

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
“Rivers and Mountains Conservancy” (RMC)
will be held on
Monday, May 18, 2020
at 1:30 pm

Per Executive Order N-29-20, Paragraph 3, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020 and related to the State of Emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 virus, RMC board meetings will be temporarily conducted remotely via the below remote access information.

TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA ZOOM ADDRESS:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86112097347>
Or by phone at 1-669-900-9128; Meeting ID #861 1209 7347

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment

Individuals wishing to offer public comment can fill out the [online form](#) for the official record and submit on or before May 15, 2020, by 4:00 pm by email to the RMC Board Secretary (JFierro@rmc.ca.gov) to be read by Chair during the meeting. Public comment can also be made by individuals during the meeting by virtual means or phone which will be noted in the meeting minutes for official record and will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak. Although not required, in order to facilitate an orderly remote meeting, it is helpful to let RMC staff know in advance if you would like to make a public comment at the meeting. Speaker time may be reduced depending on the number of speakers. Public comment will be limited to sixty (60) minutes.

5. Approval of Minutes
6. Chair’s Report
7. Deputy Attorney General’s Report
8. **Executive Officer’s Report (discuss COVID-19 updates)**
 - a. Legislative
 - b. Capital Outlay & Support Budget
 - c. Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary
 - d. Project and Liaison Activities

Consent Calendar

9. Consideration of a resolution approving an amendment to the Subvention Agreement with the Watershed Conservation Authority (RMC19506)
10. Consideration of a resolution approving a grant amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority for the San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Project (RMC9105)

Regular Calendar

11. Consideration of a resolution approving an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Studio MLA for the Compton Creek Planning and Implementation Project

(RMC19508)

12. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to negotiate and approve a Professional Services Agreement and Service Order with Geosyntec Consultants to provide Schematic Design and CEQA phase services for the Community Cultural Arts Center in Southeast Los Angeles
13. Board Member comments
14. Announcement of next meeting date – Monday, June 15, 2020, @ 1:30 pm
15. Adjournment

Public participation is welcome on any agenda item. Members of the public wishing to address the Governing Body on any item should address the Chair. For the time in which meetings are being conducted remotely, members of the public are encouraged to reach out to RMC Board Secretary in advance if they plan to make a public comment during the meeting (although this is not required) in order to help facilitate an orderly meeting. Please reach out to Jennifer Fierro at JFierro@rmc.ca.gov.

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 RMC Executive Officer, Mark Stanley at (626) 815-1019 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 Board Secretary at (626) 815-1019 at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)**

Monday, April 6, 2020

**Held at
TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA ZOOMADDRESS: <https://zoom.us/j/641172482>Or by
phone at 1-669-900-9128; Meeting ID #641 172 482**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colonna called the meeting to order at approximately 1:36 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was recited by all who were in attendance.

3. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Chair Frank Colonna

Ms. Gary Boyer

Ms. Liz Reilly

Mr. Denis Bertone

Mr. Ali Saleh

Mr. Roberto Uranga

Vice Chair Dan Arrighi

Ms. Margaret Clark

Ms. Joe Kalmick

Mr. Amanda Martin (for Secretary Crowfoot)

Mr. John Bishop (for Mr. Blumenfeld)

Ms. Sandra Massa-Lavitt

Non-Voting Members Present

Mr. Stan Chen (for Mr. Johnson)

Ms. Christy Suppes (for Mr. Bazmi)

Ms. Marisol Barajas (for Assembly member P. O'Donnell)

Mr. Julian Juarez (for Mark Pestrella)

Mr. John Walsh (for John Donnelly)

Members Absent

Mr. Matt Almy (for Ms. Bosler)

Mr. Sean Woods (for Ms. Mangat)

Vacant (for Senator Gonzalez)

Mr. Ed DeMesa (for Ms. Colloton)

Mr. Jerry Perez (for Mr. Moore)

Mr. Vincent Chang (for Supervisor Solis)

Staff Present

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

David Edsall, Jr., Deputy Attorney General

Salian Garcia, Accounting Analyst

Marybeth Vergara, Project Manager

Joseph Gonzalez, Project Manager

Sally Gee, Project Manager

Arturo Gonzalez, Project Manager

Jennifer Fierro, Executive Secretary

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. Approval of Minutes

Board Member Reilly noted two typos in the meeting minutes and addressed them to Board Secretary Fierro. Corrections were made to the meeting minutes on April 7, 2020.

Minutes for February 3, 2020, were approved.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no report given.

7. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

There was no report given.

8. SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Mark Stanley gave a brief review of how RMC is responding to the Covid-19 Pandemic and stated RMC staff has followed all Stay-at-Home Orders and has found ways to adapt to the constant changes. He explained that he receives daily updates/orders from the Governors Administration website, for which the RMC responds to accordingly while staying in compliance with local orders as well. The RMC is still in communication with their grantee partners and intends to continue to manage their cases.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Legislative

Mark Stanley gave an overview and update on the current situation regarding Covid-19 and its affects on State and Federal legislative bills.

Mr. Stanley explained that while there is not a formal report to give on legislations, it should be noted that both the Assembly and Senate are serving from their District Offices due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Their return to Sacramento is still not certain based on recent updates. He stated two (2) items: Park District and the RMC Expansion would not make it into this session since they do not meet the current criteria addressing the Covid-19 crisis, but Mr. Stanley will continue to monitor the items. He explained that the focus at moment is on health issues and economic condition of the state.

Chair Colonna asked, if this was referring to the San Pedro/Catalina Island legislation? Mr. Stanley responded, yes.

B. Capital Outlay and Support Budget

Salian Garcia explained that the report contained information of the total capital outlay funds appropriated, encumbered, and remaining from propositions 1, 40, 50, 68, and 84 as well as Lower LA River and Compton Creek funds that were directly allocated to RMC from the relevant budget acts. The report reflects balances as of March 15, 2020. She noted that the report was more in-depth including information about projects encumbering funds from legislative investments, local assistance, and Lower LA River subgrant programs. The current amount available for encumbrance and expenditure is \$109, 235, 185, with two projects pending encumbrance. These two project grants for RMC19004, Shiwaka Urban Forest, and RMC19009, Lower LA River Pocket Park, have not been executed. Ms. Garcia stated the report includes Exhibit A "Support & Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020; Exhibit B which outlines the advanced funds and shows no advanced funds received; and Exhibit C for the current contracts. She closed her review by stating that RMC is about 69% into the fiscal year and is below budget mainly due to large expenditures not being encumbered until the end of the fiscal year.

C. Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary

Ms. Garcia reported these are projects identified by funding source, Proposition 1, 40, 50, and 84 and reflects changes since June 2019. As of this date RMC has authorized 259 total projects, which consist of 201 completed projects, 44 are certified, 3 approved and awaiting encumbrance, and with the remaining balance of 11 withdrawn projects.

D. Project and Liaison Activities

Mr. Stanley gave updates about the various projects and activities for RMC.

Mr. Stanley stated that all 44 projects were being re-assessed at this time. RMC will continue to move forward by working with the grantees and aid them with any issues they are having with their supply chain and deliveries. One major issue that is anticipated is that RMC is moving into the fiscal year and funding for a select number of projects is coming to an end. Project Managers will review with the grantees the process of how they can move forward with their projects such as find allowances in the policies that could allow them to extend past the fiscal year.

Mr. Stanley referred to a picture on page 8 of the various volunteers who went out and help with the programing and maintenance for the Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo and Peck Park Water Conservation, RMC17015. He stated the volunteers visited the park on a quarterly basis and did a lot of implementation, operation and clean-up of the park. He wanted to recognize them for all their hard work.

Mr. Stanley then referred to a picture on page 9 for the 'Grand Opening' of the Phil and Nell Soto Park (RMC17018), which occurred this past February. He stated there was a heavy presentation from the Board at the event like Margaret Clark, Denis Bertone, Supervisor Hila Solis, as well as Federal and State Representation.

Board Chair Colonna thanked the Board for their presence at the various events they attend.

REGULAR CALENDAR

10. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE DUCK FARM PHASE IA IMPLEMENTATION (RMC3609).**
11. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE DUCK FARM PHASE 1A – STEP 2 PROJECT (RMC18002).**
12. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY TO RATIFY A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND SERVICE ORDER WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTING TO PROVIDE CONCEPT DESIGN AND PERMITTING PRE-COORDINATION SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES (RMC19509).**

Board Member Bertone requested to have a presentation for the San Gabriel Mountains and Foothills Acquisition Master Plan at some point in the future as he would like to know more about it. Mr. Stanley responded that this project is in close relation with WCA so he can arrange a power point presentation for the Board.

Mr. Bertone motioned to approve this item. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Roll call vote – Ayes = 11; Nays = 0; Abstentions = 0

13. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSITION 1 GRANT TO AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS FOR THE MONROVIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CAMPUS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (RMC19011).**

Joseph Gonzalez recommended that the RMC Governing Board approve a grant in the amount of \$609,693 to Amigos de los Rios (Amigos) for the Monrovia Unified School District Campus Green Infrastructure Development Project.

This application was received during a Proposition 1, Round Two Call for Projects that closed in December of 2018. He stated that some of the delay in approving this award was due to a wait for Amigos to complete a previous grant application for the Bassett High School which is another green infrastructure campus transformation. Amigos submitted their final reimbursement at the end of last year, he stated RMC is closing out that grant now. This current grant (RMC19011), would build from the work Amigos has done in the San Gabriel Valley to transform school campuses utilizing green infrastructure. He stated Amigos has been successful with these projects in the past and RMC has been supportive as these projects help disadvantaged communities where these school campus sites can sometimes be the only available open spaces for joint use by the community. This grant received a score of 110.9/132 or 84% utilizing RMC's Proposition 1 region wide criteria; it is also a grant for design and build so it will not only be for planning but implementation of the project as well. Mr. Gonzalez reminded the Board that Amigos is a non-profit organization that works to design, build, and restore parks and open space, and will partner with Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD) to provide quality water resources at Santa Fe Middle and Plymouth Elementary Schools in an underserved area of the City of Monrovia. He stated some key deliverables include planting 160 native and drought-tolerant trees and 900 shrubs around the campus perimeters and at key locations throughout the school sites, the grantee would remove water intensive grass species to allow for Bioswales, landscape planters, rain

gardens, rain barrels and infiltration areas that would be strategically installed to capture and infiltrate stormwater on-site. Mr. Gonzalez closed by stating if approved, this project will have a timeline of two (2) years with matching funds of \$142,100.

Clair Robinson, Chairperson for the Amigos de los Rios, was on call and presented the project site in the foothills which is a disadvantaged area in terms of the level of environmental screening. The two schools are in this area and both experience storm-drain issues with lack of service in that area for the bad flooding in the parking lots and inside the schools. She stated there is not very much greening at these schools, and Amigos made an inventory of all the drains to see where to concentrate their efforts as far as the bio-swells and rain gardens. Amigos has been in contact with the City of Monrovia who is interested in these kinds of green infrastructure transformation projects. There is also a great interest in part of both school Principals, School Boards, Head of Facilities, and the Head of Finance. She reiterated the great anticipation and excitement in part of all the groups involved in this project and thanked everyone for listening.

Mr. Boyer motioned to approve this item. Ms. Bertone seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Roll call vote – Ayes = 11; Nays = 0; Abstentions = 0

14. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSITION 68 GRANT TO FROM LOT TO SPOT FOR THE LOWER LA RIVER POCKET PARK PROJECT (RMC19009).

This item was tabled.

15. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSITION 68 GRANT TO THE CONSERVATION CORPS OF LONG BEACH FOR DEVELOPING THE LAKEWOOD EQUESTRIAN CENTER AND SURROUNDING OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN (RMC19010).

Sally Gee introduced the project and recommended that the RMC Board approve a grant in the amount of \$2,024,020 to the Watershed Conservation Authority for the Duck Farm River Center Development Project.

She explained that this grant application was received during the Proposition 68, Call for Projects; it received a score of 85.5 out of a total 100 points or 85.5%. The Duck Farm River Center is an expansion of the Duck Farm River Park that is located along the San Gabriel River and is an essential piece of the region's Emerald Necklace Master Plan. This project would transform a 1929 Spanish colonial revival iconic farmhouse into a waterwise educational resource and visitor center for the public. The Center will include a platform for educational outreach and community activities with research materials, interactive features, and multilingual interpretive signage that will demonstrate and highlight practical strategies for water security and climate resilience, as well as the natural history of the river corridor. She stated that if funded, will fully realize the (RMC Prop 1 funded) Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Conservation Project to open a community resource and demonstration center which will incorporate two (2) acres of water-wise residential landscaping demonstrations for visitors to emulate in their own homes. This project gap funding is critical to complete the center and grounds, which together will encourage residents to retrofit high resource consumptive landscapes into functional sites that capture and conserve water using simple and aesthetically pleasing strategies. Ms. Gee noted that the majority of funds would go towards the exterior site amenities and house renovations

and that the budget would include construction contingency and other soft costs. Lastly, she stated this project will have a timeline of about three (3) years with an anticipated completion of March 31, 2023.

Debbie Enos, Executive Manager of WCA, thanked the Board Members who attended the Duck Farm Tour of Construction Site this past February 27th. She stated that the house renovations would be the next step in realizing the potential for this regional greenway along the river. She informed the Board that Project Manager, Jeremy Munns would answer any questions.

Board Member Reilly, noted that the grant request is originally in the amount of \$2,000,000, but the RMC Board is actually funding \$2,240,000; she asked what the extra amount was for? Mr. Munns responded that WCA received an updated budget which included current estimates which lead to the most current request.

Board Member Reilly followed up the question by asking if there was anything specific that attributed to the increase? Mr. Munns responded that there was nothing specific, it was mostly due to the increased estimates WCA received.

Ms. Reilly motioned to approve this item. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Roll call vote – Ayes = 11; Nays = 0; Abstentions = 0

16. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL, BOYS SCOUTS FOR AMERICA FOR THE TRASK SCOUT RESERVATION WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (RMC18006).

Arturo Gonzalez reported on the project and recommended that the RMC Board approve a grant in the amount of \$1,996,380 to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for the Salazar Park Water Conservation Project.

Mr. Gonzalez explained that the county is seeking to replace a heavily used basketball court and grassy area with a Central Garden that includes native and drought-tolerant demonstration garden space replace existing impervious paving and basketball courts as well as water intensive turf with a collection of climate appropriate and native plant materials that have low water requirements. The Central Garden will also include a greywater irrigation system, which will divert stormwater from the adjacent community building roof to serve as irrigation for the garden space. The proposed project will create a demonstration garden space, walking paths, shade trees, seating and tables, and signage, and convert two existing parking lots to incorporate sustainable materials, including permeable paving and drought-tolerant landscaping. He explained this project site is located in unincorporated East Los Angeles which is a severely high needs and high-density area.

Board Member Boyer asked if the basketballs were being eliminated altogether? Mr. Gonzalez responded that they would be moved to the area of the tennis courts as that area is not so heavily used. He continued his presentation and noted that this grant would be in the amount of \$1,996,380 and that the County of Parks and Receptions would match funds with \$2,496,380. The majority of funds would go to moving the basketball court and moving the existing infrastructure and utilities as well as planting and landscaping in the parking lot. He stated this project would help mitigate the issues the park has with flooding, environmental issues, pollution, and water recharge. He ended by stating if approved this

project would have a timeline of 3 years 4 months from April 2020 to an anticipated completion by August 30, 2023.

Board Member Reilly noted that the original score was lower and then was readjusted, she asked what was adjusted? Mr. Gonzalez responded that after the original scoring there was an opportunity to speak with the grantee to look at what fields could be improved and after a second review, they were able to adjust the points to reach an acceptable score.

Board Member Kalmick asked that during this three (3) year construction bid, do they plan to keep the park open as much as possible? Mr. Gonzalez responded that he believes it should stay open as only really the basketball court and tennis court were being worked on, the rest of the park should continue to be operational.

Board Member Uranga asked if there were any planned construction ideas for the other facilities in the park? Mr. Gonzalez responded that he did not believe so; the only construction planned on the other buildings on site would be to add the rain catchers to reroute the water for irrigation.

Ms. Massa-Lavitt motioned to approve this item. Ms. Reilly seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Roll call vote – Ayes = 12; Nays = 0; Abstentions = 0

17. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION FOR THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE FACILITATION AND SUPPORT PROJECT (RMC17024).

Salian Garcia presented the last item and recommended that the RMC Board approve a resolution to accept local assistance funds from Natural Resources Agency for Lower Los Angeles River restoration projects.

Ms. Garcia stated that as specified in the Budget Act of 2017, of ten million dollars appropriated for the Los Angeles County River Restoration Projects, seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) were appropriated for the multijurisdictional effort in developing projects along the lower Los Angeles River currently targeted for enhancement within the confluence area of the Rio Hondo River. She further stated funds will be used for some operations and maintenance priorities along the Lower Los Angeles river and more specifically its tributary area with the Rio Hondo River. These projects include the Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Cultural Center and the relocation of Los Angeles Flood Control District maintenance yard at 5525 E Imperial Highway, with in the City of South Gate. Unlike previous general and local assistance appropriations, the funding could not be directly moved to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC). Subsequently, the RMC will accept the general fund allocation for local assistance in the form of a grant or other encumbering instrument. This funding will be expended on development and implementation, including but not limited to feasibility studies, concept and schematic design, outreach activities, environmental assessments, contract management, construction, maintenance, programming and security. She noted that Planning for the Lower Los Angeles River was initiated by passage of AB 530, which established the Lower Los Angeles River Working Group and completed a Revitalization Plan. RMC, with the County of Los Angeles, is leading developing of the SELA Cultural Center in the City of South Gate, with other project partners such as LA County Supervisorial Districts, Public Works, Natural Resources Agency, and the

Department of Arts and Culture. She closed by stating funding would be appropriated in the form of a grant or other encumbering instrument as provided in the Budget Act of 2017.

Mr. Boyer motioned to approve this item. Mr. Uranga seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Roll call vote – Ayes = 12; Nays = 0; Abstentions = 0

18. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Board member comments.

19. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Stanley announced the next meeting would be held Monday, May 18, 2020.

20. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Colonna at approximately 2:53 p.m.

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Frank Colonna
Governing Board Chair

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Jennifer Fierro
Board Secretary

DATE: May 18, 2020
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 8B: Capital Outlay & Support Budget

BACKGROUND: This report includes information on the RMC's revenue and expenditures from local assistance, capital outlay, and Lower Los Angeles River-specific projects.

The Capital Outlay report contains information on the total capital outlay funds appropriated, encumbered and remaining from Propositions 1, 40, 50, 68, and 84. For a detailed report on each approved grant and associated fund level, please refer to agenda Item 8C Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary.

This report reflects balances as of April 30, 2020.

	Bond	Appropriation	Encumbered / Expended	Approved Pending Encumbrance	Projects Pending Board Approval	Balance
Local Assistance & Capital Outlay (Urban/Lower LA River- specific)	Prop 1 [§79735(a)]	\$ 13,550,000	\$ 9,602,531	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,947,469
	Prop 68 - Prj [§80100(a)(1)(B)]	\$ 24,562,500	\$ 1,683,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,879,000
	Prop 68 - SDAC [§80100(a)(1)(B)]	\$ 7,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500,000
	Prop 68 - TA/CA [§80100(a)(1)(B)]	\$ 2,625,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,625,000
	Lower LA River Sub- Grant Program (Prop 1)	\$ 33,000,000	\$ 6,510,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,490,000
	Sub Total	\$ 81,237,500	\$ 17,796,031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,441,469
Local Assistance & Capital Outlay (Territory-wide/Other)	Prop 40	\$ 37,097,363	\$ 37,097,363	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Prop 50	\$ 17,604,909	\$ 17,604,909	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Prop 84	\$ 36,000,000	\$ 36,000,000		\$ -	\$ -
	Prop 1 [§79731(f)]	\$ 27,930,000	\$ 22,510,244	\$ 46,295	\$ -	\$ 5,373,461
	Prop 68 - Prj [§80110(b)(6)]	\$ 19,365,000	\$ 2,024,020	\$ -		\$ 17,340,980
	Prop 68 - SDAC [§80110(b)(6)]	\$ 6,300,000	\$ -	\$ 1,996,380		\$ 4,303,620
	Prop 68 - TA/CA [§80110(b)(6)]	\$ 2,085,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,085,000
	Sub Total	\$ 146,382,272	\$ 115,236,536	\$ 2,042,675	\$ -	\$ 29,103,061
Budget Act/Direct Funding	Lower LA Restoration & Revitalization Funds (BA 2018)	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 4,756,607	\$ -	\$ 1,390,320	\$ 12,853,073
	Compton Creek Funds (BA 2019)	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 220,248	\$ -	\$ 49,605	\$ 2,730,147
	Sub Total	\$ 22,000,000	\$ 4,976,855	\$ -	\$ 1,439,925	\$ 15,583,220

Total Appropriations	\$ 249,619,772
Total Encumbered	\$ 138,009,422
Total Approved Pending Enc.	\$ 2,042,675
Total Projects Pending Board Approval	\$ 1,439,925
Total Available for Enc/Exp.	\$ 108,127,750

Projects Approved Pending Encumbrance

RMC19004 Shiwaka Urban Forest Planning (\$46,259) – The overall proposed project will encompass the development of an urban forest, including an extensive landscaping master plan with trails, interpretive signage, vernal pools as well as a new trail, called the Discovery Trail. These improvements will allow for the use of Camp Fire’s facility and provide for significant enhancements to its fully accredited camp.

RMC19014 Salazar Park Water Conservation Project (\$1,996,380) – This is a multi-benefit green infrastructure and beautification project proposed in a heavily used park located in the heart of East Los Angeles. The project will create a demonstration garden space, walking paths, shade trees, seating and tables, and signage, and convert two existing parking lots to incorporate sustainable materials.

Support Budget and Expenditures

Fiscal Year 2019/20 Support Expenditures Report:

The attached Exhibit A “Support & Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020” displays and tracks the administrative and operation expenses for the RMC. The revenue section of the report delineates the six fund sources for operations: Environmental License Plate Fund, Propositions 1, 40, 50, 68, and 84. The reports include expenditures that have been processed and sent to Contracted Fiscal Services for payment through April 30, 2020.

The attached Exhibit B outlines projects that have received advanced funds. Each project that receives advance funds must reconcile upon expenditure.

The cumulative contract report for the support budget is attached as Exhibit C. This report includes contracts executed under the Executive Officer’s Discretionary Approval for under \$10,000.00 and those over \$10,000.00 that have been approved by the RMC Board.

Exhibit A – FY 2019/20 Support & Operations

Exhibit B – Advanced Funds Report

Exhibit C – Contracts

RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
FY 2019 - 2020

Date of Report April 30, 2020

REVENUE				
ITEM	BUDGET	FUND #	% Exp.	Balance
ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES	430,000	0140	21.9%	230,251
PROPOSITION 40	175,000	6029	8.9%	93,707
PROPOSITION 50	102,000	6031	5.2%	54,618
PROPOSITION 84	104,000	6051	5.3%	55,689
PROPOSITION 1	429,000	6083	21.9%	229,716
PROPOSITION 68	723,000	6088	36.8%	723,000
TOTAL REVENUE	1,963,000		100%	

EXPENSES	ITEM	FY 2019/20 BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (\$)	Month	FY Completed	FY 2018/19 BUDGET	As of 06/30/19	% FY19 over FY18
					Apr	83.6%			
	5100000 Civil Service Employees	964,440	574,887	389,553	40%	60%	597,663	580,483	61.4%
Operating Expenses and Equipment									
General Expense									
	5301200 Dues and Memberships	1,000	159	841	84%	16%	0	0	0.0%
	5301700 Miscellaneous Office Supplies	5,000	1,853	3,147	63%	37%	4,000	3,795	25.0%
	5301050 Advertising	5,000	4,070	930	19%	81%	500	352	900.0%
	5301150 Conferences	5,000	1,507	3,493	70%	30%	5,475	0	-8.7%
	5301500 Meeting	2,000	115	1,885	94%	6%	1,600	1,576	25.0%
	5301450 Library purchases	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	0	0	0.0%
	5368115 Office Equipment (non capital)	10,000	422	9,578	96%	4%	5,000	3,717	100.0%
	5301620 Office equipment rental, maint., & repair	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	500	0	100.0%
	5368045 Furniture	60,000	0	60,000	100%	0%	10,000	0	500.0%
	5301350 Freight	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	600	600	1566.7%
	5105100 Board Members	2,800	1,555	1,245	44%	56%	0	0	0.0%
	5150900 Staff Benefits (ie. Employee Wellness Program)	6,500	4,290	2,210	34%	66%	0	0	0.0%
Printing									
	5302800 Photocopy (ie. Konica)	8,000	3,322	4,678	58%	42%	15,000	5,516	-46.7%
	5302300 Office copier expense (ie. maint.)	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%
	5346700 IT Supplies (ie. Paper, toner)	4,500	304	4,197	93%	7%	3,500	3,299	28.6%
	5302600 Office Copier Supplies (ie. staples, cords)	500	0	500	100%	0%	0	0	0.0%
	5302900 Printing - Not Otherwise Classified	2,500	1,424	1,076	43%	57%	2,500	2,092	0.0%
Communications									
	5304100 Cell phones, PDAs, pagers	3,000	1,158	1,842	61%	39%	2,125	2,125	41.2%
	5304700 Telephone	3,000	2,728	272	9%	91%	3,000	2,874	0.0%
	5304800 Communications -Not Otherwise Classified	1,000	410	590	59%	41%	300	275	233.3%
	5304260 Maintenance	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%
Postage									
	5306200 Postage, stamps, stamped envelopes, etc.	500	0	500	100%	0%	500	0	0.0%
	5306600 Postage Meter (rent, repair, refills, supplies)	5,000	1,832	3,168	63%	37%	5,300	4,832	-5.7%
Travel: In State & OST									
	5320220 Travel - In State Lodging	1,000	788	212	21%	79%	1,000	708	0.0%
	5320480 State Vehicle - related travel	1,000	448	552	55%	45%	1,000	835	0.0%
	5390850 State Vehicle - General Maintenance/Repair	2,000	61	1,939	97%	3%	5,000	1,148	-60.0%
	5390800 State Vehicle - Gasoline	2,000	1,101	899	45%	55%	2,000	1,636	0.0%
	5308700 Insurance - Vehicle	1,000	657	343	34%	66%	816	816	22.5%
	5320400 Commercial Air Transportation	12,000	4,003	7,997	67%	33%	10,500	10,264	14.3%
	5320240 Travel - Per Diem Allowances	2,000	467	1,533	77%	23%	2,000	268	0.0%
	5320440 Private Car (ie. Mileage)	4,500	3,135	1,365	30%	70%	4,100	4,033	9.8%
	5320470 Rental Car	1,500	120	1,380	92%	8%	1,500	1,246	0.0%
	5320610 Travel - OST Lodging	800	773	27	3%	97%	500	500	0.0%
	5320630 Travel - OST Per Diem Allowances	400	101	299	75%	25%	500	184	0.0%
	5320260 Travel Agency Mgmt & Transaction Fees	200	77	123	62%	39%	200	129	0.0%
	5390870 Other Vehicle Operations Services	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	2,600	2,600	0.0%

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ITEM	FY 2019/20 BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (\$)	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (%)	BUDGET SPENT (%)	FY 2018/19 BUDGET	As of 06/30/19	% FY19 over FY18
Training								
5322400 Tuition and Registration Fees	8,500	6,460	2,040	24%	76%	500	155	1600.0%
Facilities Operation								
5324250 Facilities Planning - General Svs, etc	10,000	5,492	4,508	45%	55%	6,000	4,560	66.7%
5362050 Improvements other than Buildings	40,000	0	40,000	100%	0%	0	0	0.0%
5324100 Recurring Maintenance Services	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%
5324450 Rent, Buildings and Grounds	49,560	44,110	5,450	11%	89%	48,121	48,120	3.0%
Professional Services								
Planning and Monitoring								
5340330 Interdepartmental Professional Services	3,000	1,014	1,987	66%	34%	2,000	1,197	50.0%
5340210 Accounting Interdepartment (PRO RATA PROCES	232,100	0	232,100	100%	0%	208,000	64,268	11.6%
5340220 Administrative Interdepartment	25,000	7,635	17,365	69%	31%	25,000	21,366	0.0%
5340310 Attorney General	70,000	47,723	22,278	32%	68%	60,000	54,358	16.7%
5150800 Workers Compensation	25,000	3,650	21,350	85%	15%	25,000	19,200	0.0%
5340420 External Administrative Services	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	10,000	7,500	0.0%
5340490 External Prof Svs-IT	120,000	63,745	56,255	47%	53%	80,000	56,305	50.0%
5340580 External Prof Svs-Other Consulting & Prof Svs	45,000	13,262	31,738	71%	29%	40,000	39,923	12.5%
Information Technology								
5368025 Computer & Computer Equip (Non Capital)	13,500	9,006	4,494	33%	67%	16,500	13,382	-18.2%
5362240 Computer & Computer Equip (Capital)	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	9,000	8,202	11.1%
5362290 Office Equipment (Capital)	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	5,000	0	100.0%
5346390 IT Services - Other (Security, Archival, etc)	12,000	5,293	6,707	56%	44%	3,000	2,460	300.0%
5346340 Software	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	10,000	9,739	0.0%
5346320 Hardware Maintenance	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%
5346500 Internet Service Provider	20,000	15,352	4,648	23%	77%	14,400	12,126	38.9%
5346800 Electronic Waste and Disposal Fees	200	22	178	89%	11%	120	68	0.0%
5346900 IT - Hardware/Construction	14,000	13,000	1,000	7%	93%	0	0	0.0%
Central Administration Services								
5432000 Grants & Subventions - Governmental	25,000	0	25,000	100%	0%	68,980	55,000	-63.8%
5432500 Grants & Subventions - NonGovernmental	80,000	70,350	9,650	12%	88%	16,100	16,010	396.9%
OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL	998,560	342,833	655,727	66%	34%	739,337	489,361	35.1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,963,000	917,720	1,045,280	53%	47%	1,337,000	1,069,844	46.8%

Exhibit B: Report on Advance Funds

Fiscal Year 2019-2020
Balances as of 04/30/20

RMC Project Number	Project Name	Grantee	Total Funds Granted from RMC	Advance Amt. Requested	Date on Advance Check from SCO	Remaining balance from advance request	Deadline for Expenditure of Advance	Status

Contract Number	Contractor Name	Amount of contract	Start Date	End Date	Scope of Work
RMC16505-02	Cyber Specialists, Inc	\$90,000.00	10/01/16	09/30/19	Consultant will provide information technology (IT) services for the Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
RMC18510	Urbanism Advisors	\$ 90,000.00	03/01/19	06/30/22	Specialized consulting services related to the RMC's expansion (AB 1694/AB 2103), including outreach to local governments and agencies, attendance in meetings with team and elected officials, and other tasks necessary to support the expansion. Other services are related to the Green Incubator.
RMC18512	North Star Alliances, LLC	\$ 12,000.00	04/01/19	07/31/19	Contractor agrees to provide SGLL Rivers and Mountains Conservancy with comprehensive event management and production services for their Urban River Revitalization Summit and 20th Anniversary events to be held in July 2019.
RMC18513	Geosyntec Consultants	\$ 937,710.00	4/22/2019	12/31/2019	Lower Los Angeles River – Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center. The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy with the County of Los Angeles is developing a project for a Community Cultural Center in Southeast Los Angeles. The project will begin with an evaluation of three potential sites along the Los Angeles River and the Rio Hondo in the cities of South Gate, Cudahy, and Bell Gardens.
RMC18514	US Bank CAL-Card	\$ 10,000.00	4/24/2019	12/31/2020	The CAL-Card is a "no cost" program unless an unpaid invoice has accrued late penalties; late penalties are assessed on day 46 from the invoice date. Card will be used for vendors that do not accept purchase orders (i.e. Dropbox)
RMC19501	Department of General Services	\$24,472.50	07/01/19	06/30/20	DGS - HR will provide RMC with ongoing as-needed HR services, including personnel policy interpretation and development, labor relations, classification and pay, testing, and liaison services between State Compensation Insurance Fund and RMC.
RMC19502	State Controller's Office	\$2,000.00	07/01/19	06/30/20	SCO expedite service fees for warrants
RMC19503	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$50,000.00	07/01/19	06/30/20	This agreement will provide WCA services, consisting of coordination and oversight of property management scope provided by Property Management Consultants/Contractors.
RMC19504	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	\$ 5,000.00	10/01/19	09/30/20	Support Services for the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that will cover operational expense items on the JPA Annual Budget.
RMC19505	Suely Saro	\$ 55,000.00	07/01/19	04/30/20	Provide project management and oversight in the formation of the Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Park District, per requirements in SB 1374. Additional project management and support as needed.
RMC19506	Watershed Conservation Authority	\$ 1,500,000.00	07/01/19	06/30/20	Benefits accruing as a result of the transactions completed by this Agreement, including, without limitation, (i) fulfillment of the Authority's mission (ii) direct benefits such as revenues from the projects and increased revenues from property, parking, business, utility, (iii) the enhanced economic opportunities for business surrounding the projects and in the Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel River watersheds, and (iv) the benefits such as revitalization of the Lower Los Angeles River together with the Authority's obligations under this Agreement, its communities, partners, and grantors, represent fair consideration for all of the obligations to be understood by the Conservancy as contemplated by this Agreement.
RMC19507	Cyber Specialists, Inc	\$ 255,000.00	12/01/19	06/30/23	Professional services included, but not limited to, assisting in the design, configuration and on-going maintenance/service of existing onsite network and GIS servers, and support.
RMC19508	Citibank, N.A.	No max	01/29/20	10/31/21	Agreement is under DGS MSA 5159906 for Travel Payment System.
RMC19509	Geosyntec Consultants	\$ 2,188,970.00	01/06/20	07/31/20	Professional services include architectural, engineering, planning, and community engagement services through the Concept Design phase, and prelim Section 408 permit coordination.
RMC19511	Moore Iacofano Goltzman, Inc (MIG)	\$ 148,070.00	01/02/20	09/30/20	Update to the Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea Open Space Plan
RMC19512	Department of Water Resources (DWR)	\$ 4,800.00	07/01/19	06/30/22	IAA for IT shared-services and/or computer resources, including website hosting and website compliancy assessment/redesign
RMC19513	Studio-MLA	\$ 220,248.00	11/18/19	12/31/20	Planning and engagement services for the landscape architectural scope for the Compton Creek Implementation project

DATE: May 18, 2020
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 8C: Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary

The Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary report reflects changes since the June 2019 update. Each project is identified by funding source, Proposition 1, 40, 50, and 84; project name; applicant name; allocated amount; and the project status. The report is sorted by grant number. The status section for each grant has been updated to provide additional detail on the grantees' current activities and progress toward project completion.

The RMC has authorized 261 total projects, which consist of 202 completed projects, 45 are certified, 2 approved and awaiting encumbrance, and with the remaining balance of 12 withdrawn projects. The total number of projects excludes any potential projects that are awaiting board approval.

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Project ID	Project Manager	Project Name	Applicant	Workprogram Status	Project Description	Project Status	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 40	Prop 50	Prop 84	Total Funding	
RMC3609-1	Joe	Duck Farm Phase IA Implementation	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The Phase 1A Duck Farm project involves the development of a 23 acre river adjacent park project.	Amend 9 - end 12/31/20	\$	- \$	- \$	1,979,818.96 \$	1,170,223.03 \$	2,649,958.01 \$	5,800,000.00
RMC09105	Joe	San Gabriel River confluence w/Cattle Cyn Improvement Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Project seek to provide improvements on the portion of the confluence of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River with Cattle Canyon and its creek.		\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	869,584.00 \$	869,584.00
RMC12002	Salian	San Gabriel River Trail Signage Improvements	California Resource Connection	Certified	This grant will improve interpretive signage along the SGR bike trail through the City of Azusa so that it can be consistent with the San Gabriel River Trail Signage Guidelines.		\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	100,000.00 \$	100,000.00
RMC14001	Joe	Azusa River Wilderness Park Entry	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The design development for front entry improvements at the River Wilderness Park are underway.		\$	- \$	- \$	439,935.00 \$	- \$	91,019.00 \$	530,954.00
RMC14003	Marybeth	Willowbrook Walking Path Compton Creek Project	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Certified	The Willowbrook walking path project will create a 1/2 linear park along Compton Creek within the unincorporated community of Willowbrook.	Related to RMC18001	\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	300,000.00 \$	300,000.00
RMC15102	Joe	Roberts Canyon Foothill Area Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	Withdrawn	The properties are contiguous to the WCA's River Wilderness Park and include high value natural resources.		\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	52,500.00 \$	52,500.00
RMC15110	Marybeth	Lower L.A. River Integrated Design Project	L.A. River Revitalization Corporation	Completed	The goal is to develop an integrated design and technical analysis along the entire 51-mile length of the LA River and create a range of river interventions and multi-benefit capital improvement projects.		\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	500,000.00 \$	500,000.00
RMC15111	Joe	Pre-acquisition and due diligence expenses for APN 8684-024-036	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	The WCA proposes to complete pre-acquisition activities, including due diligence review, and the acquisition of approximately 40 acres of foothill open space, referred to herein as Assessor Parcel No. 8684-024-036.		\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	53,225.00 \$	53,225.00
RMC15113	Marybeth	Washington Park Project	L.A. Neighborhood Land Trust	Completed	Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust is developing a first-of-its kind park in East Rancho Dominguez in partnership with LA County Department of Parks and Rec to create a neighborhood park, including a splash pad, exercise stations and native garden.		\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	282,470.00 \$	282,470.00
RMC15114	Salian	SGR Watershed Ranger Program	Council for Watershed Health	Completed	In partnership with the WCA, CWH will develop a water quality data collection and monitoring program along the upper reaches of the San Gabriel River.		\$	- \$	\$	- \$	- \$	65,000.00 \$	65,000.00
RMC15115	Marybeth	Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvements	Aquarium of the Pacific	Completed	Outdoor Education Center improvements, interpretive signage and Watershed Classroom expansion	Exhibit grand opening held on 05/25/17.	\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	358,600.00 \$	358,600.00

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RMC16001	Joe	Vasquez Property Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Funding for the acquisition of ±40 acres of undeveloped open space located in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills above the City of Azusa, within unincorporated Los Angeles County.	Acquisition complete. Stewardship program being implemented	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720,000.00
RMC17001	Marybeth	View Park & Recycled Water Campus	City of Signal Hill	Certified	The project will reclaim a municipally owned industrial site and provide a recycled water system to serve the proposed park as well as retrofit three existing parks, connect an urban trail system, and prevent runoff pollution.		\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
RMC17002	Marybeth	San Gabriel River and Wilderness Park Restoration Project	City of Downey	Certified	This project will significantly enhance these ponds by improving the habitat (creating wetlands) for native birds and plant species and provide a respite for migratory birds.	Need rescore	\$ 3,210,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,210,000.00
RMC17003	Marybeth	Long Range Water Conservation and Park Plan	City of Cudahy	Completed	The plan seeks to develop a long range water conservation an park plan to establish a blueprint that will identify and create an inventory of: water efficiency, conservation, runoff, etc.; and sites for new parks.	Project complete	\$ 293,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 293,000.00
RMC17004	Joe	Recycled Water Campus on San Gabriel River Parkway	Water Replenishment District	Certified	The project includes many interpretive and education aspects with an outdoor amphitheater, demonstration gardens for native plants, eco-friendly gardening, multi-lingual signage, and other visitor facilities	Need to close out and final payment	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
RMC17005	Joe	Bassett High School Campus Green Infrastructure Project	Amigos de los Rios	Certified	This project will enhance campus "green infrastructure", urban habitat, and demonstrate sustainable public landscaping in terms of water use, improved infiltration, and storm water management.	Final payment, plus retention, in process.	\$ 652,520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 652,520.00
RMC17006	Marybeth	Planning for the Urban Orchard	Trust for Public Land	Certified	Project will transform 30 acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths.		\$ 845,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 845,000.00
RMC17007	Sally	West Coyote Hills Open Space Acquisition	City of Fullerton	Certified	Funding for acquisition of this property would assist in purchasing 10.4 acres of open space adjacent to Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve.	Acquisition to be completed by Fall 2020	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
RMC17009	Marybeth	Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (MUST)	City of Long Beach	Certified	The LB-MUST Project proposes to improve water quality by intercepting and treating the dry weather flows and a portion of the first flush of stormwater runoff normally discharging into the Los Angeles River.		\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
RMC17011	Sally	Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Certified	The Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project includes the construction of 30 parkway basins in the unincorporated Los Angeles County.		\$ 268,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268,500.00
RMC17013	Sally	Los Cerritos Wetlands Acquisition of the Bryant Properties	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Certified	The LCWA is seeking to acquire the remaining two Bryant-Dakin LLC retained parcels that extend across the San Gabriel River and along the Haynes Cooling Channel at 2nd Street/Westminster Avenue.		\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00

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RMC17014	Sally	Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Certified	The LCWA is completing the environmental review of the CRP which is required to satisfy the CEQA and the NEPA.	Extension and budget augmentation of \$150,000 requested.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
RMC17015	Joe	Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo & Peck Water Conservation Project	Amigos de los Rios	Completed	This project will enhance biodiversity, water quality, stormwater & urban run-off management along Rio Hondo Emerald Necklace & within Peck Park by adding green infrastructure elements along River Parkway	Exhibit T received	\$ 617,385.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 617,385.00
RMC17017	Marybeth	Lynwood Park Infiltration, Restoration & Water Quality Improvement	City of Lynwood	Completed	Project seeks to replace the parking lot asphalt with permeable pavers; establish green space with native plants and shrubs in the parking lot perimeter; and install bio-swale along the parking lot median, to improve stormwater management.	Project move from Lynwood Park to Fernwood Avenue (RMC19002) due to poor percolation at the site.	\$ 41,822.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,822.45
RMC17018	Marybeth	Phil and Nell Soto Park	City of Pomona	Certified	Development of a new recreational passive community park that incorporates the City's history and features amenities including a bioswale system, decomposed granite walking trails for water permeability, and		\$ 1,150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,150,000.00
RMC17019	Joe	San Gabriel Mountains & Foothills Acquisition Master Plan Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	This plan will provide for the preservation and enhancement of vital habitat, watersheds and related biodiversity protection to improve ecological function.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
RMC17020	Joe	River Wilderness Park Arroyos Development	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	This proposed project will reshape and vegetate the arroyos and adjacent landscape to be both functional and to showcase the power of natural systems.		\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
RMC17022	Marybeth	LA River Ranger Implementation	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	In partnership with the MRCA, the WCA will provide oversight of the implementation of the LA River Ranger program.	Phase I complete. See RMC18003 for Phase II.	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
RMC17023	Joe	Duck Farm House Landscape and Water	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The improvements will be a resource for local disadvantaged communities, the greater region and will seek to catalyze change to climate adaptive home landscape design throughout the watershed.		\$ 891,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 891,200.00
RMC17024	Joe	San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative	National Forest Foundation	Certified	P84 Planning & Monitoring 75050(g)(1)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,931.00	\$ 25,931.00
RMC17026	Marybeth	Pacific Visions	Aquarium of the Pacific	Certified	The AOP is developing a series of exhibits and interactive experiences as part of its current expansion, Pacific Visions, that will allow visitors to explore the interactions among food, water, and energy in California.	Pacific Visions Opening May 24, 2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 372,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 1,463,000.00	\$ 1,900,000.00
RMC17027	Marybeth	Magic Johnson Park	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Certified	Support of the water infrastructure improvements and construction near South Lake, a component of the park's larger \$50 million, multi-phase Master Plan Project.		\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00

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RMC18001	Marybeth	Compton Creek Walking Path Phase II	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Certified	This grant will specifically help fund the retaining wall to ensure safe passage for the trail users as well as obtain the permits required, waterproof the wall, and related expenditures for the drainage system associated with the wall.	Related to RMC14003	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00
RMC18002	Joe	Duck Farm Phase IA - Step 2	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Development of a 31-acre river adjacent park that includes a pocket park and entry, parking, 1.25 mile rail and wildflower meadow. This grant will primarily be used for construction, plant establishment, and project close out.	Related to RMC3609	\$ 796,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 404,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00
RMC18003	Joe	Gateway Greening Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Funding for completion of the Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Plan, including developing the draft report, green solution palette, and launch online Greening Plan.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
RMC18004	Marybeth	Sleepy Lagoon Planning Elements	East Yard Communities	Certified	The outreach, design and planning process will involve a collaboration with a number of organizations and agencies including Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), La Cosecha Colectiva (the Collective Harvest) and various local homeowner associations near Bell and surrounding cities	Grant expired in March 2020	\$ 325,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,000.00
RMC18005	Sally	LA River Ranger Program Implementation Phase II	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Professional project management services and oversight of the River Ranger Program Study, continuing with Phase II. This includes ongoing outreach, completion of the Plan and pilot program development.	Certified Amendment 1	\$ 240,831.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240,831.16
RMC18006	Joe	Trask Scout Reservation Water System Improvement & Enhancement Project	GLAAC Boy Scouts of America	Certified	Funds will hire an engineering consultant to determine the camp's various water system needs and provide an engineering estimate of expected costs. The expectation is to replace a portion of the existing water treatment to meet water demands of youth, families, and greater community and provide fire suppression storage.	Extension and budget augmentation of \$18,000 requested	\$ 112,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,800.00
RMC18007	Marybeth	Walnut Park Acquisition	County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation	Certified	Walnut Park, located approximately 5 miles south of Downtown Los Angeles and approximately 3 miles from the Los Angeles River. This acquisition will remove a potential nuisance property from the community and expand parkland by acquiring three parcels: APN 6201-028-014, 6201-028-016, and 6201-028-018, totaling an area of approximately 0.5 acres, which are currently vacant but are located		\$ 1,265,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,265,000.00
RMC18008	Salian	Acquisition of the LA River Incubator Site	Watershed Conservation Authority	Withdrawn	The funding would cover acquisition of a site in the vicinity of the Lower Los Angeles River or the Los Angeles River and Rio Hondo River Confluence, and related build-out expenses, and project management for due diligence and site selection.	Unable to move forward with sale	\$ 6,510,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,510,000.00
RMC18009	Joe	Emerald Necklace San Gabriel River Habitat Restoration	Amigos de los Rios	Certified	The project will remove invasive weeds and plant 600 native trees and 1,600 shrubs along the San Gabriel River right of way. Currently, present invasive species impair water quality and availability, and harbor pests like the shot hole borer beetles that infest and kill regional trees.		\$ 1,117,588.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,117,588.00
RMC18010	Marybeth	Urban Orchard Project	Trust for Public Land	Certified	The Project is an identified priority (Project 155) in the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan and is part of a larger vision to transform 30-acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths		\$ 1,387,401.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,387,401.44
RMC18012	Marybeth	Community Center at DeForest Park	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Certified	The Conservation of Long Beach (CCLB) proposes to develop a master plan for the entire DeForest Park, as well as to design and install a satellite site at the DeForest Wetlands to better serve the needs of the LLAR while training youth as river stewards.		\$ 1,132,261.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,132,261.00

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Project ID	Project Manager	Project Name	Applicant	Workprogram Status	Project Description	Project Status	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 40	Prop 50	Prop 84	Total Funding
RMC18013	Joe	LA River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The ultimate outcome is to provide technically sound recommendations and alternatives to the Water Boards for consideration and implementation of a water flow standard that takes into consideration the existing and planned recreation and habitat uses of the Los Angeles River.		\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
RMC19001	Joe	East Fork Sustainability River Access Project at the Oaks Areas	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Planning for the East Fork Sustainable River Access Project at the Oaks Area would initiate Phase 2 of the East Fork Project in the Oaks Areas, only, and would complete the design, engineering, and permitting for the Oaks Areas improvements.		\$ 128,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128,700.00
RMC19002	Marybeth	Fernwood Avenue Development and Water Quality Improvement Project	City of Lynwood	Certified	Create new accessible park and public open space that will service over 45,000 residents in the areas of influence. It will include several recreational and educational elements, featuring native drought-tolerant plantings.	Disencumbered RMC17017 as project moved from Lynwood Park	\$ 1,650,752.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,650,752.55
RMC19003	Sally	Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project	City of Santa Clarita	Certified	The project will redevelop a blighted space in Canyon County and transform it to an environmentally sustainable community space and gathering location.		\$ 1,076,921.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,076,921.00
RMC19004	Joe	Shiwaka Urban Forest Planning	Camp Fire Angeles Council	Approved	The overall proposed project will encompass the development of an urban forest, including an extensive landscaping master plan with trails, interpretive signage, vernal pools as well as a new trail, called the Discovery Trail. These improvements will allow for the use of Camp Fire's facility and provide for significant enhancements to its fully accredited camp.		\$ 46,259.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,259.00
RMC19005	Marybeth	Implementation of the LA River Ranger Program Reach Zones	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The Implementation of the LA River Ranger Program Reach Zones will facilitate coordination between Los Angeles River and tributary-adjacent governments to develop a river ranger pilot program.		\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
RMC19006	Sally	Vasquez Acquisition Overlook	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Acquisition of the 39-acre Vasquez Overlook parcel (AIN#: 8684-024-001) protects one of the last remaining undeveloped private holdings along the foothill interface between the San Gabriel Valley and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument from development, in order to support watershed restoration, community-driven stewardship, and compatible public uses		\$ 880,000.00	\$ 184,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,064,200.00
RMC19007	Sally	Jefferson HS Greenways	Trust for Public Land	Certified	The Project will renovate a 54,446 square-foot public alley right of way in a high density 100-acre neighborhood block in South Los Angeles.		\$ 645,362.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 645,362.00
RMC19008	Sally	Banna Community Park Project	City of Covina	Certified	The Banna Community Park project will develop a new 2.0-acre neighborhood park in the City of Covina along Banna Avenue at Cypress Street. This 2.0-acre park will incorporate several amenities that will directly benefit the local community.		\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
RMC19009	Marybeth	Lower LA River Pocket Park Project	From Lot to Spot	Certified	FLTS will be converting a 4800 sq ft vacant lot adjacent to the LA River and owned by LAUSD in the City of Cudahy into a community-designed passive park.		\$ -	\$ 332,450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 332,450.00

Exhibit A

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Status Report as of 04/30/20

Project ID	Project Manager	Project Name	Applicant	Workprogram Status	Project Description	Project Status	Prop 1	Prop 68	Prop 40	Prop 50	Prop 84	Total Funding
RMC19010	Joe	Lakewood Equestrian Center	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Certified	The Lakewood Equestrian Center & Surrounding Open Space Master Plan (Master Plan) will help re-envision a 60-acre open space region of Lakewood that centers around the Lakewood Equestrian Center, and includes Rynerson Park, the San Gabriel River Trail, and Camp Fire Camp Shiwaka.		\$ -	\$ 312,015.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 312,015.00
RMC19011	Joe	Monrovia USD Campus Green	Amigos de los Rios	Certified	The Monrovia Unified School District Campus Green Infrastructure Development Project will plant 160 native and drought-tolerant trees and 900 shrubs around the campus perimeters and at key locations throughout the school sites, helping to beautify, create 'nearby nature' and serve their nearly 1,000 students and the region's families.		\$ 609,693.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 609,693.00
RMC19013	Sally	DF River Center Development Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The Duck Farm River Center Development Project will transform a 1929 Spanish colonial revival iconic farmhouse into a waterwise educational resource and visitor center for the public. The Center will include interpretive elements that explore the watershed history of the San Gabriel River.		\$ -	\$ 2,024,020.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,024,020.00
RMC19014	Arturo	Salazar Park Water Conservation Project	County of LA Dept of Public Works	Approved	The project proposes the creation of a native and drought-tolerant demonstration garden space (Central Garden) that will be central to the park. The new Central Garden will replace existing impervious paving and basketball courts as well as water intensive turf with a collection of climate-appropriate and native plant materials that have low water requirements.		\$ -	\$ 1,996,380.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,996,380.00

DATE: May 18, 2020
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 8D: Liaison and Activities Report

RMC ACTIVITIES

Strategic Planning Board Retreat

The RMC Governing Board (Board) plays a critical role in ensuring the agency appropriately governs and fulfill their mandate to advance the public interest. In today's rapidly changing environment, it is important that RMC strategically plan for its sustainability and future. It must also ensure that the agency effectively serves the needs of the public. The Board assumes a large share of the responsibility for the success of the agency as it provides an important link between the agency and the outside environment in which the agency functions.

The purpose of the strategic planning board retreat is to develop a three to five-year blueprint for the agency's future. A Strategic Planning Board Retreat benefits RMC in the following ways:

- 1) Brings clarity and agreement on mission and vision.
- 2) Helps the agency to prepare for the future by anticipating and managing change.
- 3) Increases effectiveness and efficiency in allocating resources to achieve goals.
- 4) Aligns the board and staff.
- 5) Improves decision-making.

To accomplish this, it is important that the Board work with the Executive Officer to establish a strategic planning process, participate in the process, and approve the final strategic plan.

Because strategic planning takes time and effort, it is recommended that the Board delegate a Strategic Planning Retreat subgroup comprised of 2-3 board members to provide guidance throughout the process and to help conduct a 1-day strategic planning retreat with the board and staff.

Current world health response to COVID-19 may have an impact on RMC's strategic approach to natural resources in the future. In recognition of impacts on social conditions and economics the way to plan may be minimally or significantly altered, thus staff will monitor activities over the next several months to determine the conservancy response.

River Ranger Program (AB 1558- C. Garcia)

Since February 2018, The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and their respective JPA's (WCA and MRCA) have been collaborating jointly on the implementation of the River Ranger Plan Development, intended to develop a framework for a network of River Rangers who assist the public at sites along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. The bill was enacted in 2017 to address the limited contact with and responsibility for the river by communities, working in coordination with current revitalization programs to encourage engagement with the river as a welcoming community resource.

Under the bill, the program is intended to do the following: Establish a Los Angeles River identity; Improve public safety for visitors; Foster collaboration among those with jurisdiction over the river; Protect parks, open space, and other public space; Engage communities in the protection and preservation of the River and its resources; Promote diversity and inclusion; Promote equal access and equity among all communities along the River with regard to the development and placement of improvements along the river; Monitor the physical conditions, environmental health, and development of green space along the River, and Coordinate the work of river rangers with programs and services.

On May 31, 2019, the Los Angeles River Ranger Program Establishment Plan was delivered to the State Legislature. The full report and supplemental documents may be downloaded at www.rmc.ca.gov

Currently, work is being done to establish next steps to rollout the River Ranger Program and the establishment of REACH (River, Education, Adventure, Community, and Habitat) Zones. These will be 3-4 mile stretches along the River, including tributaries, with specific aspects that will lend itself to a highly visible location for River Rangers including access to the River, proximity to a publicly accessible park, trails and open space. The establishment of a REACH Zone will create River appreciation, the benefits rippling out into surrounding communities and revitalization efforts. The Plan identifies criteria and factors to consider when locating these REACH Zones.

Lower Los Angeles River Working Group (AB 530):

With the completion of the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP) in 2018, the Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) continues to meet at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works headquarters in the City of Alhambra. The purpose and charge of the IAG is to:

- 1) provide a public venue for discussion of proposed projects/programs related to the Lower LA River;
- 2) Ensure proposed projects/programs are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan; and
- 3) Maximize multi-use opportunities and community benefits by encouraging collaboration among the many project proponents and organizations in the project area.

In its role as an advisory body, the IAG will provide guidance on issues presented before them, but ultimately, individual entities with jurisdiction along the river corridor including the LA County Flood Control District, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the cities will continue to have decision-making authority. The IAG aims to ensure that subsequently implemented projects are carried out in accordance with the LLARRP and that stakeholders continue to have a voice in implementation. Project proponents interested in submitting their projects to the IAG can fill out the [Project Review Package](#) and send it to LowerLARiver@dpw.lacounty.gov for review.

The IAG members and committees will work together to further define the roles and guidelines of the IAG in the upcoming months. The IAG will include four sub-committees, including:

- 1) Programs & Policies;
- 2) Public Realm, Environment, Water, Infrastructure;
- 3) Public Advisory & Community Engagement; and
- 4) Future Committee TBD (as-needed).

The next Lower LA River IAG Meeting has been **cancelled** on Wednesday, March 25th and plans to reconnect next quarter

The committee meetings will first be comprised of members of the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan Working Group; however, the committees may choose to invite representatives of other agencies and organizations as needed to address committee needs.

Steering and sub-committee meetings will be held quarterly. The next SubCommittee meeting is scheduled for second quarter 2020 (TBD). This will be a new committee meeting format where all three committees will be present, and the meeting will be run by the three committee chairs. The sub-committees are:

- 1) Programs & Policies
 - a. Chair, Antonio Hicks, Public Counsel
 - b. Vice Chair, Dan Knapp, Conservation Corps of Long Beach
- 2) Public Realm, Environment, Water, Infrastructure
 - a. Chair, Kayla Kelly-Slatten, Conservation Corps of Long Beach
 - b. Vice Chair, Kelsey Jessup, The Nature Conservancy
- 3) Public Advisory & Community Engagement
 - a. Chair, Laura Cortez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
 - b. Vice Chair, TBD

All committees are continuing to work on establishing a project review process and will discuss how each committee can support the development and implementation of projects, programs, policies, and efforts. Regarding a review process, the two main objectives for the sub-committees will be to:

- 1) Allow projects that have been submitted for funding to present and retain feedback, which will then be delivered to a governing Board/reviewing body for consideration, and
- 2) Allow developing projects the opportunity to gain feedback on concepts and ideas, as well as to find additional partners and funding.

RMC schedules relevant proposed project presentations (as needed) by RMC grant applicants before the appropriate IAG committees to allow Lower LA River stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed projects before they are recommended for funding to the RMC Board. Any comments received on projects will be included in recommendation reports.

The IAG consists of the District as the chair, the RMC, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the fifteen Lower LA River cities and the chairs of the committees. The IAG and the committees will each meet quarterly. All meeting materials and schedules will be posted on the website – www.LowerLARiver.org

IRWMP Planning Activities

The Department of Water Resources (DWP) released the [draft recommended funding list](#) for four funding areas for the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Solicitation—see list for Greater LA Area on next page. The draft recommendation would provide approximately \$30 million in Proposition 1 funding to the greater Los Angeles Area.

These funding recommendations are subject to public review period of 21 calendar days through May 28, 2020. Any comments on the Draft List of Awarded Projects received after that date will not be considered when developing the Final List of Awarded Projects.

The next Greater LA County Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled on May 27, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.



Recommended Funding List - Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Solicitation

IRWM Region: Greater Los Angeles Applicant: Los Angeles Flood Control District*					
Project Name	Project Implementing Agency	Implementing Agency Type	Primary Benefit	DAC Funding Requested	General Implementation Funding Request
Allen J Martin Stormwater Capture Multi-Benefit Project	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Public Agency	Water Quality - Surface Water		\$2,000,000
Bassett High School Stormwater Capture Multi-Benefit Project	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Public Agency	Water Quality - Surface Water		\$3,000,000
Advanced Meter Replacement Project	Valley County Water District	Public Utility	Water Conservation		\$1,931,195
East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Public Agency	Groundwater Recharge		\$3,000,000
Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Arundo donax Eradication Program	Council for Watershed Health	Non-Profit Organization	Water Supply - Surface Water		\$996,430
Citywide Green Street Project	City of Calabasas	Public Agency	Water Quality		\$2,200,000
City of San Fernando Regional Park Infiltration Project*	City of San Fernando	Public Agency	Groundwater Recharge		\$3,600,000
Monteith Park and View Park Green Alley Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Public Agency	Stormwater Management		\$2,000,000
Burton Way Meidna Green Streets and Water Efficient Landscape	City of Beverly Hills	Public Agency	Stormwater Management		\$2,000,000
Mesmer Low Flow Diversion Project	City of Culver City	Public Agency	Water Quality		\$850,000
County Yard Treatment Project	City of Agoura Hills	Public Agency	Water Quality		\$3,500,000
Las Virgenes Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Public Utility	Water Conservation		\$1,500,000
Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project - District No. 29	Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29	Public Agency	Water Conservation		\$1,000,000
Viewridge Super Green Street Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Public Agency	Stormwater Management		\$1,000,000
Sativa Los Angeles County Water District Water Quality Improvement Project	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Public Agency	Water Quality - Surface Water	\$2,250,000	
Recycled Water for Disadvantaged Communities	Central Basin Municipal Water District	Public Agency	Water Supply - Recycled Water	\$1,550,000	
Strathern Park North Stormwater Capture Project	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	Public Utility	Groundwater Recharge		\$1,500,000
Total Request:				\$3,800,000	\$30,077,625
General Proposal Score:	DAC Proposal Score:				
23	25				
Total Recommended Award:				\$3,430,000	\$11,858,680

April 2020

Los Angeles River Master Plan Update – LA County

The County of Los Angeles is undergoing a process to update the LA River Master Plan, a comprehensive approach covering all 51 miles of the River. The effort was launched to update the original 1996 master plan, synthesizing more recent ideas for portions of the River and bringing a comprehensive vision to the transformation of the LA River. The process will be complete in 2020. County Public Works has developed a website with project information and data, including technical reports: <http://www.larivermasterplan.org/>

First draft of the master plan was distributed to the Steering Committee in January 2020.

Comments were due February 13. A public draft is expected to be released Spring 2020. Draft Report likely to go public Fall 2020 due to delays related to COVID-19.

RMC ACTIVE PROJECTS

Willowbrook Walking Path/Compton Creek (RMC14003):

The RMC provided a grant in the amount of \$300,000 to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps as part of the Willowbrook Walking Path Compton Creek extension. The LACC applied for an Urban Greening Grant through the Strategic Growth Council and was awarded the full request in the amount of \$798,815. Additional matching funds were committed by other project partners including the State Coastal Conservancy and the Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (2nd District). Matching funds provided by the funding partners and the grant funds received by the Strategic Growth Council bring the total project cost to \$1,698,815.

This project includes the creation of a ½ mile permeable walking path and 2,700 linear foot by 6-foot riprap swale constructed with river rock to capture debris and treat runoff before it enters Compton Creek.

Work began on this project in September 2018 with grubbing of the site. The LACC will continue the grading and move on to construction of a fence line, retaining wall, and landscaping. Fall 2019, tasks associated with the drainage swale behind the retaining wall were continued. Catch basin construction underway. Targeted project completion in June 2020.

View Park and Recycled Water System Development Project (RMC17001):

The View Park and Recycled Water Development Project is underway. Project grant to the City is for \$2,000,000 which includes a wildlife corridor project in the City of Signal Hill that will establish a new 1.86 acre park and the associated construction of a recycled water system. The project will reclaim a municipally owned industrial site and provide a recycled water system to serve the proposed park as well as retrofit three existing parks and the Promontory Home Owner's Association common landscaped areas, connect an urban trail system, prevent runoff pollution from contaminating the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and annually save approximately 40- acre feet of potable water.

The Park construction is expected to start Spring 2020. Construction completion is projected to be September 2020. The Recycled Water Line construction will tentatively begin in June 2020 with projected completion date of February 2021.

San Gabriel River and Wilderness Park Restoration Downey (RMC17002)

Wilderness Park is a 26-acre park, originally opened in 1973 with 2,550 feet of frontage along the San Gabriel River. The original grant was approved by the RMC Board at the January 23, 2017 meeting in the amount of \$1,660,000. That funding included installation of a new recycled water irrigation system, hydrologically connecting to the lakes, installation of an aeration system, native and drought tolerant plants, new trails and signage. The strength of this project is consistency with the RMC and Proposition 1 objectives and specifically the enhancement of open space offerings and amenities that this park has to offer. It also creates a safe habitat for native plants and species to thrive. The site currently uses recycled water to irrigate the landscape and to refill the lakes when water is lost. The funds requested would be used to improve the irrigation system, to install a booster pump to take water out of the lake to be used for irrigation of the site. This benefits the lake by providing constant turnover of the water within the lake, thereby reducing the stagnation of the water and mitigating some algal blooms. Project will result in significant improvements to wildlife habitat and natural ecosystems by creating new wetland style areas and protecting local wildlife and habitat. Finally, the project will be a key piece of the Lower San Gabriel River's Storm Water Treatment Corridors in order to improve the watersheds within its jurisdiction. In May of 2020 the project was rescored and received a score of 80.5 points.

RMC PROP 68 REGIONWIDE GRANT PROGRAM - EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY		
Factor	Project Score	Total Possible Points
1. Access Value	12	12
2. Urban Land Value	9	13
3. Water Sustainability/Water Storage/Water Infrastructure	8	11
4. Habitat and Restoration Resource Values	6.5	8

5. Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities	22	25
6. Matching Funds	2	9
7. Readiness	5	5
8. Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value	10	11
9. Stewardship and Management Plan Value	6	6
TOTAL POINTS	80.5	100

Recycled Water Campus, San Gabriel River Parkway (RMC 17004):

Grant was approved by RMC Board and the project is underway. Grant from the RMC is for \$1,000,000.

This project supports low-impact development stormwater management features, such as swales, landscaping and permeable pavements and walkways; a stormwater capture system to augment the recycled water supply and reduce flood risk. In addition, this project will create habitat for Monarch butterflies, a migratory species proposed for endangered species candidate status; and create 3.5 acres of park-like open space with public access to the San Gabriel River. The project includes many interpretive and education aspects with an outdoor amphitheater, demonstration gardens for native plants, a working model of the San Gabriel River, eco-friendly garden, multi-lingual signage, and other visitor facilities focused on water education, and provides multiple benefits to economically disadvantaged communities. This project is part of the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP), fully funded at \$119 million. The project is now known as the Albert Robles Recycling Facility (ARC) and held its Grand Opening this past summer. WRD has requested additional time to close out the grant through December 2019, and still in process of close-out.

Bassett High School Campus Green Infrastructure Project (RMC 17005):

Grant from the RMC is for \$652,520, project is underway. This project will enhance campus “green infrastructure”, urban habitat, and demonstrate sustainable public landscaping in terms of water use, improved infiltration, and storm water management. Bassett High School is located in underserved area of La Puente, in San Gabriel River sub watershed. The region’s impervious grey infrastructure impairs groundwater recharge and infiltration. Proposed Green Infrastructure retrofits will reduce water use on campus by systematic turf grass reduction: planting over 2700 native, drought-tolerant trees & shrubs in mulched planters to enhance biodiversity and absorb storm water and run-off. Creating a thriving Urban Forest on campus will clean air and sequester greenhouse gas emissions and reduce Urban Heat Island Effect through shade cover. Creation of bioswales, and strategic permeable surface retrofits will collect, capture, and infiltrate storm water from campus preventing runoff from entering local waterways.

The project will encourage underserved students and community residents to participate in habitat restoration and water resources protection, explore and enjoy the campus, and learn how to connect to the region’s surrounding natural areas.

This Project was completed in December 31, 2019.



Native Plant Restoration Area



Interpretive Signage



Bioswale at the edge of the campus



California Conservation Corps install rain boxes to maximize water capture in bioswales.

Planning for the Urban Orchard Development (17006):

Planning for the Urban Orchard Development grant to the Trust for Public Land is in the amount of \$845,000, with an additional \$1,387,401 that was approved at the Board meeting in May 2019 for design and construction of the wetlands component for the Orchard (RMC 18010). The project will transform 30 acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths. Project deliverables include a detailed concept plan for the 30-acre park site, a feasibility study to determine the most appropriate stormwater best management practices to be utilized at the site, and a complete set of construction drawings for the 7 acres park project area that include an orchard with culturally-relevant tree species,



community gathering spaces, picnic areas, interpretive elements, native plants, and walking and bicycle paths that will eventually connect with the existing bike path along the LA River.

The City continues to host public workshops to receive input from the community for this project and has also received grant funds for the project implementation. The RMC previously approved a grant extension from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and reduction in project scope. This allows sufficient time to complete 100% construction drawings for the 7 acres and the stormwater management system that includes pumping water from the Bandini Channel and obtaining permits for the constructed wetland and diversion structure from the Bandini Channel.

TPL submitted close-out documents for RMC17006 on April 28, 2020, and continuing to work on permitting and implementation with next phase RMC grant (RMC 18010).

West Coyote Hills Open Space Acquisition (17007):

Grant to the City is in the amount of \$2,000,000 for this acquisition. The City of Fullerton informed the RMC that they have been successful in obtaining all funds needed to complete the acquisitions of Neighborhoods 1 and 3. The City has completed its appraisal and is awaiting review by a third-party agency. The City has also completed a Preliminary Title Report. A Purchase and Sale agreement as well as a Remedial Action Plan are being developed currently and under review by State Granting agencies.

The City expects to request an extension from August 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to allow extra time to complete the appraisal update and the Remedial Action Plan.

Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB MUST) Project (RMC 17009):

The Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Project is underway, this grant to the City is for \$2,000,000 and will improve water quality by intercepting and treating the dry weather flows and a portion of the first flush of stormwater runoff normally discharging into the Los Angeles River. The byproduct of the LB-MUST water quality treatment is recycled water which can be used to sustain proposed wetlands riparian habitat. The wetlands will be part of the total treatment train of the LB-MUST as well as function as a storage basin for the recycled water. Delays were encountered in design and construction due to a site relocation of the project to accommodate bridge improvements by the City of Long Beach at the Shoemaker Bridge site. An

extension was provided to the City to allow sufficient time to accommodate for this change in the design and construction timeline through December 2020, though it is anticipated that the City will require additional time to complete the project.

Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project (17011):

The Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project grant to the County of Los Angeles is in the amount of \$268,500 and includes the construction of 30 parkway basins in the unincorporated Los Angeles County. A Parkway is typically defined as the area between a road's curb and the sidewalk. Parkway basins are designed to capture and treat stormwater and dry season flow (urban runoff), utilizing urban runoff for irrigation and facilitating infiltration to groundwater. These basins are constructed by excavating and lowering a portion of parkway, then cutting an opening in the curb to facilitate the flow of water from the street. The basins contain rock reinforced slopes to prevent erosion, along with the vegetation which will detain, remediate, and help infiltrate urban runoff. When a basin is full, any additional urban runoff will be unable to enter and will continue to travel in the gutter eventually to the storm drain system. Parkway basins have been successfully constructed for many years in numerous cities including: Tucson, Arizona; New York City; Portland, Oregon; and other municipalities. Locally, parkway basins have been constructed successfully in Panorama City and Studio City.

The identification of priority sites and project locations (task 1) was completed in January 2018 and construction of all 30 Parkway Basins was completed in September 2019. The County and The River Project has already begun to monitor the functions of these basins and to coordinate with the Stewards to maintain the basins. Follow-up infiltration tests continue as planned, but stewardship follow-up has been halted due to the stay at home order. The County has been exploring alternative means of outreach during this time.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Acquisition of the Bryant Properties (RMC 17013):

This grant to the LCWA is in the amount of \$1,000,000. The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) currently owns approximately 177 acres of coastal wetland habitat within the Lower San Gabriel River watershed in the Cities of Seal Beach and Long Beach and the LCWA is seeking to acquire the frontage and remaining Bryant-Dakin, LLC Properties located along 2nd Street/Westminster Avenue in the City of Long Beach, totaling approximately 18 acres (Los County Assessor Parcel Nos 7237-020-053 and 7237-020-054). The LCWA is seeking to acquire the remaining two Bryant-Dakin LLC retained parcels that extend across the San Gabriel River and along the Haynes Cooling Channel at 2nd Street/Westminster Avenue. The west parcel is approximately 12 acres in size and is south along 2nd Street/Westminster Avenue and the east parcel is approximately 6 acres located on the isthmus just north of the LCWA Property on the east side of the San Gabriel River.

LCWA received approval from the Department of General Services on an appraisal report on the Bryant Properties. LCWA is still negotiating with the land owner to acquire the properties.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project (17014):

This grant is to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) in the amount of \$500,000. The Los Cerritos Wetlands is one of the last remaining estuarine systems in southern California, located in the Cities of Long Beach and Seal Beach. The LCWA adopted the Final Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex Conceptual Restoration Plan (CRP) in August 2015 with the next step being environmental review of the CRP. The LCWA is seeking to complete the environmental review of the CRP which is required to satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

A meeting with the Steering Committee, two Technical Advisory Meeting, and two public meetings have been held to solicit comments about an Optimized Restoration Plan, which is a hybrid

alternative from the CRP’s three alternatives. The CEQA approach is to complete a Programmatic EIR for the entire 500-acre property. The CEQA process was initiated on March 8, 2019 with the filing of the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study.

The Draft Program EIR for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan is now available. The document was posted on Friday to the LCWA website at <http://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/the-lcws-eir/>, and on the State Clearing House website at <https://ceganet.opr.ca.gov/2019039050/2>. The public comment period runs from May 8, 2020 - June 22, 2020. LCWA will be holding two virtual public meetings, in light of the COVID-19 situation, on May 21, 2020 and June 4, 2020, both at 6:30pm. A link to those meetings will be posted on the LCWA website link above prior to the meeting.

Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo and Peck Park Water Conservation Project (RMC 17015):

Grant to Amigos de los Rios in the amount of \$617,385 for this project which will enhance biodiversity, water quality, stormwater & urban run-off management along Rio Hondo Emerald necklace & within Peck Park by adding green infrastructure elements along River Parkway. This area is located within eastern Los Angeles County’s underserved El Monte and is adjacent to County Bike Trail, residential areas and schools. Arterials cross the right of way and produce runoff and air pollution that negatively impacts river parkway and local ecosystems. The proposed multi-objective water quality project will improve watershed health, habitat, and trails along the Emerald Necklace’s Rio Hondo River. It will remove invasive plants and restore biodiversity by planting over 1175 native & drought-tolerant trees and shrubs suited to multi-year droughts.

Significant invasive removal has been completed, with the monitoring, treating, and removing of previously removed areas continuing. 1205 shrubs and 120 trees have been planted. Tree stakes were installed for trees previously planted; shrubs cared for. Installation of the Irrigation to support trees and shrubs planted along the entrance bioswale was completed July 18, 2019. The second phase of the irrigation will be integrated into the construction of the parking lot BMP's.

Amigos received approval from Parks and Recreation Department for parking lot improvements, and Right of Entry to begin final stormwater BMP retrofit of parking lot. Work started early May 2020. Work is anticipated to be completed by end of June 2020.

Fernwood Avenue Development Lynwood (RMC17017)

The Lynwood Park Infiltration, Restoration, and Water Quality Improvement Project is proposed to be relocated to Fernwood Avenue and State Street, which is an extension of the existing Lara Linear Trail in the City of Lynwood. The reason for the relocation is due to the lack of permeability at the original site near City Hall. In an effort fulfill grant requirements for the completion of the project scope of work the City identified the new site at Fernwood Ave and State Street and conducted a series of percolation tests and have submitted their results. Based on the results of the boring percolation test, the site soils are coarse-grained and have high percolation rates for infiltration systems in general. The timeline for the Fernwood Avenue Development and Water Quality Improvement Project will be extended to March 2022 from the original timeline of February 1, 2020. In May of 2020 the project was rescored and received a score of 87 points.

RMC PROP 68 REGIONWIDE GRANT PROGRAM - EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY		
Factor	Project Score	Total Possible Points
1. Access Value	12	12
2. Urban Land Value	11	13
3. Water Sustainability/Water Storage/Water Infrastructure	10	11

4. Habitat and Restoration Resource Values	7	8
5. Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities	25	25
6. Matching Funds	2	9
7. Readiness	5	5
8. Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value	9	11
9. Stewardship and Management Plan Value	6	6
TOTAL POINTS	87	100

Phil and Nell Soto Park (RMC17018):

On September 27, 2018, the City of Pomona conducted the official groundbreaking for the Phil and Nell Soto Park in the City of Pomona. The 1.76 acre park will provide for active and passive recreation opportunities and includes a variety of California native plants and trees throughout the park, a butterfly habitat, and a bird sanctuary.

The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy provided a grant for the acquisition of this park and the City has recently accepted an additional grant in the amount of \$1 Million for the park construction from Proposition 1 (water bond). The park design includes natural systems to treat urban stormwater runoff, infiltration and retention of stormwater to mitigate flooding. The park was designed by Architerra Design Group and the Construction will be managed by CEM Construction. There has been a request by the City to extend the completion date to June 30, 2020 and an additional \$186,257, pending RMC approval.

There was a grand opening on February 8, 2020. RMC is awaiting final payment to close out the grant.

San Gabriel Mountain Community Collaborative (RMC17024):

The San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) held its latest meeting on March 26, 2020. The next planned meeting is May 28, 2020.

The collaborative continues to work on challenges faced by the forest regarding community access, visitor management, and protection of natural resources. Meeting Objectives include:

- 1) Explore members' roles and commitments to the Collaborative as we transition to actively pursuing projects and initiatives with the Angeles National Forest.
- 2) Review each ad hoc committee's progress on the action plan and identify next steps.
- 3) Review updated Steering Committee selection protocol.
- 4) Take care of general SGMCC business including membership updates, announcements, etc.
- 5) Coordination with Forest Service and aligning Collaborative goals with Forest Service priorities.

National Forest Foundation project continues through March 2021, the Collaborative will be finalizing the Action Plans and start implementation of the Action Plan through 2021.

The SGMCC has a Steering Committee and four topical ad-hoc Committees working to enhance National Monument management and accessibility for local communities in four areas: Trails and Recreation, Transportation, Volunteer Engagement, and Conservation Education. Meetings occur every other month.

Compton Creek Walking Path Phase II (RMC 18001)

Provide an extension of the walking/cycling path which leads to the Compton Bike Trail. Project is currently underway with work being performed by the LA Conservation Corps.

Sleepy Lagoon Planning Project (RMC 18003)

The outreach, design and planning process will involve a collaboration with a number of organizations and agencies including Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), La Cosecha Colectiva (the Collective Harvest) and various local homeowner associations near Bell and surrounding cities. The grantee kicked off several community meetings which were well attended and gathered input regarding the prospective monument, design ideas, and its potential location.

Trask Reservation Water System Improvement Project (RMC 18006)

The Boy Scouts of America, Greater LA Area Council, (GLAAC BSA) requested funding from RMC to hire an engineering consultant to determine the camp's various water system needs and provide an engineering estimate of expected costs. The resulting report will enable GLAAC BSA to pursue additional funding opportunities to move forward with the necessary procurement, installation, and construction of the proposed improvements and upgrades, and ultimately restore the camp's potable water access.

Comments were received from SWRCB DDW on the preliminary design concept report, noting additional requirements for safety and compliance. BSA is incorporating these comments into the revised 30% project design and the technical specifications. The final geotechnical report was received, and recommendations were incorporated into the 30% design and technical specifications. The revised 30% project design was submitted to SWRCB DDW to obtain any additional comments. Based on the revised project design, the project construction cost was updated for our pending Proposition 68 proposal and forwarded to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for consideration.

BSA received approval for an \$90,200 and extension through September 30, 2020 to complete their environmental compliance at the last Board meeting in January 2020.

Acquisition of the LA River Incubator Site (RMC 18008)

This grant is to the Watershed Conservation Authority. As part of the Lower Los Angeles River Grant Sub-Program (Board Resolution 2018-02), the Green Incubator project will serve as a base and catalyst for the implementation of the plan by building capacity, providing coordination, and facilitating collaboration by and for all community stakeholders. The funding would cover acquisition of a site in the vicinity of the Lower Los Angeles River or the Los Angeles River and Rio Hondo River Confluence, and related build-out expenses, and project management for due diligence and site selection. RMC is currently completing an appraisal on a proposed site in South Gate.

Emerald Necklace San Gabriel River Habitat Restoration Project (RMC 18009)

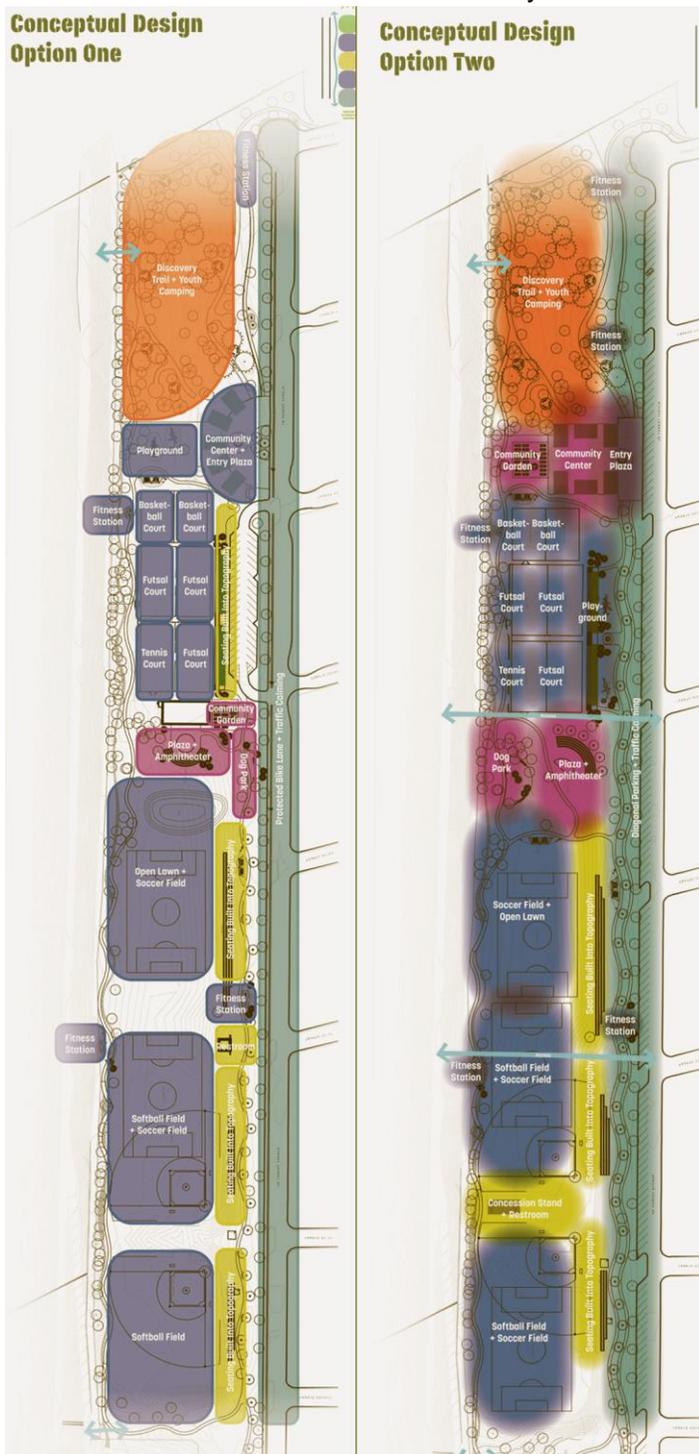
This project will restore a river parkway trail on the San Gabriel River between Live Oak Avenue and Peck Road that is part of the San Gabriel River Corridor Master Plan, the LA County Regional Bike Plan, and the Emerald Necklace Plan. This project will be implemented by Amigos de los Rios, and will improve watershed health, rain water and runoff infiltration, urban forest coverage and native habitat, and provide significant heat island reduction and recreation benefits to local communities and regional trail users of the San Gabriel River Trail.

Amigos' received a grubbing permit from LA County Flood Control District on March 23, 2020. Working with Landscape architects to review complete tree planting plan with respect to easement restrictions.

As of March 2020, all volunteer outreach events have been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Additionally, California Conservation Corps was scheduled to participate in site prep and grubbing at this time but work has also been delayed because of COVID. Amigos' continues to boost awareness of green infrastructure work along the San Gabriel River via Amigos' Constant Contact email service, Facebook, and Amigos' website.

Urban Orchard Project Construction (RMC 18010)

The Urban Orchard Development is a multi-benefit, passive park located along the LA River and the Rio Hondo Channel confluence in the City of South Gate. The Project is an identified priority (Project 155) in the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan and is part of a larger vision to transform 30-acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths. The Phase 1 site comprises seven acres owned by the City of South Gate and will create one acre of functioning wetland habitat in a heavily developed, urban area that would treat and utilize stormwater from the adjacent Bandini Channel to irrigate the park and provide the community with a new greenspace. Construction is planned to start Fall 2020.



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The Community Center at DeForest Park (RMC 18012)

<Left Image: CCLB's online design survey layout options

In order to bring about positive changes to DeForest Park in North Long Beach, its wetlands, and the greater LLAR Region, the Conservation of Long Beach (CCLB) will develop a master plan for the entire DeForest Park, as well as design and install a satellite site at the DeForest Wetlands to better serve the needs of the LLAR while training youth as river stewards. By implementing a satellite site, CCLB will not only be able to oversee the master plan as it is carried out, but more importantly, have the resources to carry out necessary functions to sustain the health and vitality of the LLAR and its surrounding communities in the long term. During construction, the satellite site will function as a Lower LA River restoration center and crew training location.

Over Q1-2020, CCLB and its partners continued to focus on community outreach and preparing the Vision Plan for City review. During this time, the Team pivoted midway to an online platform due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the various stay-at-home orders. CCLB and its partners held a lengthy design concept meeting to discuss the practicality of the Vision Plan and the building. These concepts are being used in the final public workshop series which will be integrated into the Vision Plan. On March 31, 2020, CCLB launched the online survey as part of Workshop Series 3.

Although the majority of the outreach has been conducted, public engagement was scheduled to continue throughout July 2020. Goal is to continue the vision plan development and have it on City Council's agenda in July 2020. In addition to outreach, CCLB contracted with a geo-engineering firm to conduct soils testing at the proposed building location.

LA River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis (RMC 18013)

The Supplemental Analysis has one overarching goal: To expand the currently funded Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study to include analysis of potential recreation and wildlife impacts to the Lower Los Angeles River. The ultimate outcome of the Supplemental Analysis is to provide technically sound recommendations and alternatives to the Water Boards for consideration and implementation of a water flow standard that takes into consideration the existing and planned recreation and habitat uses of the Los Angeles River.

RMC finalized a Conservancy Agreement with Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to move this project forward and awarded a \$250,000 grant to WCA in April 2019. WCA is currently negotiating a contract with SCCWRP to fund the supplemental scope.

Central Jefferson High Green Alley Multi-Benefit Stormwater Project (RMC 19007)

The Central-Jefferson High Green Alley Multi-Benefit Stormwater Project will renovate a 54,446 square-foot public alley right of way in a high density 100-acre neighborhood block in South Los Angeles. Project improvements will include the installation of high albedo pavement, permeable pavers, permeable pavement, street tree planting, infiltration trenches, a dry well system, planting of native vines and trees, educational and mile marker signage, public art and traffic calming measures including planted bump-outs, crosswalk striping, lights and way finding signage. Of the total alley, 34,733 sq-ft will include stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) and an underground drywell system capturing a total tributary area of approximately 7.31 acres. The remaining 19,713 square feet of alley will include stormwater BMPs, comprised of native vine and tree plantings, and porous pavement. The green alley network in total will capture runoff and percolate at least 1,890,000 gallons of stormwater per year.

During the first quarter of 2020 TPL was able to execute two grant agreements for this project – one with the California State Water Resources Control Board, and this one with the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, respectively – which means the Central Jefferson Green Alley network project is now fully funded at \$5.9M, and TPL can begin the design phase.

Other funding supported ongoing project activities, which include community outreach and planning efforts. TPL tabled and distributed project information at three community events during Q1 2020, including: CicLAvia on 2/23, a community cleanup day at South Park and the surrounding streets and alleys on 2/29, and the Arbor Day celebration on 3/7. These events were in conjunction with key partners, including the local council district, the police department, the Avalon Equipo Verde, and the City of LA. TPL continues to analyze the community feedback received during outreach events which took place before this grant's performance period. TPL will categorized and prioritized the feedback received regarding opportunities and challenges in the neighborhood, such as walkability, bikeability, safety, cleanliness, vegetation, art and culture, the environment, physical fitness, and

more. These priorities will inform the design of the green alleys to help fulfill the community's vision for their neighborhood.

Banna Community Park Project (RMC 19008)

The Banna Community Park project will develop a new 2.0-acre neighborhood park in the City of Covina along Banna Avenue at Cypress Street. This 2.0-acre park will incorporate several amenities that will directly benefit the local community. Near-by residents and local high schoolers expressed strong support for native and drought tolerant plants, an abundance of trees, passive recreation trails, open space, and fitness areas, which were incorporated into the City's design. The project will include carbon-sequestering and drought-tolerant native plants that aid in improving the environment and climate, stormwater collecting bioswale green spaces and underground retention basins for groundwater replenishment and treatment, pollinator gardens to attract wildlife, nature inspired playground, and nature play areas.

The City of Covina successfully awarded a construction bid to Green Giant Landscape, Inc. on March 17, 2020. Site prep is already underway, and the project is on track to be completed by the end of the year.



Lakewood Equestrian Center & Surrounding Open Space Master Plan (RMC19010)

The Lakewood Equestrian Center & Surrounding Open Space Master Plan (Master Plan) will help re-envision a 60-acre open space region of Lakewood that centers around the Lakewood Equestrian Center, and includes Rynerson Park, the San Gabriel River Trail, and Camp Fire Camp Shiwaka. The Master Plan will link these various spaces, to integrate the community's recreational desires and needs with sustainable, long-term practices, and guide the City of Lakewood's regional management and programs. While these facilities sit adjacent to each other, they currently lack safe and marked connections to one another. The area has the potential to entertain a multitude of recreational and educational activities, connect the local community to the outdoors, and host best management practices (BMPs) for natural resources.

With funding approved in February, CCLB and its partners have worked to kick-off the Lakewood Equestrian Center and Surrounding Open Space Master Plan project. When our preliminary meeting was held, there was no indication of the coronavirus pandemic. However, as March progressed, partners began talking about how to adapt outreach to meet the needs of the project while keeping with stay-at-home orders. In addition to the kick-off meeting, CCLB worked with LA Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) and the City of Lakewood to develop rosters for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Project Steering Committee (PSC). Currently, CCLB and partners are aiming for the first TAC meeting in May, but dates may change depending on COVID-19 developments.

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES

Duck Farm Project: Construction work continues with the timeline to complete expected to be extended through Fall 2020 for the General Contractor. The extended timeline is due to SCE having not yet completed the undergrounding of their existing above ground facilities and their removal of the above ground facilities and effects of COVID-19 pandemic. The SCE work completion is necessary to allow for final grading and planting in the upper riparian and meadows areas to be completed. Work on the construction of the dry streambed is scheduled to continue and be completed by end of Spring 2020. WCA has requested a 6-month extension for the project through December 31, 2020 due to project delays related to COVID-19, from procurement of materials and labor shortages, and SCE approval.

Concrete curbs, seat walls (including the east entry park, west side plaza and outdoor classroom areas), and walkways have been constructed in both the east entry park area, west plaza, and overlook areas. Other work scheduled to be completed by the end of this month includes the seat walls at the overlook, installation of restroom facility finish surfaces, electrical and plumbing fixtures and tree plantings. Decorative and Structural metal work is in fabrication and should be targeted for installation in Spring 2020.

Conservation Corps work to plant 4" potted natives along the pathways and installation of mulch will complete later this Spring. However, completion of this work is also dependent on SCE removal of their poles and overhead wires. Parking lot and entry drive has been partially constructed with final paving to be laid at the end of the project in March to ensure it is not damaged during the remaining construction work.



Entry pocket park path and seat walls to tunnel



East entry trail from pocket park heading



New concrete path placed at west-side park plaza



Seating at outdoor classroom



New restroom 'kit' facility takes shape

Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Project: WCA is also moving forward with its application for Supplementary Environmental Funds in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. The SEP would augment the Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Project and include

additional public amenities and an expanded parking lot. WCA has submitted a work plan for Supplementary Environmental Funds in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. The SEP would augment the Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Project and include additional public amenities and an expanded parking lot. The Work Plan is currently being reviewed by the Regional Board.

In February 2020, WCA hosted a site visit to the Duck Farm with board members from the WCA and RMC to show construction progress in the park and discuss future phases including the Duck Farm House project.



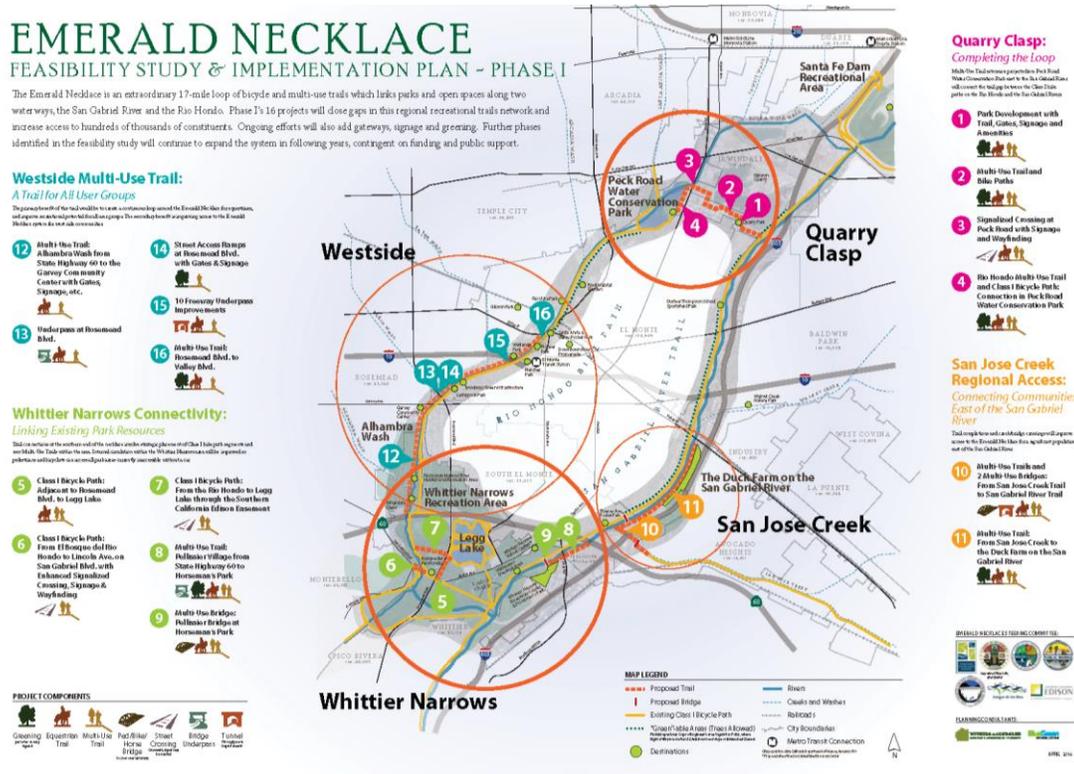
Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Project will include the construction of practical landscape-oriented water capture and conservation strategies that average homeowners can achieve in their own landscapes. The Farmhouse will be renovated and transformed into a community resource / visitor center to compliment these conservation gardens and provide additional programming opportunities.

San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network: LACFCD has engaged Brown and Caldwell as the prime consultant to prepare the plan with WCA to participate in project planning and strategic planning/technical advisory meetings over the next two years. No additional work orders have been requested at this time; however, WCA expects at a minimum to participate in reviews of technical documents prepared by the consultants and to perform up to four additional community engagement meetings during the development of the plan. The consultant is on track to complete their initial study and existing conditions report by the end of January. WCA anticipates attending a review meeting to receive the data and study results in Spring 2020.

Emerald Necklace: WCA attended the February Emerald Necklace Meetings hosted by County Parks and Recreation to provide an update on the Duck Farm River Park and Community Center and River walk projects. The meeting brings together staff from the Supervisor's office, various Los Angeles County departments and non-profit partners to collaborate on projects to forward the greenway plan. LA County Department of Public Works is forwarding both the San Jose Bridge and River Trail that will connect San Jose Creek trail to the San Gabriel River's eastern bank up to the Duck Farm River Park and Rosemead Blvd complete street project between Legg Lake and Durfee

within the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. Early implementation projects from the San Gabriel Valley Greenway plan being spearheaded by LA County Flood Control District includes planning and community outreach for the proposed Puente Creek greenway.

Special Emerald Necklace Strategic Planning Meeting sponsored by LA County Parks and Recreation are planned to be held quarterly.



The Emerald Necklace is a 17-mile interconnected network of existing and envisioned bikeways, multi-use trails, parks, and greenways along the Rio Hondo and the San Gabriel River. Along the Rio Hondo the Emerald Necklace stretches from Peck Road Water Conservation Park in the north to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Areas in the south. Along the San Gabriel River, it stretches from Hanson Quarry in the north to Whittier Narrows Recreational Area in the south.

The Emerald Necklace Implementation Plan – Phase 1 (Proposed Project) includes 15 related projects that would close gaps in a regional recreational trails network and increase access to the trails to hundreds of thousands of people in the project area.

San Gabriel Mountains and Foothills Open Space Acquisition Master Plan: Two studies currently in progress have been commissioned by WCA to supplement TPL’s partially completed work on the San Gabriel Mountains and Foothills Open Space Acquisition Master Plan:

Report on Regional Biological Opportunities: Psomas has commenced work on a report on Regional Biological Opportunities that will approach prioritization from a scientific perspective. A literature review was conducted to obtain an understanding of the published plans and efforts regarding open space/natural resource management within the project area. Each of these plans included some elements related to natural resource conservation and were generally consistent with goals of the Foothills Open Space Acquisition Plan. Collaboration among the municipalities and conservancies

will maximize the value of the collective energy and budget and minimize duplicative efforts. The Psomas GIS team is currently working to combine information from various datasets to improve accuracy of biophysical inventory before conservation analysis begins.

Report on Human Factors: A draft report on human factors has been submitted by Dr. Lee-Anne Milburn. This report summarizes interviews with the ten municipalities within the project area, and the eight conservancies who serve the San Gabriel Mountains foothills. The draft report points out commonalities, past challenges, potential conflicts, and makes recommendations. Below are some findings selected from this draft report:

- The few existing surveys of users of foothills trails suggest that the great majority of users come from communities that are not foothills-adjacent. This demonstrates that foothills open space is an important recreational resource for cities to the south and within the Greater Los Angeles Area.
- Though respondents recognized the need to preserve undeveloped foothills lands, municipal staff were often ambivalent about land ownership. Entities who owned land which required active management expressed that they would welcome transferring ownership, maintenance, and management responsibility for their conservation lands to another entity, as they had neither the resources nor the expertise to maintain it.
- The current conditions of fragmented and triaged management has been an outgrowth of shifting political and community priorities, and is unlikely to result in the most effective conservation outcomes.
- Government agency requirements place a significant burden on conservation groups and small municipalities. Providing resources to assist with these burdens would be a significant and important role in service of conservation.

This Initial Report provides a starting point for engaging stakeholders in further conversation about next steps in articulating conservation priorities in the San Gabriel Mountains foothills. Such dialogue would be a critical step in building broader regional support for any resulting recommendations. WCA will conduct an RFP process for a consultant to collect additional data, coordinate stakeholder feedback, create visualizations useful in stakeholder engagement, and to compile the final study report with resulting priority parcels.

An amendment request has been approved by RMC to extend the grant performance period by ten-months through April 30, 2021 to augment these initial studies with stakeholder input to inform the prioritization of acquisition opportunities that meet the shared goals and objectives of the RMC, WCA, and community.

As WCA continues to be contacted by willing sellers of undeveloped foothills lands, clarifying regional priorities for acquisition and building partnerships to this end are of critical importance. The requested time extension will enable regional partners to explore strategies for conservation that best leverage limited resources, and to focus public resources on open space acquisitions that have the highest value for the region as determined by a broad pool of regional experts.

San Gabriel Mountains and Foothills Open Space Acquisition Master Plan Project will develop a comprehensive prioritized acquisition strategy and a recommended resource management and operations strategy to preserve habitat and open space, improve watershed health, and increase public access for compatible uses such as multi-use trails and related passive recreational amenities along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Vasquez II ('Overlook'): WCA completed the acquisition of the 40-acre Vasquez II parcel ('Overlook') [8684-024-001] from the Vasquez Ranch. The Grant Deed and Access Easement were recorded on Jan 24, 2020.

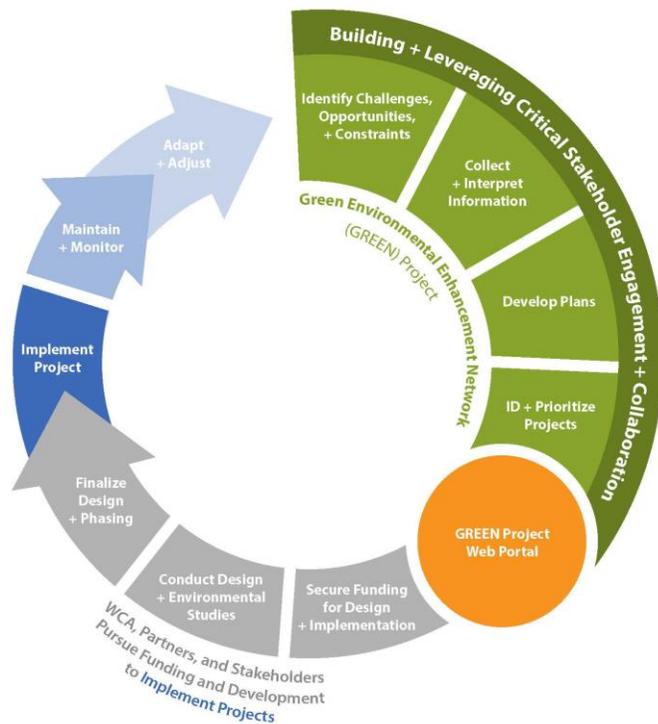
On January 16, 2020, the WCA Board approved entering into a professional services contract to provide a biological survey of the new conservation property as well as to develop interim management guidelines for both Vasquez I [8684-024-907, purchased in 2016] and II.

Staff and Cooper Ecological will lead the biological survey. Cooper Ecological has extensive experience in the San Gabriel Mountains, experience with rare species throughout the County and San Gabriel Mountains, and they are involved in ongoing contributions to conservation science within the wildlands- urban-interface context that characterizes WCA's vast territory. The 3-person survey team proposed to conduct survey activity in a manner consistent with the current social distancing requirements.

Vasquez III ('Access'): As part of the acquisition of Vasquez II, WCA secured an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement for the undeveloped portion of the Vasquez III ('Access') parcel. This is the eastern portion of the parcel [8684-024-035], which holds the unpaved spur road that connects Hilltop Drive in Azusa to Glendora Ridge Motorway fire road and 241 additional acres of conservation land held by WCA and Azusa- RMC JPA. On January 16, 2020, the WCA Board authorized entering into negotiations for acquisition of this land, and to enter such contracts as may be necessary to complete due diligence.

The Vasquez Ranch and WCA have agreed on an approximate boundary, and this boundary will need to be surveyed for the purposes of creating a legal description. However, before a costly and time-consuming survey is initiated, WCA seeks to clarify current easement rights over the Access Parcel. The spur road is currently used by the City of Azusa for access to the water tower. LA County Flood Control also has an easement over a portion of the property. The road is occasionally maintained by LA County Fire. Legal counsel has suggested the City of Azusa, the Vasquez Ranch, WCA, and the County all approve, execute, and record a modification of the City's easement to clarify rights over the road. Such agreement is expected to require approvals from the Azusa City Council and the County Board.

GREEN Project: The GREEN project is a multipart effort by the agency to promote urban greening in the WCA / RMC territory. WCA has begun discussions around development of a pilot Portal focused on the WCA/RMC territory or taking a County-wide approach for a regional depository of plans and projects, as well as, a project and funding match tool. The grant requires administrative extension for time to assemble a software development team capable of completing the desired functionality for the website and online tools.



The software development tasks will be part of a Phase II grant amendment or separate funding depending on the investment needed to complete the work. In February 2020, RMC Board approved the realignment of tasks and budget to focus on three final deliverables: 1) Stakeholder participation and stewardship building and identification of priority projects, 2) Develop GREEN Portal design parameters and specifications, 3) Sustainable Equestrian Center specifications and design elements.

The Green Regional Environmental Enhancement Network (GREEN) Project is a planning and project implementation initiative supporting watershed-based greening efforts to help support collaboration in the wider Los Angeles and Orange County area. The scope of the project includes regional data collection and assessments, identification of priority projects, and community engagement

strategies culminating in the launch of an online GREEN project portal to share data and information, and to catalyze investments and positive change.

Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan: Staff are currently drafting and uploading written and visual content to the Gateway Greening website. Lyric Design & Planning are currently developing Greenscape maps and City Profile pages as WCA staff works to close out a grant from Strategic Growth Council. WCA staff are continuing to develop the Gateway Greening website with a grant from RMC through April 2020. RMC is processing a request from WCA to extend performance period through June 2020 to complete the project.



WCA PM staff continues to manage project work, including contracting a consultant to develop green options, plan portal content, and other City Profile materials.

With a grant from the Strategic Growth Council and partner collaboration the WCA is developing a green infrastructure plan for the Gateway Cities Region. The WCA is advancing collaborative integration of regional efforts as staff continues to engage in compatible regional planning initiatives—including the work of the AB530 Lower LA River Working Group. Together with the RMC-funded GREEN Project the plan is organized as an interactive web platform positioned to facilitate coordination, planning efforts, and funding for greening projects across the Gateway Cities and beyond.

Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy returned the joint agreement with Rivers and Mountains Conservancy this month. Once this conservancy agreement is fully executed, WCA can begin to forward the study. Staff will finalize the consultant contract with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project and begin the study which will include water quality indicators and potential for the Rio Hondo and Compton Creek to serve as mitigation areas.

The 3rd of 4 LA River Flows Stakeholder Working Group was held on March 26, 2020.

The purpose of the Supplemental Analysis is to supplement the State Water Board funded Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study to include a more robust analysis of the potential impacts to recreation, wildlife habitat, and water quality in the Lower Los Angeles River from reduced instream water flows. Including the WCA as part of the Stakeholder group and adding a third-party review of the analysis itself. For more information, please visit the project website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/larflows.html

Mt Baldy Wilderness Preserve: Unsuccessful in securing a Prop A Excess Funds grant for small property improvements, staff is collaborating with the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps staff to develop a Youth training program in natural resource maintenance and stewardship for the property. The competitive grant application will be submitted by SGVCC to Regional Parks and Open Space Districts call for Measure A projects which are due in February. The program will utilize the site as a satellite training location for the corps to be trained and have hands on experience in trail maintenance, arborist, small structure repair, exotic plant removal and native plant restoration and maintenance. Additionally, nature-based solutions and community engagement/stewardship will be integrated into the training content of the program. Partnership with the Forest Service may also be a component with those discussions to follow.

The utilization of Mt Baldy property as a Corps training site will benefit the property by providing both an active onsite presence and regular maintenance which will help to reduce negative activities such as graffiti and vandalism of trail amenities. Upon close-out of the Measure A grant, if awarded, the property will be eligible to receive Operations and Maintenance funding that will provide much needed operational cost relief to the Authority.

Acquired in 2014, the Mt. Baldy Wilderness Preserve is a 237+/- acre property located on the eastern extent of the Authority's territory, directly south of Mt. Baldy Village. This open space being preserved is in its undeveloped state. The site is publicly accessible for passive recreational use.

Crystal Lake Redevelopment and San Gabriel Canyon Master Planning: The U.S. Forest Service Master Agreement has a finite life of 5 years with an end date of June 30, 2020. Funds deposited by USFS for work must be expended by that deadline or they are lost. WCA staff, working with USFS and Consultant, have identified priority projects to complete over the next 6 months while closing out the planning side of the effort in favor of design and implementation.

These priority implementation projects include the design and construction of all new camp host sites, kiosks and iron rangers at both Crystal Lake and Coldbrook campgrounds. As well as, planned improvements to the Crystal Lake Visitor Center and installation of a trash transfer station at Rincon Fire Station site. Pending approval of Federal clearances, USFS has identified the demolition of several old, unused restrooms and dilapidated ancillary buildings. These improvements will be a noticeable and welcome enhancement to the visitor experience.

All work is funded through the existing Participating Agreement between the USFS and the WCA. The workplan for this and additional work is being developed cooperatively with USFS. Further details will be shared as these joint projects are developed and finalized with USFS.

Crystal Lake Redevelopment and San Gabriel Canyon Master Planning, authorized by U.S. Forest Service under a Supplemental Project Agreement with WCA, to implement a redevelopment and enhancement conceptual planning effort for the Crystal Lake recreation area located in the Angeles National Forest, as well as, a recreation master plan for the San Gabriel Canyon area focusing on access, circulation, and recreational resources.

River Wilderness Park: In anticipation of filling funding gaps with Prop 68 grants, WCA extended the performance period of several existing grants to align with a new target of project completion by 2021. Staff continues to work with City of Azusa, Caltrans and Design team to complete the design for the overlook and park entry improvement elements of the park. WCA also continues to advocate for Caltrans to develop the roundabout but will develop the park in its absence in order to prevent further delays.

WCA continues to coordinate with the Design Team to complete the design packages for the funded elements of the River Wilderness Park and is working with the City of Azusa and Southern California Edison to determine the design plan for the park utilities.

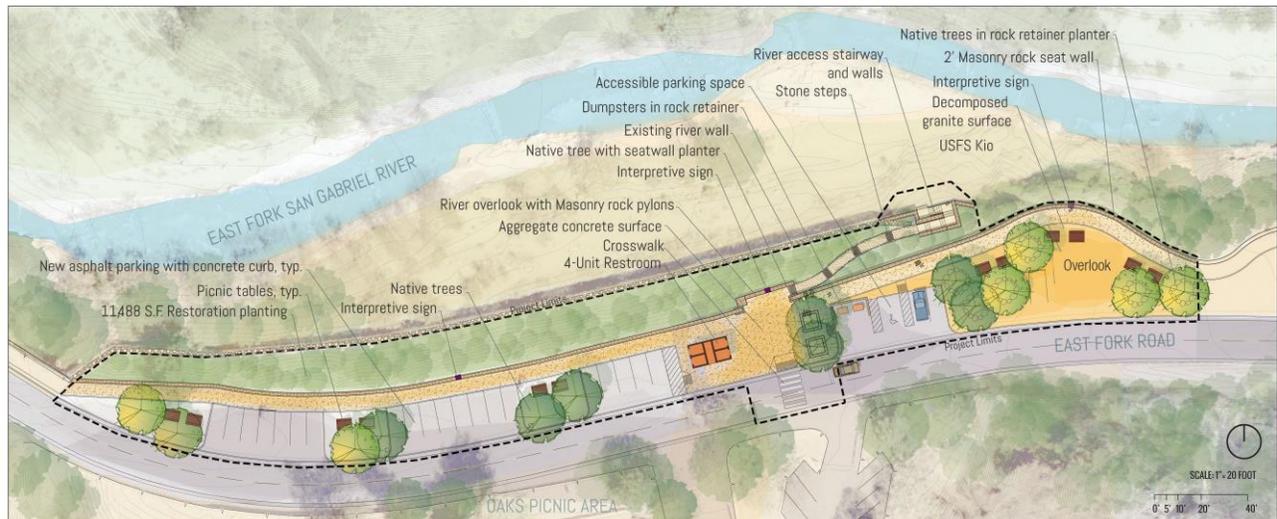


The RWP is an approx. 118-acre property envisioned to provide unique wilderness experiences in the lower San Gabriel River Canyon comprised of engaging landscapes, gathering spaces, thriving habitats, and a regional hub and welcome center for the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Project: WCA consultant, BlueGreen, has completed its work on the site design for the Oaks River Access Project. At the November 2019 Board Meeting, the WCA Board authorized an amendment to BlueGreen's contract to extend the footprint of the design with funding through WCA's Master Participating Agreement with the Forest Service. At RMC's June 2019 Board Meeting, the RMC Board approved a partial Prop 1 grant to

fund the permitting and bid/award process for the project. WCA is currently awaiting a decision Prop 68 funding from the RMC for the construction of the project.

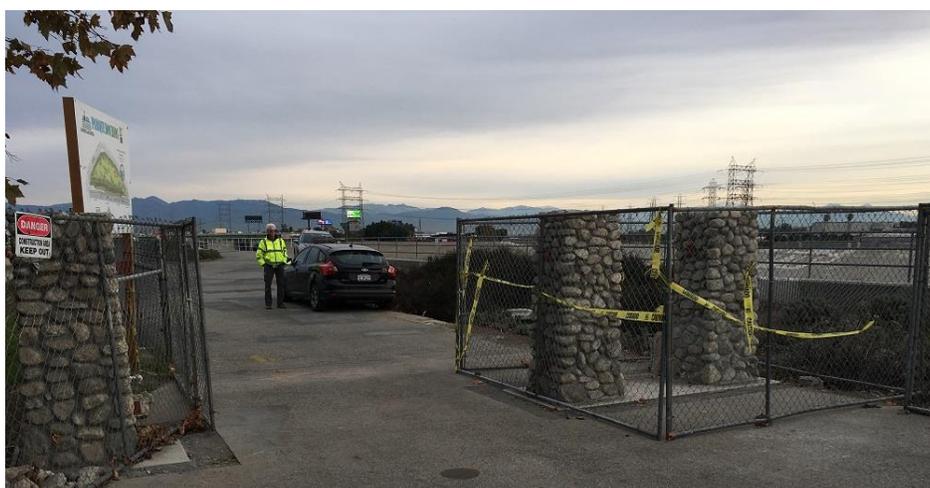
In Q1 2020, WCA's consultant, BlueGreen worked on CD-related activities and permitting. WCA participated in outreach through the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative. U.S. Forest Service anticipates making a decision of record on the EIS for the project in Q2-2020.



Initial concept plan for the Oaks River Access project.

Along a 2.5-mile segment of the East Fork San Gabriel River recreational use is highly concentrated. This heavy use combined with the lack of facilities has resulted in degraded conditions. In response, the Cattle Canyon Project seeks to better manage the recreational use and balance the needs for resource project within this area of the San Gabriel Mountains.

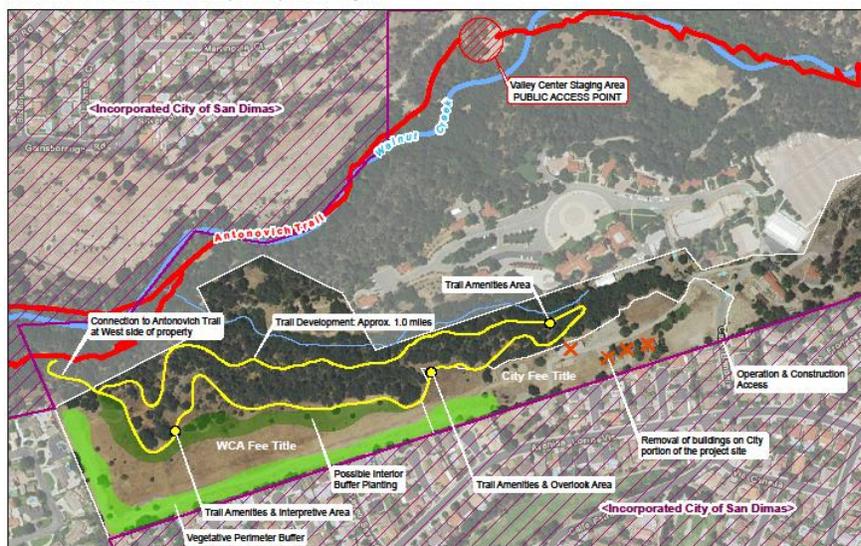
South Gate Habitat Restoration Project/Parque dos Rios: The Construction continues on the Parque Dos Rios project with completion of the overlook and entry gate rockwork columns completed. Decorative metalwork railings, shade structure and gates are in fabrication. Interpretive signage and dedication sign artwork is complete. A second overlook location to view cliff swallows under the Imperial Highway bridge was identified and a drawing to construct is being readied to submit to LA County Flood Control District for approval to construct within their Right of Way. Both the overlooks will feature seating, interpretive panels and viewsopes as amenities. A grant extension from Regional Parks and Open Space District is being processed to allow for the addition of this additional overlook and to align the Prop A grant completion date with the work being completed under the Conservation Corps of Long Beach's Prop 68 grant. The structural work is anticipated to be completed by the end of January and the CCLB landscaping work by April pending timely amended approval by LACFCD for the second overlook location. WCA staff applied for the Measure W program's December call for projects to perform a feasibility to redesign the Caltrans drainage V-ditch to a nature based riparian bioswale and has been asked to present the project to the Watershed Study Area Committee in March.



Parque Dos Rios is a 7.8-acre site situated along the Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) at the confluence with the Rio Hondo in the City of South Gate. The project will create a bike stop amenity for the LLAR trail, with overlook, shade structure, seating and interpretive graphics. The land will be planted with natives and a raptor perch installed.

Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space: WCA staff, the City of San Dimas, BlueGreen landscape design and the City's selected construction contractor met at the end of 2019 for a construction kickoff meeting. Construction is expected to be complete by Spring 2020.

WALNUT CREEK – WEST PHASE ONLY



Acquired in 2008, the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space Property is a total of approx. 60.8 acres. The location is directly east of Bonelli Regional Park and along the Walnut Creek riparian corridor. Approximately 6.7 acres are owned by the City of San Dimas and 54 acres are owned by the WCA.

City of San Dimas the City secured County Proposition A funding in the amount of \$850,000 to begin initial West Phase development. The initial phase includes site clean-up, trail development and amenities (interpretive signage, benches, etc.) for a looped spur trail, habitat enhancements, and the planting of a vegetated buffer for neighbors and connect to the Antonovich Trail via County-operated trail staging areas.

River Ranger Program Implementation Project: WCA received the executed grant agreement from RMC. Due to current staffing limitations and timeliness of delivering a pilot program by Summary 2020, there may be the need to supplement staff with consultants to deliver the program, complete agreement and perform on-going community outreach. WCA continues to hold discussion meetings with MRCA and LA County Flood Control District to discuss pilot program.

The River Ranger Program will foster connections between communities, agencies, and resources to promote safe, equitable usage and stewardship of the LA River and its tributaries as an activated and connected greenway that supports ecological, social, and recreational opportunities. The Los Angeles River Ranger Program Establishment Plan was finalized in June 2019 and the program is moving toward a pilot project this summer.

DATE: May 18, 2020
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 9: Consideration of a resolution approving an amendment to the Subvention Agreement with the Watershed Conservation Authority (RMC19606)

PROGRAM AREA: All

PROJECT TYPE: All

JURISDICTION: All

PROJECT MANAGER: Salian Garcia

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC Governing Board approve an amendment to extend Subvention Agreement through Fiscal Year 2020/2021 with the Watershed Conservation Authority.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Exhibit A: Subvention Fund Accounting Worksheet

In order to support the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) in developing and constructing projects in the Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel River watersheds, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) provided in aid of a not-to-exceed amount of One Million and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000). The disbursed funds is currently being held in a separate fund with the County of Los Angeles Auditor-Controller, WCA's fiscal agent, for the sole purpose of the aid, which is a perpetual fund – similar to a revolving, non-wasting cash fund – to support the WCA while it awaits reimbursements from its various grantors.

The RMC has evaluated the performance of the subvention aid as well as WCA's cash flow, and it is meeting the aid's intended purpose and in compliance with agreed upon fund obligations.

The aid provided temporary relief of approximately \$1,832,258 worth of expenditures over the performance period of July 2019 through April 2020, during which time WCA received \$559,360, leaving a current fund balance of approximately \$227,102 (see Exhibit A: Subvention Fund Accounting Worksheet). The RMC found WCA still needs to complete a transfer with its fiscal agent in the amount of \$248,338 to replenish the Subvention Fund as the WCA has already received reimbursements from its various funding sources. The WCA is currently awaiting approximately \$981,000 from its various funding sources for reimbursement against the expenditures charged against the Subvention Fund, of which at least \$557,000 is expected to be received by the WCA by the end of this fiscal year. Lastly, the WCA has accrued \$5,291 in interest during the aforementioned performance period.

As stipulated in the Subvention Agreement, the RMC has met with the WCA in the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2019/2020 to review whether the Subvention fund needs to renew, adjusted, or discontinued. It is determined the WCA has appropriately accounted for and justified its use of the Subvention Fund, and that RMC recommends the Subvention Fund to continue through Fiscal Year 2020/21 with all other terms and conditions remaining the same. As such, the RMC will continue to meet the WCA at least quarterly to review fund activity. In the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2020/21, and every fiscal year thereafter, the RMC will bring to the board to a provide recommendation to renew, adjust, or discontinue the agreement. Though the current fund balance is close to the minimum cash balance of \$100,000, approximately two-thirds of the expenditures charged against the fund were made during this quarter, which is typical for many grantees to spend as well as claim reimbursement before the end of the fiscal year. The RMC recommends, however, the WCA submits reimbursement requests to its grantors on at least a quarterly basis so that the fund is replenished more frequently to further ensure the balance does not reach at or below the minimum cash balance.

BACKGROUND: The WCA was established in 2003 pursuant to the Joint Excise of Powers Act under Government Code, Section 6500, et. seq. It is a local public entity of the State of California exercising joint powers of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities with int the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds that are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes. The WCA is funded primarily by grants and receives limited funding from JPA Partner contributions and lease revenues for operational expenses. Furthermore, WCA is limited to operating within the confines of a strictly cash position with Los Angeles County Auditor Controllers Office. Additionally, the WCA does not have the power to acquire raise revenues or incur debt through taxation, assessment, and/or levy of any kind, further restricting the WCA to have limited available funding.

The WCA historically has been able to leverage funding from available operational funds to self-sustain while awaiting reimbursement from its various grantors, including local, state, and federal agencies. However, as project activity increased over the last few fiscal years, so has the level of meticulous administrative and operational tasks associated with the projects. The intention of the Subvention aid is to primarily ensure the WCA has available cash outside of its restricted and operational funds to continue the implementation and construction of projects. The joint powers authority whom members are the RMC and Los Angeles County Flood Control District, is a critical element to the watersheds of the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River. The RMC and its relationship with the County of Los Angeles as a fiduciary partner, in addition to its other roles, willingness to continue the financial feasibility of the WCA is based on current and future construction projects to support the watersheds and the public benefits from them, such as passive recreational activity, habitat restoration, and open space and art elements.

By extending the Subvention Agreement to continue into Fiscal Year 2020/21, the benefits accruing as a result of the transactions completed by this a, including, without limitation, (i) fulfillment of the WCA mission, (ii) direct benefits such as revenues from the projects and increased revenues from property, parking, local businesses, (iii) the enhanced economic opportunities for business surrounding the projects and in the Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel River watersheds, and (iv) the benefits such as revitalization of the Lower Los Angeles River together with the WCA's obligations to its communities, partners, and grantors.

FISCAL INFORMATION: Funding for the Subvention Agreement has already been allocated from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's general fund to the Watershed Conservation Authority. The Subvention Fund will remain with WCA through Fiscal Year 2020/21; all other terms remain the same. No additional funding to the Subvention fund is being requested as this time.

Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill No. 840, Chapter 29)

For local assistance, Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency: Los Angeles River Community Restoration and Revitalization Projects, in the amount of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), of this amount, allocation to Rivers and Mountains Conservancy is nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000).

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 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.

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.
 - (6) If the existence of the nonprofit organization is terminated for any reason, title to all interest in real property acquired with state funds shall immediately vest in the state, except that, prior to that termination, another public agency or nonprofit organization may receive title to all or a portion of that interest in real property, by recording its acceptance of title, together with the conservancy's approval, in writing.
- (c) Any deed or other instrument of conveyance whereby real property is acquired by a nonprofit organization pursuant to this section shall be recorded and shall set forth the executor interest or right of entry on the part of the state.

Exhibit A: Subvention Fund Accounting Worksheet

ORIGINAL SUBVENTION FUNDS	\$ 1,500,000.00
Min. Subvention Funds Balance	\$ 100,000.00
Reserve - 10% Retention for Parque Project	\$ 150,000.00
Reserve - 10% Retention for RiverParkway Duck Farm Project	\$ 400,000.00
Reserve - 10% Retention for RMC Grants	\$ 100,000.00
AVAILABLE CASH BALANCE	\$ 750,000.00

No.	Invoice # / Billing Period	Vendor Name	DF or Parque	Grant Fund No.	Payment Request	Record Date	Reference No.	Sub-Total	Fund Balance
1	RMC Subvention FY19/20	State of California		V2D	S629751	10/11/19	Deposit - FY19/20	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
2	2K19_083_03 / 07/11/19	Tidal Influence		V99	20-0014	10/14/19	Reimbursed - RMC16001 PR#4	(7,875.00)	1,492,125.00
3	INV#4849 / 08/01/19-08/31/19	The Solis Group	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0065	10/17/19	Reimbursed - RMC18002 PR#1	0.00	1,492,125.00
4	INV#140-1984412-32-1 & 140-1984413-32-1 / 12/21/18	Orange Coast Title Company		V2A	19-0239	10/17/19	08/08/19 - RMC17019 PR#1	(3,500.00)	1,488,625.00
5	INV#7950 / 04/08/19, File#5428-19	Buss-Shelger Associates		V2A	19-0249	10/17/19	08/08/19 - RMC17019 PR#1	(3,500.00)	1,485,125.00
6	JOB# 1802-1 / 05/17/19	Thomas W. Erickson		V2A	19-0286	10/17/19	08/08/19 - RMC17019 PR#1	(3,500.00)	1,481,625.00
7	INV#2 / 4/23/18-5/13/18	Treestack		V85	18-0290	10/17/19	Reimbursed - WCA13002 PR#3	(9,000.00)	1,472,625.00
8	2K19_083_03 / 07/11/19	Tidal Influence		V99	20-0014	10/21/19	Reimbursed - RMC16001 PR#4	7,875.00	1,480,500.00
9	1557911-11 / 09/01/19-09/30/19	Norcal Engineering	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0087	10/23/19	Reimbursed - RMC18002 PR#1	(1,521.00)	1,478,979.00
10		The Solis Group	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0092	10/23/19	Reimbursed - RMC18002 PR#1	(2,322.00)	1,476,657.00
11	INV#WCA-DF-7 / 05/09/19-10/21/19	BlueGreen Consulting	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0105	10/23/19	Reimbursed - RMC18002 PR#1	(5,329.36)	1,471,327.64
12	INV#415474 & 415517 / 08/30/19 & 09/10/19	Willdan Engineering	Parque	V48 (V52 Temp)	20-0107	10/23/19	12/24/19 - PROPASGR #57	(8,450.00)	1,462,877.64
13	INV#0166784 / 06/24/19	Perkins+Will		V85	19-0334	10/28/19	Pending - WCA13002 PR#6	(7,000.00)	1,455,877.64
14	INV#224135 / 11/06/19	RWG Law		V61	20-0127	11/07/19	Pending - RMC09105 PR#7	(6,814.89)	1,449,062.75
15	INV#19505-01 / 11/06/19	Lyric Design & Planning		V52(RMC18003)	20-0125	11/07/19	Pending - RMC18003 PR#2	(7,778.00)	1,441,284.75
16	INV#400000029458 / 10/25/19	EFI Global Inc		V99	20-0111	11/08/19	Pending - RMC16001 PR#5	(2,000.00)	1,439,284.75
18	INV#0166784 / 06/24/19	Perkins+Will		V85	19-0334	11/12/19	Pending - WCA13002 PR#6	(10,909.72)	1,428,375.03
19	INV#5067 / 10/01/19-10/31/19	The Solis Group	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0129	11/18/19	Reimbursed - RMC18002 PR#1	(2,322.00)	1,426,053.03
20	INV#WD-0165052 / 07/01/19-06/30/19	SWRCB	DF Project	V38	20-0136	11/19/19	12/12/19 - RMC3609 PR#22	(1,313.00)	1,424,740.03
21	INV #5 / 10/22/19	Fast-Track Construction	DF Project	V38	20-0139	11/20/19	Reimbursed - RMC3609 PR#22	(107,471.60)	1,317,268.43
22	INV #5 / 10/22/19	Fast-Track Construction	DF Project	Prop A - DF	20-0140	11/20/19	Pending - Prop A DF PR#14	(45,600.00)	1,271,668.43
23	INV #5 / 10/22/19	Fast-Track Construction	DF Project	V52 (RMC17023)	20-0142	11/20/19	Reimbursed - RMC17023 PR#2	(211,375.00)	1,060,293.43
24	INV #5 / 10/22/19	Fast-Track Construction	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0143	11/20/19	Reimbursed - RMC18002 PR#1	(178,630.40)	881,663.03
25	INV #5 / 10/22/19	Fast-Track Construction	DF Project	V79	20-0144	11/20/19	Reimbursed - RPGDF PR#3	(54,007.50)	827,655.53
26	INV#368484 / 11/06/19	SCE	DF Project	V38	20-0138	11/20/19	12/12/19 - RMC3609 PR#22	(11,735.40)	815,920.13
27	INV#19505-02 / 11/20/19	Lyric Design & Planning		V52(RMC18003)	20-0148	11/22/19	Pending - RMC18003 PR#2	(4,177.00)	811,743.13
28	INV#0163740 & 0164627/ 02/18/19 & 03/25/19	Perkins+Will		V85	19-0275	11/25/19	Pending - WCA13002 PR#6	(14,924.34)	796,818.79
29	INV#AR230121/ 12/01/17-06/30/18	Cal Poly Pomona Foundation		V85	19-0157	11/25/19	Pending - WCA13002 PR#6	(5,653.16)	791,165.63
30	INV# DFS11.13.19 / 11/20/19	SGVCC	DF Project	V38	20-0132	12/04/19	12/12/19 - RMC3609 PR#22	(1,920.00)	789,245.63
31	INV#AR230121/ 12/01/17-06/30/18	Cal Poly Pomona Foundation		V85	19-0157	12/09/19	Pending - WCA13002 PR#6	(8,126.80)	781,118.83
32	INV# 0156717, 0157697, 0158415 & 0159785 / 03/19/18-08/31/18	Perkins+Will		V85	19-0123	12/09/19	Pending - WCA13002 PR#6	(10,226.82)	770,892.01
33	INV# 0156717, 0157697, 0158415 & 0159785 / 03/19/18-08/31/18	Perkins+Will		V85	19-0123	12/23/19	Pending - WCA13002 PR#6	(15,138.02)	755,753.99
34	INV#19505-03 / 12/16/19	Lyric Design & Planning		V52(RMC18003)	20-0181	12/26/19	Pending - RMC18003 PR#2	(7,540.00)	748,213.99
35	INV#WCA-DF-8 / 10/22/19-11/25/19	BlueGreen Consulting	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0154	12/26/19	Pending - RMC18002 PR#2	(8,381.54)	739,832.45
36	INV#WCA-DF-9 / 04/01/19-12/03/19	BlueGreen Consulting	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0182	12/26/19	Pending - RMC18002 PR#2	(6,938.00)	732,894.45
37	INV#224564 / 10/01/19-10/31/19	RWG Law		V61	20-0161	12/26/19	Pending - RMC09105 PR#7	(2,876.27)	730,018.18
38	INV#5149 / 11/01/19-11/30/19	The Solis Group	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0169	12/31/19	Pending - RMC18002 PR#2	(2,322.00)	727,696.18
39	INV#021827 / 05/06/19-07/26/19	Cal Poly Pomona Foundation		v96	20-0216	01/28/20	Pending - RMC15112 PR#4	(5,000.00)	722,696.18
40	INV #5 / 10/22/19	Fast-Track Construction	DF Project	V52 (RMC18002)	20-0143	01/28/20	Reimbursed - RMC18002 PR#1	178,630.40	901,326.58
41	INV#19505-04 / 01/16/20	Lyric Design & Planning		V52(RMC18003)	20-0210	01/29/20	Pending - RMC18003 PR#2	(15,400.00)	885,926.58
42	INV#2 / 11/04/19-12/15/19	North East Tree	Parque	V48 (V52 Temp)	20-0230	02/06/20	12/24/19 - PROPASGR #58	(13,306.48)	872,620.10
43	INV#WCA-CL-4 / 05/21/19-12/01/19	BlueGreen Consulting		V52 (Crystal Lake)	20-0241	02/19/20	Pending - Crystal Lake PR#4	(70,150.82)	802,469.28
44	INV#WCA-OA3-02 / 10/21/19-12/30/19	BlueGreen Consulting			20-0243	02/24/20	Pending - Reconcile Oaks RLF	(9,020.20)	793,449.08
45	INV #5 / 10/22/19	Fast-Track Construction	DF Project	V38	20-0139	02/24/20	Reimbursed - RMC3609 PR#22	107,471.60	900,920.68

May 18, 2020 – Item 9

RESOLUTION 2020-20

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUBVENTION AGREEMENT WITH THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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 Watershed Conservation Authority is a local public entity of the State of California exercising joint powers of the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District pursuant to Government Code Section 6500, et. seq; and

WHEREAS, The fund resulting from the amended Subvention agreement is to continue support of the Watershed Conservation Authority in developing and construction projects in the Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel River watersheds; and

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 May 18, 2020.
- 4 AUTHORIZES the execution of an amendment to the Subvention Agreement with the Watershed Conservation Authority.

~ End of Resolution ~

Resolution No. 2020-20

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 18, 2020.

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST:

David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: May 18, 2020

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 10: Consideration of a resolution approving a grant amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority for the San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Project (RMC 9105)

PROGRAM AREA: All

PROJECT TYPE: Planning

JURISDICTION: Unincorporated County of Los Angeles

PROJECT MANAGER: Joseph Gonzalez

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC Board approve a grant extension to the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) for the San Gabriel River Confluence with the Cattle Canyon Improvements Project (RMC 09105), approving a 14-month performance period extension through April 30, 2021.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- Exhibit A: Certified NOD,
- Exhibit B: East Fork Project Concept Plan,
- Exhibit C: WCA Funding Request Letter – February 24, 2020,
- Exhibit D: WCA – Budget Summary

WCA continues to advance the San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Projects (East Fork Project) through various efforts. Such as their continuation with final design phase of site amenities along the East Fork San Gabriel River (EFSGR), around the Oaks Picnic Area. In related planning with US Forest Service (USFS), WCA continues to pursue San Gabriel Canyon Improvements, which includes the EFSGR area, West Fork, and North Fork, with other improvement planning and projects. Additionally, WCA is looking to extend their Master Participatory Agreement at least another year to continue collaborative work with the Forest Service in the San Gabriel Canyon region.

In order to implement the East Fork Projects, WCA is having to mitigate for the outcome of the CEQA document and seeking to resolve on-going litigation. WCA is requesting a grant extension to continue defending the San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Project's certification (October 25, 2018) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which identifies five sustainable recreational model projects along a 2.5-mile reach of the East Fork San Gabriel River (EFSGR) in the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

On November 28, 2018, petitioner Save Our Access – San Gabriel Mountains filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court against WCA challenging the WCA's certification of the Project's EIR. (*Save Our Access - San Gabriel Mountains v. WCA*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case

No. 18STCP02984). A mandatory settlement meeting was held on January 22, 2019 at WCA's offices in Azusa, though no settlement was reached.

On November 14, 2019, the Superior Court entered judgment in favor of the petitioner relating to one of four issues and thereafter issued a writ of mandate directing WCA to take further action to re-assess its parking baseline number used in the EIR. On January 6, 2020, the petitioner filed a notice of appeal. On January 13, 2020, WCA filed a notice of cross-appeal. The appeals are pending, but no party has filed any briefs yet.

On January 13, 2020, the petitioner filed a motion for attorney's fees in superior court. A hearing on the motion has been scheduled for July 29, 2020 at Stanley Mosk Courthouse (partially delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic). The WCA will provide RMC updates as they are received.

This time extension allows WCA to continue defense of the Project. A better timeline as well as cost associated with the court case will be understood in Fall 2020, or after conclusion of the appeals, whichever occurs last.

BACKGROUND: The San Gabriel River Confluence with the Cattle Canyon Improvements Project proposes to better manage the recreation use and balance the needs for resource protection. To implement the project, the WCA partnered with the U.S. Forest Service through a cooperative agreement. This cooperative agreement will develop a project that promotes sustainable recreation and active uses in the ANF. The future desired condition to be advanced by the proposed project includes developing environmentally sustainable recreation opportunities to meet the needs of a growing urban and culturally diverse population, particularly for day use.

The project seeks the following goals and objectives:

- Provide recreation facilities and infrastructure that are high quality, well-maintained, safe, accessible and consistent with visitors' expectations.
- Shift and concentrate recreational use to certain areas in order to minimize adverse effects over a broader area.
- Promote stewardship of public land by providing quality and sustainable recreation opportunities that result in increased visitor satisfaction.
- Allow for better management of the recreation resources on the Forest.
- Improve riparian habitat conditions in certain areas and make progress toward enhancing stream habitat conditions by restoring vegetation, minimizing invasive plants and noxious weed presence, and developing management strategies to regulate access.

During the summers of 2013 and 2014, an outreach program focusing on the prevention of specific harmful recreational behaviors was conducted. The outreach program informed the completion of a planning study and a Final Concept Site Plan for which environmental assessments in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act, and other applicable laws has been completed.

During the environmental analysis process WCA and ANF staff evaluated the proposed actions contained within the Final Concept Plan, identifying potentially significant impacts to the federally threatened Santa Ana Sucker, subsequently the project may be shifting concentration of recreational use to certain areas of EFSGR in order to minimize adverse effects over a broader

area. Construction related impacts may be significant as well, including installation of abutments for a proposed pedestrian bridge.

Resolution 2019-07, approved January 28, 2019, increased this grant award to the Watershed Conservation Authority a total amount of \$79,000, from \$790,584 to \$869,584, to work towards completing the project and defending the Project EIR in the *Save Our Access – San Gabriel Mountains v. WCA* lawsuit.

FISCAL INFORMATION: Approval of this resolution extends the grant performance period through April 30, 2021. Funding for this project has been encumbered from the following Proposition 84 allocation:

75050. The sum of nine hundred twenty eight million dollars (\$928,000,000) shall be available for the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water, and other natural resources in accordance with the following schedule:... (g) The sum of seventy two million dollars (\$72,000,000) shall be available for projects within the watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers according to the following schedule:

(1) \$36,000,000 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600).....

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 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.

Further, Section 32614 provides that: The conservancy may do all 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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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

LOS ANGELES, COUNTY CLERK

TO:

Office of Planning and Research
For U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
Address: 12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

FROM:

Public Agency: Watershed Conservation Authority
Address: 100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road
Azusa, CA 91702
Contact: Mark Stanley
Phone: (626) 815-1019
Lead Agency (if different from above): Same as above
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2016101039

Project Title: San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Project

Project Location (include county): East Fork San Gabriel River within the Angeles National Forest (see attached map)

Project Description: The proposed project includes the development of new management strategies and improvements to protect and restore the multi-use areas of five distinct project areas for future public enjoyment. Proposed enhancements include the development of new picnic areas, pedestrian trails, river access points and upgrades to existing facilities, improvements to paved and unpaved roadways, parking improvements, restrooms and refuse disposal improvements, restoration of riparian and upland vegetation communities of the EFSGR and Cattle Canyon Creek, and implementation of a Forest Closure Order to prohibit overnight camping.

This is to advise that the Watershed Conservation Authority has approved the above described project on (X Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

October 25, 2018 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described projects. (Date)

- 1. The project [] will [X] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [X] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [] was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [X] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Online Website: https://www.wca.ca.gov/cattle_canyon

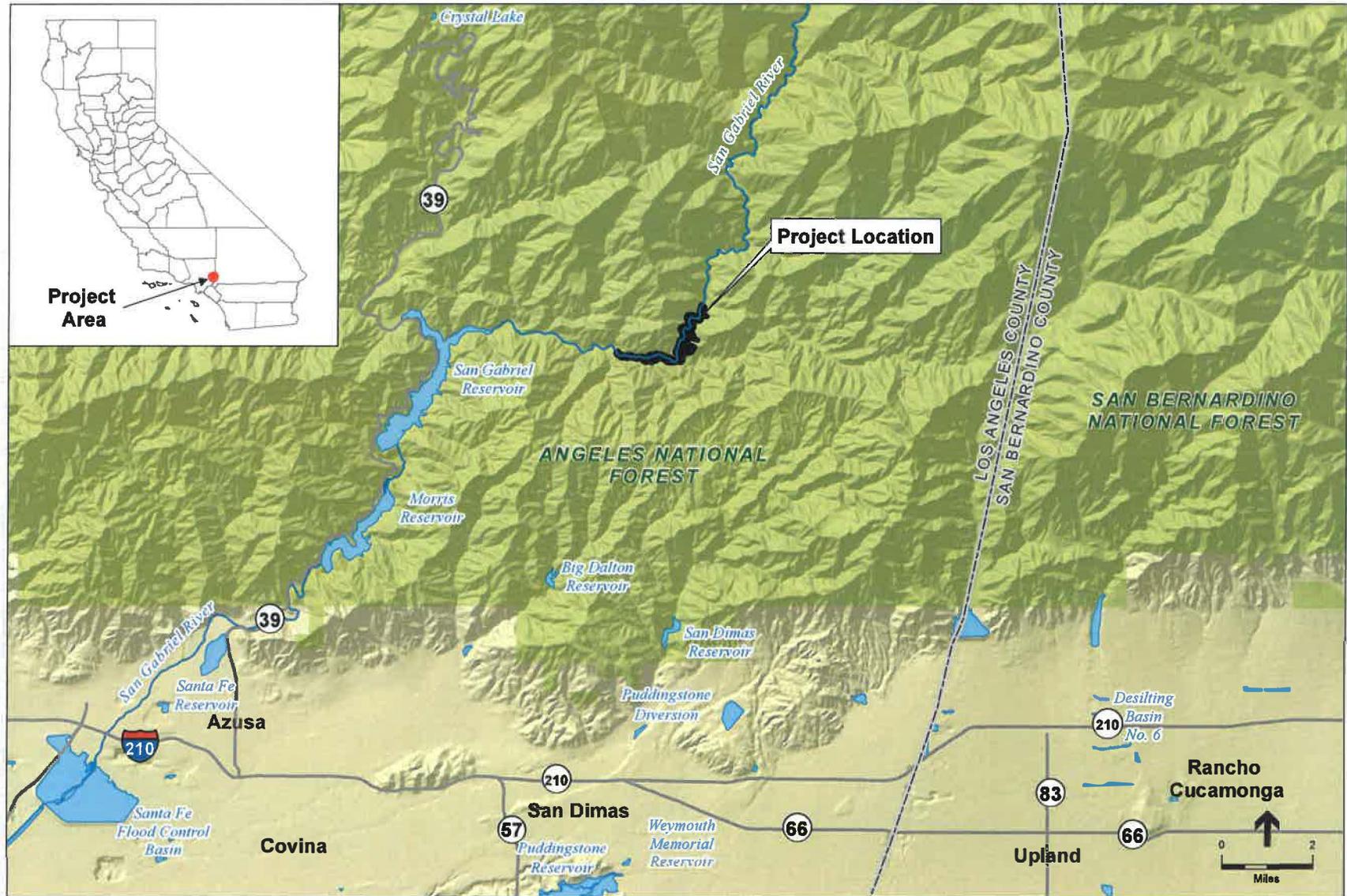
Signature (Public Agency)

[Handwritten Signature]

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 10/26/18

Date Received filing at OPR:



SOURCE: ESRI

San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Project . 140225.01

Figure 2-1
Project Vicinity

SAN GABRIEL RIVER CONFLUENCE WITH CATTLE CANYON IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FINAL CONCEPT SITE PLAN

JANUARY 30, 2017

DESCRIPTION:
Day-use recreation is enhanced by a continuous 2.0 mile "East Fork Scenic Trail". The trail is located adjacent to the road with views of the river and provides access to overlooks, river access trails and backcountry trailheads. Loading/shuttle stops are provided.

PROJECT AREA TOTALS	
Trailheads	4
Restrooms	10
Crosswalks	7
Designated Picnic Areas	6
East Fork Scenic Trail (mi.)	2.0
Interpretive Sites	4
River Access Points	6
USFS Visitor Kiosk	3
Bus/Tram Stop	3
Parking	270

- River access - 6 locations with restrooms, dumpsters & signage
- Parking - Angled and perpendicular bays with curbs, limited roadside parking, parking lot in Former Fire Station area with bus parking
- ROW improvements - Reduced speed, crosswalks, stop signs, footpath along top of slope on south/east side of road, trash grates on drain inlets
- Amenities - Picnic tables, East Fork Scenic Trail, interpretive sites including 2 interpretive trails, scenic overlooks, bilingual signage including wayfinding and trail signage, trailheads, designated loading/shuttle stop locations
- Toilets - 2 and 4-Unit facilities located near river access points and other popular areas
- Trash bins - Small trash receptacles to be located at all river access points and all picnic sites. Dumpsters to be set within rock barriers
- Areas to bring back to natural condition or restore through native revegetation - Multiple informal trails to river, soil deposits along roadside, seeps/springs on east side of road, stream habitat in tributary behind Oaks Picnic Area, phase out non-native "plantation" plantings

- Expansion of existing Oaks Picnic Area, including more sites, larger tables, native tree plantings, new restrooms, a group BBQ area, & botanical interpretive area. Existing parking configuration is retained.
- River access points with parking, native tree plantings, East Fork Scenic Trail, USFS Visitor Kiosk, picnic area, new restrooms and loading area/shuttle stop, East Fork Scenic Trail interpretive sign
- Botanical interpretive site

CONFLUENCE AREA

- Scenic overlook with Eldoradoville interpretive element, East Fork Scenic Trail interpretive sign
- River access and new single restroom
- Pedestrian bridge (parallel with existing bridge) and shuttle stop
- Portions of road are realigned to accommodate East Fork Scenic Trail

HEATON FLAT AREA

- Enhanced picnic area with improved trailhead, interpretive sign, new restroom & river access

COYOTE FLAT, OVERLOOK, FIRESTATION & CANYON AREAS

- Developed picnic area & new restroom with maintenance access road
- Scenic overlook with planters, seatwalls, native tree plantings, monument sign, "Geology Hut" interpretive building, USFS visitor kiosk, and perimeter path, East Fork Scenic Trail interpretive sign
- Camp Bonita Road turnaround, loading area/shuttle stop, cross walk, Heaton Flat trailhead, new restroom
- Developed parking area with native tree plantings, parking kiosk, bus parking, new restroom & picnic area
- Stairs from parking area lead across boardwalk bridge to Botanical Interpretive Trail trailhead
- Stairway leading from East Fork Scenic Overlook to Coyote Flat

LEGEND

- River access points
- Interpretive sites
- Restrooms
- Designated picnic area
- Trailhead
- Crosswalk
- USFS visitor kiosk
- Loading area/shuttle stop
- Paved road
- Trail and/or Maintenance access road
- East Fork Scenic Trail
- Parking
- East Fork
- Existing Cattle Canyon Bridge with new pedestrian bridge



SCALE: 1" = 300'



Exhibit C

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RIVERS & MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY

February 24, 2020

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

RE: Grant Extension for the San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements project (RMC09105)

GOVERNING BOARD

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Los Angeles County Board of
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Carolina Hernandez
Designee for Mark Pestrella,
Director
Los Angeles County
Department of Public Works

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mark Stanley

Dear Mr. Stanley,

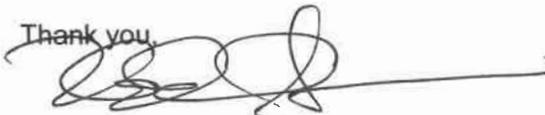
The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is requesting an 11-month grant extension for the San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements project (aka East Fork Project) through January 31st, 2021 (RMC09105). This extension is directly related to the continuing matter related to Save Our Access – San Gabriel Mountains v. WCA, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 18STCP02984.

During 2013 and 2014, a summer outreach program focusing on the prevention of specific harmful recreational behaviors was conducted. The outreach program informed the completion of a planning study and a Final Concept Site Plan for which environmental assessments in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act, and other applicable laws were completed.

The certification of the EIR and approval of the San Gabriel River Confluence with the Cattle Canyon Improvements Project was approved by the WCA Board on October 25, 2018. The Final EIS is planned to have a signed Record of Decision by U.S. Forest Service in Spring 2020.

On November 28, 2018, Save Our Access – San Gabriel Mountains v. WCA, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 18STCP02984 was filed with the court. A final Ruling on Merit was filed on October 29, 2019, with a final judgement entered on November 14, 2019. The deadline to appeal the Ruling was 60 days after the judgement was entered or by January 13, 2020. Save our Access – San Gabriel Mountains (the Plaintiff) filed a Notice of Appeal on January 6, 2020, thus the process is likely to continue through at least the rest of this year.

Thank you for your consideration of the requested grant extension. WCA, and our project partner ANF, is appreciative of the RMC's role in funding this very successful joint planning effort to bring sustainable recreation to the East Fork of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Debbie Enos, Deputy Executive Officer, at Denos@wca.ca.gov or at 626-815-1019 x112.

Thank you,


Herlinda Chico
WCA Governing Board Chair

HC:jg

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Creek Improvement Project

Budget, Funding and Cost Tracking
 Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Project Task Details	RMC 9105 Budget	ANF	RLF	NFF	TOTAL BUDGET	EFC	CTD	CTD (RMC)	Available
WCA: PM and Grant Admin	\$ 205,503.56	\$ 10,630.78	\$ 6,400.00	\$ -	\$ 222,534.34	\$ 222,534.34	\$ 212,209.92	\$ 203,155.45	\$ 2,348.11
BlueGreen (Design and Env. Compliance)	\$ 379,617.74	\$ 216,832.26	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 603,950.00	\$ 603,950.00	\$ 580,466.65	\$ 376,049.13	\$ 3,568.61
University Auxillary	\$ 108,474.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108,474.57	\$ 108,474.57	\$ 108,474.57	\$ 108,474.57	\$ -
So Cal Mountain Foundation	\$ 95,119.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,119.38	\$ 95,119.38	\$ 95,119.38	\$ 95,119.38	\$ -
Water Quality/Misc (CWH)	\$ 6,600.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,600.75	\$ 6,600.75	\$ 6,600.75	\$ 6,600.75	\$ -
Misc.	\$ 3,168.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,168.00	\$ 8,168.00	\$ 7,905.66	\$ 3,168.00	\$ -
Lawsuit	\$ 71,100.00							\$ 40,342.85	\$ 30,757.15
Difference (Pending to Reconcile)								\$ 2,688.49	\$ (2,688.49)
TOTAL	\$ 869,584.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,067,384.00	\$ 1,067,384.00	\$ 1,033,313.89	\$ 835,598.62	\$ 33,985.38

May 18, 2020 – Item 10

RESOLUTION 2020-21

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER CONFLUENCE WITH CATTLE CANYON IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (RMC 9105)

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 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, 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 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 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 May 18, 2020.
- 5 AUTHORIZES a grant extension to the Watershed Conservation for the San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Project (RMC09105) through April 30, 2021.

~ End of Resolution ~

Resolution No. 2020-21

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 18, 2020.

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General