC, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, their Board of Supervisors, Executive Officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, expense, including defense costs and legal fees, and claims for damages of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, death, personal injury, or property damage arising from, or connected with, Consultant's negligent, willful, or unlawful actions, operations, or services hereunder including any Workers' Compensation suits, liability, or expense arising from, or connected with, services pursuant to this Agreement.

9. Liability and Insurance

Two alternative Indemnification and Insurance Provisions are set forth in Attachments 2 and 3 of this Agreement.

Consultant has selected one of the two alternative Indemnification and Insurance Provisions and has indicated its selection by initialing the selected alternative as follows:

Alternative 1 _____ Alternative 2 _____

This Agreement shall be subject to the Indemnification and Insurance Provisions set forth in the alternative identified by Consultant above. Such provision is hereby incorporated into this Article by reference.

10. Anti-Discrimination

The Consultant shall abide by the following provisions found in Section 4.32.010 et seq. of the Los Angeles County Code:

Consultant certifies and agrees that all persons employed by Consultant, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are, and will be, treated equally by Consultant without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex, and in compliance with state and federal anti-discrimination laws. Consultant further certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subconsultants, bidders, and vendors without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national, origin, or sex. Consultant agrees to allow access to its employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the foregoing provisions when so requested by WCA.

Consultant specifically recognizes and agrees that if WCA finds that any of the foregoing provisions have been violated, the same shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which WCA may determine to cancel, terminate, or suspend the contract. While WCA reserves the right to determine individually that the anti-discrimination provision of the contracts have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Consultant has violated state or federal anti-discrimination laws shall constitute a finding by WCA that Consultant has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of the contract.

At its option, and in lieu of canceling, terminating, or suspending the contract, WCA may impose damages for any violation of the anti-discrimination provisions of this paragraph, in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for each violation found and determined. WCA and Consultant specifically agree that the aforesaid amount shall be imposed as liquidated damages, and not as a forfeiture or penalty. It is further specifically agreed that the aforesaid amount is presumed to be the amount of damages sustained by reason of any such violation, because from the circumstances and the nature of the violation, it is impracticable and extremely difficult to fix actual damages.

11. Independent Contractor Status

This Agreement is by and between WCA and Consultant and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between WCA and Consultant.

Consultant understands and agrees that all persons furnishing services to WCA pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, employees solely of Consultant and not of WCA.

Consultant shall bear the sole responsibility and liability for furnishing workers' compensation benefits to any person for injuries arising from, or connected with, services performed on behalf of Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

12. WCA's Quality Assurance Plan

WCA, or its agent, will evaluate Consultant's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Consultants' compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Consultant deficiencies which WCA determines are severe or continuing, and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected, will be reported to the WCA Board. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by WCA and Consultant. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, WCA may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

13. Assignment

This Agreement shall not be assigned without the prior written consent of WCA. Any attempt to assign without such consent shall be void and confer no rights on any third parties.

14. Forum Selection

Consultant hereby agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California. The exclusive venue of any action brought by Consultant, on Consultant's behalf or on the behalf of any subconsultant, which arises from this Agreement or is concerning or connected with services performed pursuant to this Agreement, shall be deemed to be in the courts of the State of California located in Los Angeles, California.

15. Conflict of Interest

No WCA employee in a position to influence the award of this Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Consultant herein, or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement.

16. Prohibition From Involvement in Bidding Process

Consultant understands and agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries shall be involved in any way in the bidding process on any Request for Proposal developed or prepared by or with the assistance of Consultant's services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, either as a prime Contractor or subcontractor, or as a Consultant to any other prime Contractor or subcontractor. Any such involvement by Consultant shall result in the rejection by the WCA of the bid by the prime Contractor in question.

17. Gratuities

It is improper for any WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from Consultant with the implication, suggestion, or statement that Consultant's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for Consultant in the award of the contract or that Consultants' failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect WCA's consideration of Consultant's submittal. Consultant shall not offer or give, either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of the contract.

Consultant shall immediately report any attempt by a WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made to Executive Officer.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

18. Termination For Improper Consideration

WCA may, by written notice to Consultant, immediately terminate the right of Consultant to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Consultant, either directly or through an intermediary, to any WCA Executive Officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of the Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to Consultants' performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, WCA shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Consultant as it could pursue in the event of default by Consultant.

Consultant shall immediately report any attempt by a WCA Executive Officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to WCA manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to WCA Executive Officer.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

19. Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit

Consultant shall notify its employees, and shall require each subconsultant to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirement set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.

20. Reduction of Solid Waste

Consistent with the WCA's policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited in landfills, the Consultant agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the project.

21. WCA Rights

The WCA may employ, either during or after performance of this contract, any right of recovery the WCA may have against the Consultant by any means it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, set-off, action at law or in equity, withholding, recoupment, or counterclaim. The rights and remedies of the WCA under this contract are in addition to any right or remedy provided by California law.

22. Fair Labor Standards Act

Consultant shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WCA, its agents, Executive Officers and employees from any and all liability including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act for services performed by Consultant's employees for which WCA may be found jointly or solely liable.

23. Prevailing Wage Requirements

Consultant shall comply with all applicable prevailing wage requirements.

24. Employment Eligibility Verification

Consultant warrants that it fully complies with all federal statutes and

regulations regarding employment of aliens and others, and that all its employees performing services hereunder meet the citizenship or alien status requirements contained in federal statutes and regulations. Consultant shall obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verifications and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal statutes and regulations as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Consultant shall retain such documentation for all covered employee`s for the period prescribed by law. Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WCA, its Executive Officers and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Consultant or WCA in connection with any alleged violation of federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this Agreement.

25. Consultant Responsibility and Debarment

a. A responsible Consultant is a Consultant who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the WCA's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

b. The Consultant is hereby notified that if the WCA acquires information concerning the performance of the Consultant on this or other contracts which indicates that the Consultant is not responsible, the WCA may, in addition to other remedies provided in the contract, debar the Consultant from bidding on WCA contracts for a specified period of time not to exceed three years, and terminate any or all existing contracts the Consultant may have with the WCA.

c. The WCA may debar a Consultant if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Consultant has done any of the following: 1) violated any term of a contract with the WCA; 2) committed any act or omission which negatively reflects on the Consultant's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with the WCA or any other public entity, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; 3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or 4) made or submitted a false claim against the WCA or any other public entity.

d. These terms shall also apply to subconsultants of the WCA Consultant.

26. No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration and/or Termination of Agreement

CONTRACTOR shall have no claim against WCA for payment for any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by CONTRACTOR after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Should

CONTRACTOR receive any such payment it shall immediately notify WCA and shall immediately repay all such funds to WCA. Payment by WCA for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of WCAs' right to recover such payment from CONTRACTOR. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

27. Notices

Any notice required or desired to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be given in writing and addressed as follows:

WCA

Watershed Conservation Authority
900 South Fremont Avenue, Annex, 2nd Floor
Alhambra, CA 918023
(818) 458-4315

CONSULTANT

Brown and Caldwell
XXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(XXX) XXX-XXXX

The address for notice may be changed by giving notice pursuant to this paragraph.

28. Entire Agreement

This contract constitutes the entire Agreement between WCA and Consultant and may be modified only by further written Agreement between the parties hereto.

WCA

NAME OF CONSULTANT

By _____
Belinda V. Faustinos
Executive Officer

By _____
Typed Name Authorized Representative
Title

September 19, 2005- Item 9I

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-74

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (WCA) AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND FURTHER APPROVING RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 authorized the Legislature to appropriate \$500 million for Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (IRWMP) projects; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the IRWMP is to encourage integrated regional strategies for the management of water resources; and

WHEREAS, the RMC and WCA are members of a Regional Management Group formed under a Memorandum of Understanding the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed Region; and

WHEREAS, the WCA has applied for both planning and implementation funds from the IRWM Program and such action requires that the applicant adopt a IRWM Plan by January 2007; and

WHEREAS, the requested action will require an amendment to the WCA FY 05/06 budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff recommendation dated September 19, 2005.

4. APPROVES the related WCA FY 05/06 budget amendment for receipt and expenditure of contributions for the IRWM consultant contract.
5. RECOMMENDS that the Watershed Conservation Authority award the contract for professional services to Brown and Caldwell subject to the award of at least 50% of the funds requested from the State for the IRWM planning grant.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on September 19, 2005.

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: September 19, 2005
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 9J: Consideration of resolution adopting a FY 05/06 meeting schedule and procedure for joint meetings with the Watershed Conservation Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt a FY 05/06 meeting schedule and procedure for joint meetings with the Watershed Conservation Authority.

DISCUSSION: The current monthly meeting schedule for the RMC has been challenging for many of our Board members. It has been increasingly difficult to secure a quorum for meetings and in reality the business of the RMC will be further streamlined this fiscal year given that the majority of our discretionary funding has now been allocated to specific projects. Therefore, staff proposes that the adopted schedule for meetings be reduced to eight. If necessary it is always possible to add a "Special Meeting."

The proposed meeting schedule is as follows:

July 2005 (Paramount)
September 2005 (Paramount)
October 2005 (Rosemead)
November 2005 (Paramount)
January 2006 (Rosemead)
March 2006 (Paramount)
April 2006 (Rosemead)
June 2006 (Paramount)

The off months would be:

August 2005
December 2005
February 2006
May 2006

Note: If this schedule is adopted the July 2006 meeting would take place in Rosemead with the same location schedule as noted above for subsequent meetings.

Furthermore, since the WCA actions must take place after discussion and action by the RMC and it is often difficult to gage the timing of the WCA meeting, staff is proposing to call joint meetings of both bodies at 1:00 pm and consider joint RMC/WCA items first on the agenda. In order to maintain clear communications to the public there would be joint public hearings on each item then votes would be taken separately by each body.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2005-75

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) ADOPTING A FY 05/06 MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROCEEDURES FOR JOINT MEETINGS WITH THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

The RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the FY 05/06 meeting schedule and procedures for joint meetings with the Watershed Conservation Authority consistent with the staff report dated September 19, 2005.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY ON September 19, 2005

Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General