

**DATE:** February 3, 2020

**TO:** RMC Governing Board

**FROM:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Item 17: Consideration of a resolution approving a grant amendment to the National Forest Foundation for San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative Facilitation and Support Project (RMC 17024)

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**PROGRAM AREA:** Mountains, Hills, Foothills

**PROJECT TYPE:** Planning

**JURISDICTION:** LA County Districts 1 and 5 (Solis and Barger)

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Joseph Gonzalez

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the RMC Board authorize a grant amendment to the National Forest Foundation for the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative facilitation and support, increasing the budget by \$40,078.50 to a total of \$66,009.50 and extending the performance period through March 31, 2021 (RMC17024).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Exhibit A – Project Vicinity Map

Exhibit B – National Forest Foundation Amendment Request Letter and Proposal (including updated Scope of Work, Schedule, and Budget)

Exhibit C – SGMCC Membership List

With the passage of the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, the RMC established Proposition 68 grant program guidelines which provided for project applications to be submitted for funding consideration (RMC Resolution 2019-06).

In Spring 2019, staff opened a Call for Projects between April 29, 2019 and July 15, 2019. Under Chapter 8 of Proposition 68, \$30,000,000 is allocated for projects throughout all of RMC territory. Note, projects within the Los Angeles River corridor have a separate RMC urban river funding source.

Projects prioritized for funding recommendations to the Governing Board are subject to multiple factors upon review, including project score and ranking amongst territory-wide submittals, project readiness, and public benefit value. Project proponents are provided the opportunity to receive higher scores based on additional information provided through staff interviews that demonstrate an alignment with RMC goals and objectives, and granting of funds is consistent with RMC programs, which include:

**Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea** - Supports the Watershed and Open Space Plan vision for the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watersheds, seeks to restore balance between natural and human systems. Guiding principles: 1) growing greener (create, expand and improve open space and access to open space), 2) enhancing waters and waterways, and 3) coordinate regional planning efforts.

**RMC Environmental Justice Policy** - To ensure that the public, including minority and low-income populations, are informed of opportunities to participate in the development and implementation of all RMC-related programs, policies and activities, and that they are not discriminated against, treated unfairly, or caused to experience disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects from environmental decisions.

**Tribal Consultation** - To ensure indigenous tribes and tribal communities are able to provide meaningful input into the development of regulations, rules policies, programs, projects, plans, property decisions, and activities that may affect tribal communities; supporting AB52 and CEQA, which require separate consideration of tribal cultural resources from that of paleontological resources.

After review by RMC staff, this grant received a score of 80/100 or 80% and a recommendation for funding the planning activities.

<b>Project:</b>	San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative facilitation and support	
<b>Applicant:</b>	National Forest Foundation (NFF)	
<b>Program area:</b>	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	
<b>Amount requested:</b>	\$40,078.50	
<b>Amount recommended for funding:</b>	\$40,078.50	
<b>RMC PROP 68 REGIONWIDE GRANT PROGRAM - EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY</b>		
<b>Factor</b>	<b>Project Score</b>	<b>Total Possible Points</b>
1. Access Value	9	10
2. Urban Land Value	6	7
3. Water Sustainability/Water Storage/Water Infrastructure	8.5	13
4. Habitat and Restoration Resource Values	18	19
5. Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities	19.5	28
6. Matching Funds	5	9
7. Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value	9	9
8. Capacity	5	5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100</b>

The National Forest Foundation (NFF) is requesting an amendment for the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) (RMC 17024), increasing the budget by \$40,078.50 to a total of \$66,009.50 and extending the performance period from December 31, 2019 to March 31, 2021. This is in addition to a total project match of \$14,479.74 from corporate contributions, individual contributions, and in-kind donations.

A breakdown of the costs and schedule between the Phase I (original request) and Phase II (amendment request) are provided in the tables below (and are included in Exhibit B). Part of the cost increase in Phase II is in order to contract a Conservation Connect Fellow to add capacity to NFF to support implementation of the Collaborative Action Plan by engaging, coordinating, and supporting Ad Hoc

Committees and members to ensure Collaborative stays on track in achieving Action Plan goals and implementing projects.

**Budget:**

Budget Category	Phase I RMC Request*	Phase I Match**	Phase I Total	Phase II RMC Request	Phase II Match**	Phase II Total
Task 1: Meeting Facilitation	\$ 12,549.00	\$ 978.00	\$ 13,528.00	\$ 20,245.00	-	\$ 20,245.00
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Travel	-	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,400.00
Printing	\$ 88.00	-	\$ 88.00	-	\$ 158.74	\$ 158.74
Food	-	\$ 875.00	\$ 875.00	-	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Indirect	\$ 2,357.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 3,077.00	\$ 3,643.50	-	\$ 3,643.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,931.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,921.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,852.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,078.50</b>	<b>\$ 6,558.74</b>	<b>\$ 46,637.24</b>

\*Phase I RMC request awarded in 2018

\*\*Matching contributions include corporate contributions, individual donations, and in-kind donations

**Schedule:**

Tasks	2018 (Phase I)				2019 (Phase I)				2020 (Phase II)				2021 (Phase II)
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Task 1: Meeting Facilitation													
Task 2: SGMCC Support and Coordination													
Task 3: Development Support													
Final Reporting and Grant Close-Out													

The additional funding and time request to RMC is needed in order to complete and facilitate implementation of the SGMCC Action Plan. A draft Action Plan was provided as a deliverable in Phase I and was provided to Forest Service in Fall 2019 for review and comment. A final Action Plan will bring together the Collaboratives goals and intentions and align them with Forest Service's priorities, and outline action steps for each of the four topical, Ad Hoc Committees. The Final Action Plan is expected to be finalized by March 2020 and implementation will be a primary objective for the Collaborative throughout 2020. The original grant was approved on March 26, 2018 (Resolution 2018-09).

In Phase II, NFF will continue their facilitation of Collaborative cooperative discussions, Steering committee discussions, records of all discussions, support for topical Ad Hoc committees as they develop their work plans and accomplish their objectives, and the writing of letters and proposals for support,

information, and funding. See Exhibit B for the scope of work, budget and schedule details. A summary of some of the tentative Action Plan goals are provided below, listed by Ad Hoc Committee:

#### Trails and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee

- Analysis and planning of comprehensive multi-activity recreation access (trail and road network) to the north side of the Forest or Gateway Region. Includes OHV, equestrian, hiking, and mountain biking. Tie in with existing networks where they exist.
- Identify and support implementation of priority projects in the San Gabriel Canyon Master Plan developed with Watershed Conservation Authority (including East Fork San Gabriel River).

#### Transportation Ad Hoc Committee

- Support infrastructure and access improvements, such as parking improvements for shuttles, at East and West Forks of the San Gabriel River, Chantry and Eaton Canyon.

#### Public Information, Volunteer, and Engagement Ad Hoc Committee

- Interactive map of Forest Improvement projects to support Partner participation and support in implementation projects.

#### Conservation Education and Interpretation Ad Hoc Committee

- Forest-wide signage plan identifying priority locations and an order for installation.
- Better/more interpretation of cultural resources within the Forest.

The mission of the Collaborative is to identify, analyze, prioritize and advocate for values, resources, investments, management objectives and implementation practices that sustainably benefit all communities throughout the region, the Angeles National Forest, and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, and to promote and foster local and regional support for such efforts.

**BACKGROUND:** The National Forest Foundation (NFF) has facilitated the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (“Collaborative”) since it was established in early 2015. The NFF serves as a neutral facilitator and has worked with the Collaborative to develop consensus goals, objectives, and comments on items relating to the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument– A project vicinity map is included as Exhibit A. The work of the Collaborative has been groundbreaking in gathering diverse perspectives and viewpoints to achieve consensus findings.

The Collaborative is a broad-based group of individuals representing local governments, tribal interests, state agencies, environmental and recreational organizations, community groups, businesses, land trusts, forest leaseholders and a wide spectrum of other forest users—see Exhibit C for a membership list. The Collaborative was formed immediately following the Monument designation by interested parties and organizations. Since that time, Collaborative members worked cooperatively with each other and with the U.S. Forest Service to discuss differing viewpoints and reach consensus on the future management of the Monument.

Currently the Collaborative has a Steering Committee and four topical Committees working to enhance National Monument management and accessibility for local communities, in four areas: Trails and Recreation, Transportation, Volunteer Engagement, and Conservation Education. Each Committee will develop a work plan to identify each Committee’s objectives and associated tasks, assignments, and timelines to achieve objectives. Committees will identify and track their own action items and report out on them at the Collaborative meetings. Currently each draft Action Plans contains between 3-5 objectives, and each Committee is working to specify the tasks needed to accomplish those objectives. The implementation of these Action Plans will support enhanced visitor experience and sustainable

recreational opportunities to better manage and protect the Forest's natural resources in support of Forest Service's Land Management Plans.

The Collaboratives purpose is to advocate for the resources, management objectives, and implementation strategies that will sustainably benefit the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument as well as the Angeles National Forest and all communities throughout the region. Specifically, as an example, the SGMCC provided a 17-page letter of comments regarding the proposed San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Plan.

**FISCAL INFORMATION:** This grant amendment to National Forest Foundation (NFF) increases the budget in the amount of \$40,078.50 for a grant total of \$66,009.50, and extends the performance period for 15-months to March 31, 2021 (RMC 17024).

Phase I funding for this grant in the amount of \$25,931.00 will come from remaining Proposition 84 grant funds also known as the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 under Planning & Monitoring 75050(g)(1).

Phase II funding for this grant in the amount of \$40,078.50 will come from:

Proposition 68, Chapter 852 Statutes of 2017

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 allocations, Chapter 8, under statute:

80110(b)(6): San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000).

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:** The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

Section 32602: There is in the Resources Agency, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which is created as a state agency for the following purposes:

- (a) To acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open-space, low-impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvement within the territory.
- (b) To preserve the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River consistent with existing and adopted river and flood control projects for the protection of life and property.
- (c) To acquire open-space lands within the territory of the conservancy.

Section 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.
- (b) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.
- (d) To provide for the public's enjoyment and enhancement of recreational and educational experiences on public lands in the San Gabriel Watershed and Lower Los Angeles River, and the San Gabriel Mountains in a manner consistent with the protection of lands and resources in those watersheds.

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

Further, Section 32614 provides that: 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 projection. 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.

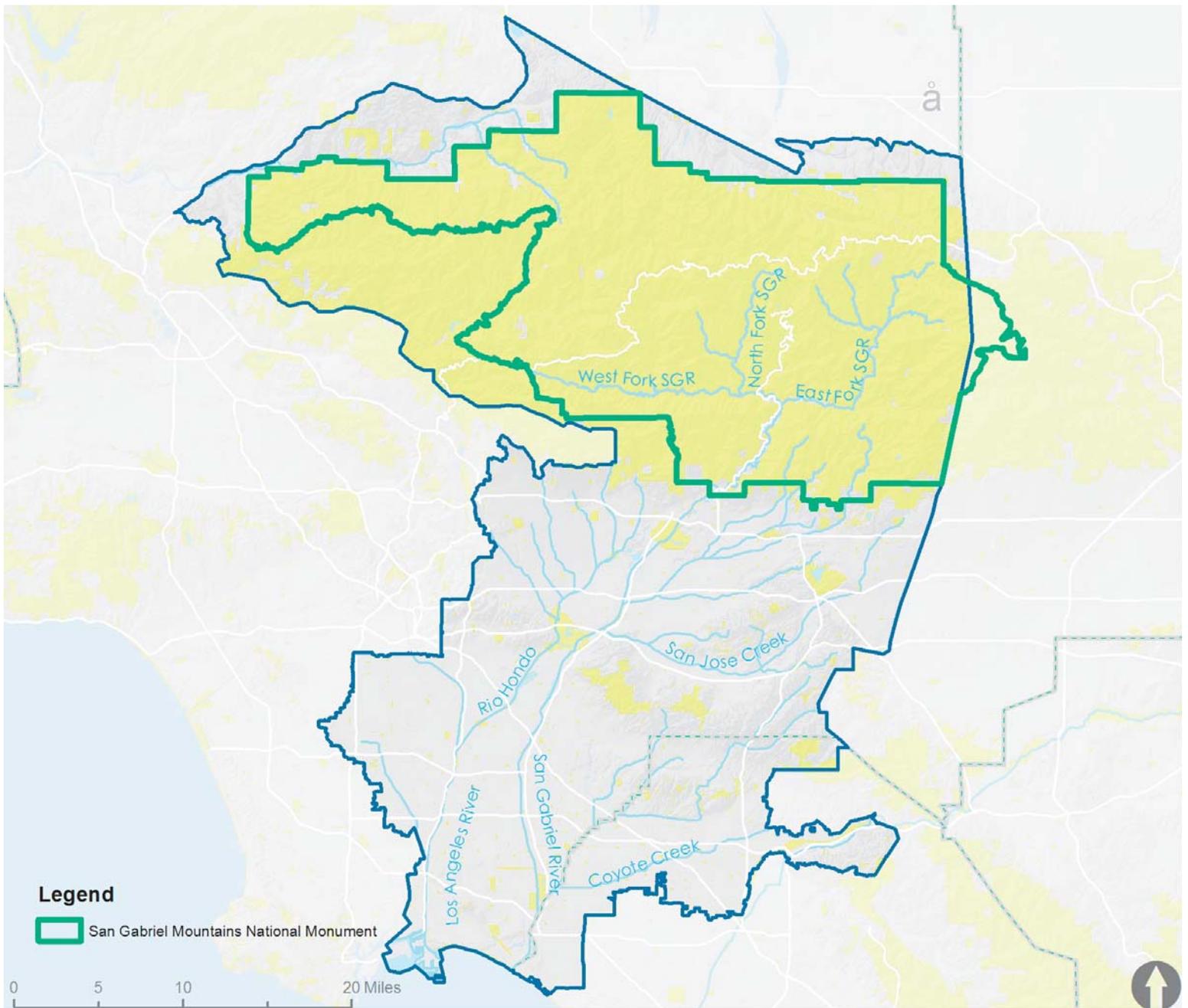
Section 32614.5:

- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.
- (b) Grants to nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of real property or interests in real property shall be subject to all of the following conditions:
  - (1) The purchase price of any interest in land acquired by the nonprofit organization may not exceed fair market value as established by an appraisal approved by the conservancy.
  - (2) The conservancy approves the terms under which the interest in land is acquired.
  - (3) The interest in land acquired pursuant to a grant from the conservancy may not be used as security for any debt incurred by the nonprofit organization unless the conservancy approves the transaction.
  - (4) The transfer of land acquired pursuant to a grant shall be subject to the approval of the conservancy and the execution of an agreement between the conservancy and the transferee sufficient to protect the interests of the state.
  - (5) The state shall have a right of entry and power of termination in and over all interests in real property acquired with state funds, which may be exercised if any essential term or condition of the grant is violated.

RMC 17024 grant was initially authorized by the RMC on March 26, 2018, as specified in Resolution 2018-09.

## Exhibit A

### RMC Territory Map with San Gabriel Mountains National Monument boundary





January 8, 2020

Mark Stanley  
Executive Officer  
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy  
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road  
Azusa, CA 91702

Dear Mr. Stanley,

The National Forest Foundation (NFF) would like to request an amendment to extend and add funds to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) Grant (Grant #RMC17024). The attached proposal outlines an updated work plan and budget which includes an extension of the grant performance period to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and an additional \$40,078.50 to the original grant award of \$25,931. This amendment will support finalizing the SGMCC Action Plan and help NFF facilitate the transition of the SGMCC from planning to implementation.

At the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 SGMCC meeting, members requested a list of priorities from the US Forest Service that would inform the final version of the Action Plan and ensure that the SGMCC's priorities do not overlap or conflict with Forest Service priorities. The NFF is working with the Forest Service to put together the information requested by the SGMCC Steering Committee, in order to finalize the SGMCC Action Plan.

Unfortunately there was a delay in November, and the Forest Service requested more time to gather this information. As of December 2019, the Forest Service committed to providing the priority list in time for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> SGMCC meeting. This information will allow the SGMCC to finalize their Action Plan, a critical next step to ensure SGMCC is prepared for transition to implementation.

The National Forest Foundation is committed to facilitating the successful transition to this next phase of the Community Collaborative. With this grant amendment, the NFF will be able to support finalizing the Action Plan by March 2020, as well as prepare and advise SGMCC members as they execute the near-term objectives outlined in the plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Dania Gutierrez, California Program Manager, at 818-296-5029 or [dgutierrez@nationalforests.org](mailto:dgutierrez@nationalforests.org).

Thank you very much for your continued support of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Mitsos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the name.

Mary Mitsos  
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## **National Forest Foundation San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative Facilitation and Support**

### **Summary**

The National Forest Foundation (NFF) has facilitated the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) since it was established in early 2015. The NFF serves as a neutral facilitator and works with the SGMCC to develop consensus goals, objectives, and comments on items relating to the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative. The groundbreaking work of the SGMCC involves gathering diverse perspectives and viewpoints to achieve consensus findings.

Currently the SGMCC has a Steering Committee and four topical Committees working to enhance National Monument management and accessibility for local communities, in four areas: Trails and Recreation, Transportation, Volunteer Engagement, and Conservation Education.

### **Phase I – 2018-2019**

In 2018, the SGMCC members came together to provide a 17-page letter of comments regarding the proposed San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Plan, and submitted a letter requesting designation of the Angeles National Forest as a National Priority Area for Trails. With this crucial objective completed, the SGMCC looked ahead to the future to develop a business plan at the request of Angeles National Forest Supervisor, Jerry Perez, in order to organize and prioritize the SGMCC's intentions and goals. During this phase, the NFF facilitated discussions between and with SGMCC members and the Forest Service in order to develop goals and action steps for each Ad Hoc Committee to be compiled into the SGMCC Action Plan. The SGMCC is currently working with the Forest Service to align Forest Service priorities with SGMCC priorities in order to finalize the Action Plan and transition into implementation.

### **Phase II – 2020-2021**

The NFF is currently seeking support for Phase II of the SGMCC facilitation work plan. During 2019, the NFF supported the SGMCC as they put together the SGMCC Action Plan, which will bring together the Collaborative goals and intentions, as well as outline action steps that will help each Ad Hoc Committee achieve its goals. The Action Plan is expected to be finalized by March 2020 and implementation will be a primary objective for the Collaborative throughout 2020. In order to achieve these goals, the NFF seeks additional resources to facilitate discussions and provide guidance as SGMCC members navigate executing on their project plans. The NFF will also work closely with the Forest Service in order to identify the appropriate pathways for successful partnerships that will ensure SGMCC goals are met.

### **Amendment Request**

In 2018, the RMC provided generous support to the NFF to complete Phase I of the SGMCC Facilitation and Support Scope of Work. To continue the work and ensure successful implementation of the Action Plan,

the NFF is requesting assistance to fund \$40,078.50 of the estimated facilitation budget of \$46,637.24 to complete the objectives of Phase II of the Scope of Work from January 2020 through March 2021. The NFF has already raised \$6,558.74 towards facilitation and travel. Please see the attached Scope of Work, Schedule, and Budget for additional information.

Thank you for your time and support. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please feel free to contact Dania Gutierrez (dgutierrez@nationalforests.org) with the National Forest Foundation.

## Scope of Work

### Project Deliverables (Phase I and II)

- Meeting Facilitation
  - o Fifteen (15) SGMCC meetings
  - o Fifteen (15) SGMCC approved meeting records
  - o Twenty-five (25) Steering committee meetings
- SGMCC Coordination and Support
  - o Final SGMCC Action Plan
    - Four (4) topical Committee work plans
  - o At least four (4) letters or correspondence with outside agencies or organizations
  - o Support meeting preparation for at least two (2) Ad Hoc Committee meetings
  - o Hire one (1) Conservation Connect Fellow as a contractor
  - o At least two (2) letters or correspondence with outside agencies or organizations
  - o At least six (6) meetings with the Forest Service to discuss Collaborative priorities and progress
  - o Update Collaborative website on a bi-monthly basis
- Development support
  - o At least four (4) proposals submitted

## Phase I

### Task 1 – Meeting Facilitation

- a. Facilitate seven bi-monthly meetings
- b. Manage pre and post meeting logistics
- c. Take and compile meeting records
- d. Assist with developing meeting agendas with Steering Committee, topical Committees, and Forest Service
- e. Facilitate twelve monthly steering committee meetings (Note that NFF does not facilitate topical Committee work outside of the bi-monthly SGMCC meetings)

#### *Deliverables:*

- Eight (8) SGMCC meetings
  - o September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - o November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - o January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - o March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - o May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019
  - o July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - o September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- Eight (8) SGMCC approved meeting records
- Twelve (12) Steering committee meetings

## **Task 2** – SGMCC Coordination and Support

- a. Communicate with Steering Committee and topical committees
- b. Assist Committees with meeting preparation
- c. Assist topical Committees with purpose, vision, and objectives for work plan development. Work plans identify Committee objectives and associated tasks, assignments, and timelines to achieve the objectives. Work plans also identify how Committees will coordinate with partners to achieve joint objectives. Committees will identify and track their action items and report out on them at SGMCC meetings. Draft work plans are in progress and will be completed by May 2018. Final work plans will be completed by September 2018. Currently each draft work plan contains between 3-5 objectives, and each Committee is working to specify the tasks needed to accomplish those objectives.
- d. Assist SGMCC with letters and correspondence with outside agencies or organizations such as the Forest Service, potential member organizations, related non-governmental organizations, and local jurisdictions including cities and counties. For example, the purpose of correspondence may include outreach to potential partners or new members, comments or expression of support for initiatives related to SGMCC work, letters of inquiry regarding funding opportunities, etc.
- e. Assist with SGMCC membership and public engagement
- f. Coordinate with SGMCC on major projects
- g. Coordinate with Forest Service on key issues on a monthly basis
- h. Maintain website and update meeting announcements

### *Deliverables:*

- Four (4) topical Committee work plans
- At least four (4) letters or correspondence with outside agencies or organizations
- Updated website
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## **Task 3** – Development support

- a. Develop and seek additional funding opportunities, focusing on private entities and government grants
- b. Complete proposals to potential funders

### *Deliverables:*

- At least two (2) proposals submitted

## **Phase II**

### **Task 1** – Meeting Facilitation

- Facilitate seven bi-monthly meetings
- Facilitate thirteen monthly steering committee meetings (Note that NFF does not facilitate Ad Hoc Committee meetings outside of the bi-monthly SGMCC meetings)
- Develop meeting agendas with support from Steering Committee, Ad Hoc Committees, and Forest Service
- Manage pre and post meeting logistics

- Distribute meeting reminder emails
- Organize meeting locations, equipment (projector, presentation boards, tables, chairs, etc.), and food
- Take and compile meeting records
  - Maintain attendance and membership records
  - Take notes during all meetings, distribute notes after meetings with key action items identified

*Deliverables:*

- Seven (7) SGMCC meetings for the following dates
  - January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020
  - March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020
  - September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021
- Seven (7) SGMCC approved meeting records
- Thirteen (13) Steering committee meetings

**Task 2 – SGMCC Coordination and Support**

- Communicate with Steering Committee and Ad Hoc committees on a regular basis to share updates, discuss upcoming meetings, and other Collaborative issues.
- Assist Steering Committee and Ad Hoc Committees with meeting preparation outside of the meetings noted in Task 1.
- Check in regularly with ad hoc committees for progress reports and report to the Collaborative.
- Assist in compiling and finalizing the SGMCC Action Plan, with input from the US Forest Service. The Action Plan will include goals and objectives for the Collaborative, as well as individual plans for each Ad Hoc Committee.
- Assist with implementation of the SGMCC Action Plan to ensure all committees are coordinated and aware of other committees' activities, and provide problem-solving support as needed.
- Assist SGMCC with letters and correspondence with outside agencies or organizations such as the Forest Service, potential member organizations, related non-governmental organizations, and local jurisdictions including cities and counties. For example, the purpose of correspondence may include outreach to potential partners or new members, comments or expressions of support for initiatives related to SGMCC work, letters of inquiry regarding funding opportunities, etc.
- Assist with SGMCC new membership and Committee leadership selection.
- Coordinate with Forest Service on key issues on a monthly basis.
- Maintain website and update meeting announcements.
- Hire a Conservation Connect Fellow to support implementation of Task 1 and Task 2. Their primary role will be to engage with Ad Hoc Committees and members to ensure Collaborative stays on track in achieving its Action Plan goals.
  - The Conservation Connect Fellow Program is an NFF program supporting master's and PhD students with hands-on learning opportunities across the country. The Southern California team will recruit students from local colleges and universities to offer opportunities for professional development and networking in the San Gabriel Valley.

*Deliverables:*

- Final SGMCC Action Plan
- Hire one (1) Conservation Connect Fellow as a contractor
- At least two (2) letters or correspondence with outside agencies or organizations
- Support meeting preparation for at least two (2) Ad Hoc Committee meetings
- At least six (6) meetings with the Forest Service to discuss Collaborative priorities and progress
- Update Collaborative website on a bi-monthly basis

**Task 3** – Development support

- Develop and seek additional funding opportunities, focusing on private entities and government grants
- Complete proposals to potential funders

*Deliverables:*

- At least two (2) proposals/letters of interest submitted

**Table 1. Schedule**

Tasks	2018 (Phase I)				2019 (Phase 1)				2020 (Phase II)				2021 (Phase II)	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	
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**Table 2. Budget**

Budget Category	Phase I RMC Request*	Phase I Match**	Phase I Total	Phase II RMC Request	Phase II Match**	Phase II Total	Total RMC Request (2018-2021)	Total Match** (2018-2021)	Total (2018-2021)
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Travel	-	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 6,810.00	\$ 9,210.00
Printing	\$ 88.00	-	\$ 88.00	-	\$ 158.74	\$ 158.74	\$ 88.00	\$ 158.74	\$ 246.74
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\*Phase I RMC request awarded in 2018

\*\*Matching contributions include corporate contributions, individual donations, and in-kind donations

**Budget Narrative**

• Conservation Connect Fellow will be contracted to add capacity as the NFF supports implementation of the Collaborative Action Plan. This Fellow will be hired as a contractor and is expected to ensure the Collaborative stays on track to achieve short and long term goals, as well as provide support for overall management of the Collaborative. The contractor's compensation is reflected across Task 1 and Task 2 at \$20/hour

- Indirect covers NFF administrative and overhead costs
- Travel costs include airfare, lodging, meals, mileage and car rental

**Exhibit C**  
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<b>Association to Collaborative</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Organizational Affiliation</b>	<b>Title</b>
Member	Wendy	La	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Advisory Board Member
Member	Mark	Stanley	Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	Executive Officer
Member	Victor	Preciado	San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps	
Member	John	Monsen	The Sierra Club	Principal, JFM Consulting & Advocacy
Member	Andrew	Silva	San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (Rutherford)	Government Relations Analyst
Member	Gary	Stickel	Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation	Archaeologist
Member	Jenny	Johnson	Mount Wilson Bicycling Association	President
Member	Roberto	Morales	Sierra Club, Nature for All	Community Organizer, Nature for All Coalition Chair
Member	W. Lee	Smith	Michel & Associates	Attorney
Member	Robby	Ellingson	Mt Baldy Ski Lifts	General Manager
Member	Roy	Glauthier	National Forest Homeowners	Past President
Member	Linda	Taira	California Department of Transportation, District 7	Senior Transportation Engineer
Member	Becky	Mandich	Southern California Edison	Principal Advisor
Member	Greg	Galindo	San Gabriel Valley Water Association	
Member	Toni	Penn	Gateway Water Management Authority	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Member	Paul	Bauer	Mountain High & Stevens Pass	Environmental Coordinator
Member	Andrew	Pineda	Amigos de los Rios	
Member	Ian	McBride	CalFire	Forester Assistant, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Member	Scott	Ammons	REI	Outdoor Programs & Outreach Manager SoCal
Member	Youssef	Chebabi	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	
Member	Nick	Salgado	CalFire	
Member	Marsha	McLean	City of Santa Clarita	City Council Member
Member	Bryan	Matsumoto	Nature for All	Program Organizer
Steering Committee	Joseph	Lyons	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Board Member & Council Member, City of Claremont
Steering Committee Vice Chair	Margaret	Clark	Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	Member, Board of Directors
Facilitator/Coordinator	Sarah	Di Vittorio	National Forest Foundation	Northern California Program Manager
Facilitator/Coordinator	Dania	Gutierrez	National Forest Foundation	Southern California Program Manager
Facilitator/Coordinator	Brian	Robey	National Forest Foundation	Program Associate
Member	Richard	Guttenberg	John Minch & Associates	Vice President, Cultural and Natural Resources
Member	William	Estrada	Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County	Curator & Chair of History
Member	Cliff	Hamlow	San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers	Chair
Member	Ann	Croissant	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	President
Member	Daniel	Oaxaca	San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps	Founder
Member	Tim	Brick	Arroyo Seco Foundation	Managing Director
Steering Committee	Belinda	Faustinos	Nature for All	Executive Director
Transportation Committee Chair	Daniel	Rossman	The Wilderness Society	Senior Regional Representative
Member	Robert	Garcia	City Project	Founding Director and Counsel
Member	Omar	Gomez	Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norteamérica (C	Director of Programs and Public Policy
Member	Jeff	Seymour	El Monte City School District, El Monte Promise Foundation	Retired Superintendent

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Member	Jacqueline	Emanuel	Association of Rural Town Councils (Antelope Valley) and	Town Council Member
Member	Josh	Candelaria	San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (Rutherford)	Director of Government and Legislative Affairs
Member	Javier	Hernandez	LA County Board of Supervisors – 1st District (Solis)	Transportation Deputy
Member	Sandra	Maravilla	LA County Board of Supervisors – 5th District (Barger)	Assistant Field Deputy
Volunteer Engagement Committee	Liz	Reilly	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Council Member, City of Duarte
Member	Brent	Tercero	Gateway Council of Governments	Board President and Pico Rivera Councilmember
Member	Andrew	Salas	Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation	Chairman
Member	Gary	Boyer	Glendora	City Council Member
Conservation Education Committee	Claire	Robinson	Amigos de los Rios	Managing Director
Member	Jack	Sahl	Friends of the Angeles National Forest	Executive Director/Chair
Member	Dan	Rosenfeld	Community Partners, Trust for Public Land	Director of Land Use Advisory Services
Trails & Recreation Committee Chair	Steve	Messer	Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)	President
Member	Irma "Kelly"	Carle	Antelope Valley Unit, Backcountry Horseman of California	President
Member	William (Bill)	Reeves	Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps (FRVC)	Member, Board of Directors
Steering Committee	Dianne	Erskine-Hellrigel	Community Hiking Club	Director
Member	Rick	Travis	California Rifle and Pistol Association	Program Director
Member	Ron	Ellingson	Mt. Baldy Lodge	Owner
Member	Chuck	Myers	National Forest Homeowners	Director
Member	Dale	Benson	California Department of Transportation, District 7	Senior Transportation Engineer
Member	Michelle	Nuttall	Southern California Edison	Sr. Project Manager, Environmental Policy & Affairs
Member	Kelly	Gardner	San Gabriel Valley Water Association	
Member	Grace J.	Kast	Gateway Water Management Authority	Executive Officer
Member	Ben	Smith	Mountain High	Manager
Member	Javiera	Cartagena	Southern California Association of Districts	Regional Affairs Officer
Member	Judy	Shay	Palmdale Water District	Public Affairs Director
Member	Joseph	Gonzalez	Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	Project Development Analyst
Member	Jean	Flores	REI	LA Market Outreach Coordinator
Member	Deborah	Enos	Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA)	Deputy Exec Officer
Member	Julian	Juarez	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Senior Civil Engineer
Member	Justin	Bubenik	Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International	
Member	Laurene	West	City of Santa Clarita	City Council Member
Technical Advisor	John	Cho	Angeles National Forest	Volunteer Coordinator
Technical Advisor	Matthew	Bokach	Angeles National Forest	Monument Manager
Technical Advisor	Adrienne	Dunfee	Angeles National Forest	Deputy Monument Manager
Technical Advisor	Rachel	Smith	Angeles National Forest	Deputy Forest Supervisor
Technical Advisor	Jamie	Uyehara	Angeles National Forest	Forest Resources Office
Technical Advisor	Jamahl	Butler	Angeles National Forest	District Ranger, Los Angeles Gateway District
Technical Advisor	Fabian	Garcia	Angeles National Forest	Partnership Coordinator
Technical Advisor	Josh	Travers	Angeles National Forest	District Recreation Officer, Los Angeles Gateway District
Member	Robyn	Lee	Amigos de los Rios	

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Member	Dave	Haas	CalFire	Unit Forester- San Bernardino
Member	Justin	Yee	Urban Waters Federal Partnership	Los Angeles River Watershed Ambassador
Technical Advisor	Ricardo	Lopez	Angeles National Forest	ANF Forest Engineer
Member	Laurene	Weste	Councilmember	City of Santa Clarita
Member	Mary	Cusick	City Clerk	City of Santa Clarita
Member	Sherrye	Ketchepaw	Secretary- Mary Cusick	City of Santa Clarita
Member	Masis	Hagobian	Administrative Analyst	City of Santa Clarita

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RESOLUTION 2020-09

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES  
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING A  
GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION  
FOR THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE  
FACILITATION AND SUPPORT PROJECT (RMC 17024)

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 Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (“Proposition 68”); and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects; 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 proposed project meets an objective of the California Water Action Plan for more reliable water supplies, restoration of important species and habitat, more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project meets the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with AB 32; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

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WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative Facilitation and Support Project submitted by the National Forest Foundation is located within the San Gabriel Mountains watershed, a tributary of the San Gabriel River; and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative Facilitation and Support Project submitted by the National Forest Foundation is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Sections 32600 *et seq* of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

*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 Sections 32600 *et seq* of the Public Resources Code.
- 2 FINDS that the grant is consistent with the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, which provides funds for the RMC grant program.
- 3 FINDS that the Proposition 68 RMC Grant Program is consistent with the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 ("Proposition 68"), which provides funds for the RMC grant program.
- 4 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the purposes of Proposition 68.
- 5 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan.
- 6 FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy;
- 7 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 8 ADOPTS the staff report dated February 3, 2020.
- 9 APPROVES a grant amendment to the National Forest Foundation for San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative Facilitation and Support Project for a total amount of \$66,009.50 and performance period to March 31, 2021 (RMC 17024).

~ 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 February 3, 2020.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Edsall, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General