

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
“Rivers and Mountains Conservancy” (RMC)
will be held on
Monday, June 15, 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/84260063985?pwd=T1h1UXh6a1lqcDBCMWVENGIOS05sQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 6006 3985 | Password: 522808

And by phone at 1-669-900-9128

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. Appointment to the Azusa-RMC JPA
8. Deputy Attorney General’s Report
9. **Executive Officer’s Report**
 - a. Legislative
 - b. Capital Outlay & Support Budget
 - c. Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary
 - d. Project and Liaison Activities
 - e. COVID-19 updates

Regular Calendar

10. Project update from Watershed Conservation Authority for the San Gabriel Mountains & Foothills Acquisition Master Plan (RMC 17019)
11. Consideration of a resolution approving the Watershed Conservation Authority Preliminary

Budget FY 2020/2021

12. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Executive Officer to negotiate and award a Professional Services Agreement and Service Order with Geosyntec Consultants to provide Schematic Design phase and initial CEQA phase services for the Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center.
13. Consideration of a resolution approving a grant amendment to the City of Santa Clarita for the Development of the Canyon County Community Center Regional Infiltration Project (RMC 19003)
14. Board Member comments
15. Announcement of next meeting date – Monday, July 20, 2020, @ 1:30 pm
16. 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, May 18, 2020

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colonna called the meeting to order at approximately 1:34 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

Ms. Sandra Massa-Lavitt

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)

Mr. Vincent Chang (for Supervisor Solis)

Non-Voting Members Present

Mr. Stan Chen (for Mr. Johnson)

Mr. George Gomez (for Mark Pestrella)

Members Absent

Mr. Matt Almy (for Ms. Bosler)

Mr. Sean Woods (for Ms. Mangat)

Vacant (for Senator Gonzalez)

Ms. Christy Suppes (for Mr. Bazmi)

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

Mr. Ed DeMesa (for Ms. Colloton)

Mr. Jerry Perez (for Mr. Moore)

Mr. Ali Saleh

Mr. John Walsh (for John Donnelly)

Staff Present

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

There were no corrections noted by the Board.

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

6. CHAIR’S REPORT

There was no report given.

7. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL’S REPORT

There was no report given.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

A. Legislative

Salian Garcia stated that there will be a May Revise with the Assembly Budget Sub Committee #3. She explained it will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 10AM with additional information to be found on their website.

B. Capital Outlay and Support Budget

Salian Garcia explained that the report reflects balances as of April 30, 2020. She noted two project grants for RMC19004, Shiwaka Urban Forest, and RMC19009, Lower LA River Pocket Park, are still waiting encumbrance. She explained that as of today the two projects were certified by the Contracted Fiscal Service department. She reported that Exhibit A Support & Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 displays expenditures that have been incurred thru April 30, 2020. Exhibit B shows no advanced funds received. And Exhibit C shows all the current contracts.

Board Member Clark asked for clarification in response to Budget Letter 20-11 Budget Restrictions and Reductions and if the State will move funding away from projects that was approved through propositions. Is that the situation, is that what they are doing here? Ms. Garcia responded that regarding General Funds (GF), they are having a reduction against the Budget Act of 2019 for \$3M Compton Creek and \$3M Lower LA River funding. She explained that for now, when it comes to propositions there is no direction on whether RMC can’t continue approving grants. She stated that she submits a list of exemptions every week to Resources and they consolidate it to Department of Finance in order for RMC to proceed with certain contracts or purchase orders.

Board Member Clark followed up her question and asked, if the projects are being held back by the State Budget? Ms. Garcia responded, currently no.

CNRA representative, Amanda Martin added that as a part of the broader bond process, all requests for bond funded extensions, re-encumbrances, and extensions have been approved to go forward as part of May Revision. If there are any GF legislative investments that were not encumbered, then those are being proposed by Administration to revert, although, that is still pending proposal.

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 update. As of this date 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.

D. Project and Liaison Activities

The Project Managers gave updates about the various projects and activities for RMC.

Joseph Gonzalez reviewed, Lower Los Angeles River Working Group (AB 530), and stated that these IAG meetings for Spring have been cancelled. The next meeting is likely to take place in the summer and he will provide dates at the next Board Meeting in June.

Joseph Gonzalez then reviewed, the IRWMP Planning Activities, and stated the Department of Water Resources released a draft recommendation funding list for four (4) funding areas. He stated a final list would be provided in June 2020.

Joseph Gonzalez gave a review of the Los Angeles River Master Plan Update—LA County, that he explained had a draft that was released in January 2020 to stakeholders, but due to delays related to the pandemic, County Public Works is also developing a draft programmatic EIR for the projects identified in the plan. Once the draft programmatic EIR is finalized it and the draft Master Plan will be presented to the public most likely fall 2020.

Marybeth Vergara reviewed the San Gabriel River and Wilderness Park Restoration Downey (RMC17002), and stated that there was an approval last July 2019 for this project that doubled as a request for rescoring of the project of which it received 80.5 out of a total 100 points. She explained that this project is now under construction, although, there have been many delays due to the pandemic it is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. She stated RMC is working actively to close out the project before the end of the fiscal year.

Joseph Gonzalez reported on Bassett High School Campus Green Infrastructure Project (RMC 17005), and stated it was completed in December and that RMC is now closing out the grant. Although, there will be some work in the spring to address weeding issues on the campus and to ensure survival of planted 2700 native plant, shrub and trees on the grounds.

Sally Gee presented the Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project (17014), and stated that they released their draft program, their EIR, and it is now available to the public for viewing and public commentary which will span from May 8-June 22, 2020, as a part of a 45 day review period. She stated this project is moving forward and is scheduled to complete later this year.

Joseph Gonzalez reviewed the Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo and Peck Park Water Conservation Project (RMC 17015), and stated this project is moving forward and is anticipated to complete by the end of June 2020. He stated they received permitting to complete the final element for the park, the parking lot, which is being completed now. Final payment should be submitted by the end of this month.

Arturo Gonzalez reported on Fernwood Avenue Development Lynwood (RMC17017), and stated that the intended project site was originally located at Lynwood Park; although due to poor percolation in the soil testing at that location, the project was moved to Fernwood Avenue and State Street in the City of Lynwood, which yielded better soil quality results. He lastly stated that after a rescoring of the project, it received 87 out of 100 total points.

Board Member Reilly, asked what the projects original score was before being rescored? Marybeth Vergara responded that it had a score of 80 points through the Proposition 1 scoring system.

Joseph Gonzalez reported on Deforest Park, which he stated had presented alternative designs to the for the Lower LA River Community Center to the public. This included the various agencies contributions to the center, as a part of the master plan. He stated that as the project continues to move forward it is being coordinated with the community and with the stakeholder teams.

Sally Gee presented Banna Community Park Project (RMC 19008), and stated that the City of Covina was able to award a construction bid so now the project is undergoing site prep. The park is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

Joseph Gonzalez presented a WCA project, the Duck Farm Project, which recently requested a six (6) month extension due to the delays with SCE approval and the pandemic. He stated that the project is currently under construction.

Marybeth Vergara lastly presented a project not included in the report and stated that Studio MLA was approved for services to move forward with the Compton Creek projects. She stated efforts began in January 2020 through working groups and identification of projects from previous planning efforts. However, she stated this project was pulled due to the States budget impact and will continue to move forward with workgroups but will need to look into different sources of funding for these projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR

9. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUBVENTION AGREEMENT WITH THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (RMC19606).**
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).**

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).

This item was tabled.

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 (RMC).

This item was tabled.

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Reilly commented that she would appreciate a an update as she would like to gauge how much funding the RMC will have to work with.

Board Chair, Frank Colonna, made a request for Executive Officer, Mark Stanley, and Natural Resources Agency Representative, Amanda Martin, to give an idea of what we should expect in terms of funding. Ms. Martin responded that the budget (FY 2020/2021) is expected to be passed on June 15th and because it must be published at least three days prior, she would have a better idea of what to expect.

Board Member Uranga closed the comments by commending RMC Deputy Attorney, David Edsall', successful win during a complicated Coastal Commission's case that occurred virtually. He stated it was not an easy feat and thanked him.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Colonna announced the next meeting would be held Monday, June 15, 2020.

15. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Colonna at approximately 2:15 p.m.

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Frank Colonna
Governing Board Chair

X

Jennifer Fierro
Board Secretary

DATE: June 15, 2020
TO: Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Governing Board
FROM: WCA Staff
THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 9A: Legislative Report

Legislative Update

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

Federal Bills: <https://www.congress.gov>

State Bills: <http://www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

Current as of 6/8/2020

The following is the status of legislative bills that have been introduced in the current session by Senate and Assembly potentially of interest to the RMC and its respective Joint Powers Authorities. Bills can be tracked on the legislative website: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

PARKS AND WATER

AB 209 (Limón D) Parks: Outdoor Environmental Education: Grant Program

Introduced: 1/14/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/13/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

Summary: This bill is a reintroduction of last year's AB 2534. As a reminder, this bill would require the Director of Parks and Recreation to establish the Outdoor Equity Grants Program to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental educational experiences at state parks and other public lands where outdoor environmental education programs take place. The bill would require the director to, among other things, give priority for funding to outdoor environmental education programs that primarily provide outreach to and serve pupils who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, foster youth, or pupils of limited English proficiency, as provided. To the extent that the skill sets of persons retained through the River Rangers Program includes interpretative/naturalist aptitudes, the program envisioned in this bill may underwrite these positions. Update: The Governor's January Budget proposed \$20 million to underwrite the development and implementation of the provisions captured in this bill. **However, given the state of economic affairs in California, this appropriation was struck in the May Revise.**

AB 352 (Garcia, Eduardo) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020

Introduced: 2/4/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/14/2019, **Status:** Re-referred to Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Summary: Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,920,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to

finance a wildlife prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. The bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election. The bill would provide that its provisions are severable. In response to the failure of Proposition 3 (Water Bond) and the more recently filed Climate and Resources Bond with the Attorney General, Speaker Rendon has greenlighted members of Assembly leadership to draft and propose bonds for future deliberation and possible inclusion on the November 2020 ballot. AB 352 represents such a vehicle and AB 1298 (Mullin) is a companion/complimentary bond funding mechanism to address climate, fire, infrastructure and resource related priorities throughout the state. AB 1298 is a little more expansive in scope than AB 352 at this juncture and both contain provisions specific to the funding of the LA River. Also, both contain funding for urban park and resource related investments. **SB 45, Senator Ben Allen's Climate Bond still remains in the mix as well and Senate Natural Resources Chair Henry Stern appears to have elevated this as a personal priority.**

AB 926 (O'Donnell D) Oil Revenue: Oil Trust Fund

Introduced: 2/20/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 3/18/2019, **Status:** Held on Senate Appropriations Suspend File

Summary: Current law requires the Controller to transfer certain oil-revenue-related moneys to the Oil Trust Fund. Current law requires the State Lands Commission to expend the money in the fund to finance the costs of well abandonment, pipeline removal, facility removal, remediation, and other costs associated with removal of oil and gas facilities from the Long Beach tidelands. Current law prohibits the total amount deposited in the fund from exceeding \$300,000,000 and requires all interest earned on money in the fund after the balance in the fund totals \$300,000,000 to be transferred to the General Fund. This bill would delete the provisions relating to the limit on the total amount deposited in the fund. By increasing the amount of money that may be deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

AB 933 (Petrie-Norris D) Ecosystem Resilience: Watershed Protection: Watershed Coordinators

Introduced: 2/20/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 7/11/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline – Now a 2 Year Bill

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Conservation, to the extent funds are available, to establish and administer the Ecosystem Resilience Program to fund watershed coordinator positions, and other necessary costs, throughout the state for the purpose of achieving specified goals, including the goal to develop and implement watershed improvement plans, and other plans to enhance the natural functions of a watershed, aligned with multiple statewide and regional objectives across distinct bioregions. The bill would require the department to develop performance measures and accountability controls to track progress and outcomes of all watershed coordinator grants. The bill would require, on or before January 31, 2022, and every 3 years thereafter, the department to report those outcomes to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature.

AB 1269 (Rubio, Blanca D) Park Property: City of El Monte: Pioneer Park

Introduced: 2/21/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 4/29/2019, **Status:** Senate Governance and Finance Committee hearing postponed

Summary: Would authorize the City of El Monte to dispose of all or a portion of Pioneer Park property acquired or developed with grant moneys per the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program Act, the Community Parklands Act of 1986, the California Wildlife,

Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act, and subject to the acquisition of property of equal or greater value, as approved by the Department of Parks and Recreation, at no cost to the state.

AB 1298 (Mullin D) Climate Resiliency, Fire Risk Reduction, Recycling, Groundwater and Drinking Water Supply, Clean Beaches, and Jobs Infrastructure Bond Act of 2020

Introduced: 2/22/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/22/2019, **Status:** Dead

Summary: Would enact the Climate Resiliency, Fire Risk Reduction, Recycling, Groundwater and Drinking Water Supply, Clean Beaches, and Jobs Infrastructure Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a climate resiliency, fire risk reduction, recycling, groundwater and drinking water supply, clean beaches, and jobs infrastructure program. The bill would require the bond act to be submitted to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election. In response to the failure of Proposition 3 (Water Bond) and the more recently filed Climate and Resources Bond with the Attorney General, Speaker Rendon has greenlighted members of Assembly leadership to draft and propose bonds for future deliberation and possible inclusion on the November 2020 ballot. AB 1298 represents such a vehicle and AB 352 (Garcia) is a companion/complimentary bond funding mechanism to address climate, fire, infrastructure and resource related priorities throughout the state. AB 1298 is a little more expansive in scope than AB 352 at this juncture and both contain provisions specific to the funding of the LA River. Also, both contain funding for urban park and resource related investments. Both AB 1298 and AB 352 stalled-out in deference to AB 3256, a new bond vehicle that represents a collaboration of the two authors advancing these separate measures. SB 45, a Senate Bond vehicle, remains alive but is on life support as economic conditions in the state are undermining momentum for a bond.

AB 1549 (O'Donnell D) Wildlife: Deer: Santa Catalina Island: Report

Introduced: 2/22/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 3/21/2019, **Status:** Dead

Summary: Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to biennially report to the Legislature and Fish and Game Commission on the progress made toward restoration and maintenance of California's deer herds. This bill would require the department to develop by 1/2/2022, a report, in consultation with state agencies, local governments, federal agencies, NGO's, landowners, and scientific agencies to inform and coordinate management decisions regarding deer on Santa Catalina Island, including historic, current and future deer population on the island and assessment of their overall health.

AB 1578 (Rivas, Luz D) School Pavement to Parks Grant Program

Introduced: 2/22/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/30/2019, **Status:** Vetoed

Summary: Would establish the School Pavement to Parks Grant Program under the administration of the Natural Resources Agency for purposes of providing grants to applicant school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools maintaining schools in disadvantaged communities, as defined, or low-income communities, as defined, to convert portions of existing pavement at those schools to green space. The bill would require the agency to establish processes and procedures for administering the grant program, as specified. The bill would require a school district or county office of education that receives a request from a school in the school district or county office of education to participate in the grant program to inform the

school that it has received the request in a timely manner.

AB 2000 (Kamlager D) Baldwin Hills Conservancy: Urban Watersheds Conservancy Expansion

Introduced: 1/28/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/4/2020, **Status:** Dead - Failed Deadline

Summary: The Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act, establishes until January 1, 2026, in the Natural Resources Agency, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, created with the purpose, among other purposes, to acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, as defined. This bill would expand the area covered by the conservancy to include southern Ballona Creek Watershed, as defined, and the Upper Dominguez Channel, as defined. The bill would rename the conservancy the Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy and would eliminate the 2026 sunset of the BHC.

AB 2103 (O'Donnell D) San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy: Territory: Dominguez Channel Watershed and Santa Catalina Island

Introduced: 2/6/2020, **Status:** Dead – Failed Deadline

Summary: Current law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the functions and duties of the conservancy with regard to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of specified areas of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located along the San Gabriel River and the lower Los Angeles River and tributaries along those rivers. Current law, for purposes of those provisions, defines “territory” to mean the territory of the conservancy that consists of those portions of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located within the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, as described. This bill would additionally include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island, as described, within that definition of territory, and would make various related changes to the boundaries of that territory. This bill represents a repeat attempt at expanding the boundaries of the RMC. Last year’s AB 1694 stalled in the Senate Appropriations Committee and the author has made a concerted effort to partner with legislative colleagues in the joint authoring of this measure. Given the shift in focus and priority of the Legislature in light of recent events, authors were encourage to downsize bill portfolios. This bill was among the many casualties subject to leadership directives.

AB 2021 (Chen R) State Park System: Chino Hills State Park: Expansion

Introduced: 1/29/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/4/2020, **Status:** Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 2 and June 3

Summary: Would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide all necessary assistance for the state’s acquisition and acceptance of 3 specified parcels from willing sellers that are adjacent to the Chino Hills State Park. The bill would require the department to agree to accept and manage each parcel as it is acquired with specified funds as part of the Chino Hills State Park. This bill appears to mimic last year’s SB 404 (Chang).

AB 2519 (Wood D) Conservation Projects: Grants: Advance Payments

Introduced: 2/19/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 3/12/2020, **Status:** Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 2 and June 3

Summary:

Current law requires the Natural Resources Agency, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Department of Water Resources, and the State Water Resources Control Board to administer various grant programs relating to natural resources. This bill would require, to the extent not in conflict with any other law, the Natural Resources Agency, the conservancy, the department, and the board, when awarding grants for conservation projects, as defined, to provide an advance payment of up to 25% of the total grant award if requested by a grant recipient.

AB 2611 (Santiago D) Conservancies: Lower Los Angeles River Working Group

Introduced: 2/20/2020, **Status:** Dead - Failed Deadline

Summary: Current law required, by March 1, 2017, the Lower Los Angeles River Working Group to develop, through watershed-based planning methods, a revitalization plan that addresses the unique and diverse needs of the Lower Los Angeles River and the communities through which it passes, and that is consistent with, enhances, and may be incorporated into, the County of Los Angeles's Master Plan, and that includes watershed education programs. This bill would require the working group to, on or before January 1, 2022, update, through watershed-based planning methods, the above-described revitalization plan. This is a placeholder bill without specific intent to date.

AB 3340 (O'Donnell D) San Gabriel River

Introduced: 2/21/2020, **Status:** In Assembly waiting for committee assignment

Summary: Current law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the functions and duties of the conservancy with regard to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of specified areas of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located along the San Gabriel River and the lower Los Angeles River and tributaries along those rivers. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation relating to the San Gabriel River. This is a placeholder bill that may be used to create a new San Gabriel River Program under the RMC.

SB 226 (Nielsen R) Watershed Restoration: Wildfires: Grant Program

Introduced: 2/7/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 7/3/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline – Now a 2 Year Bill

Summary: Current law authorizes the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency to jointly develop and submit to the Legislature a plan for forest and water restoration investments for the drainages that supply specified reservoirs. This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the Natural Resources Agency to develop and implement a watershed restoration grant program for purposes of awarding grants to eligible counties to assist them with watershed restoration on watersheds that have been affected by wildfire. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to develop guidelines for the grant program. The bill would require an eligible county receiving funds pursuant to the grant program to submit an annual report to the agency regarding projects funded by the grant program.

SB 367 (Hueso D) State Coastal Conservancy: Grants: Educational Projects and Programs
Introduced: 2/20/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 6/13/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

Summary: Existing law authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to fund and undertake plans and feasibility studies and to award grants to public agencies and nonprofits for these purposes. This bill would additionally authorize the conservancy to provide technical assistance, and award grants for that purpose. This bill would authorize the conservancy to undertake educational projects and programs for adults and for pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 and to award grants to nonprofits, educational institutions, public agencies, etc. for educational projects and programs related to the preservation, protection, enhancement, maintenance, enjoyment of coastal resources and for onsite and distance learning facilities, activities, and instruction programs that support the delivery of science, history and social science. Would authorize conservancy to award grants for the construction and improvement of structures and facilities used for those projects and programs.

SB 462 (Stern D) Community Colleges: Urban and Rural Forest and Woodlands Restoration and Fire Resiliency Workforce Program

Introduced: 2/21/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 6/13/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline – Now a 2 Year Bill

Summary: Requires the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, working in collaboration with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, to develop a forest and woodlands restoration workforce model curriculum and vocational program to be offered by community college districts commencing on or before July 31, 2021. Bill would require the curriculum to reflect regional needs, and to be developed by the Chancellor's Office in consultation with experts from designated governmental, academic, and nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated expertise in forest and woodland restoration and fire management.

SB 474 (Stern D) The California Wildfire Protection Act of 1990: Habitat Conservation Fund

Introduced: 2/21/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 5/21/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline - Now a 2 Year Bill

Summary: Would establish the Wildlife Protection Subaccount in the Habitat Conservation Fund and would require the Controller, if an appropriation is made for this purpose in any fiscal year, to transfer \$30,000,000 from the General Fund to the subaccount, less any amount transferred from specified accounts and funds, to be expended by the board for the acquisition, enhancement, or restoration of wildlife habitat.

SB 886 (Archuleta D) Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District: Establishment: Board of Directors

Introduced: 1/23/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/18/2020, **Status:** Dead - Failed Deadline

Summary: Current law authorizes the establishment of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District by petition or resolution submitted to the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission before January 1, 2020. Current law authorizes specified city councils, including the city council of the City of Montebello, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to appoint members to serve on the initial board of directors of the district. Under existing law, a violation of any rule, regulation, or ordinance adopted by the board of directors of

a recreation and park district is a crime. This bill would extend the deadline to submit the petition or resolution establishing the district from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2023.

SJR 14 (Archuleta D) Whittier Narrows Dam: Flood Protection Improvements: Federal Funding

Introduced: 2/26/2020, **Status:** Ordered to Consent Calendar

Summary: This measure would urge the United States Congress to include and approve in its 2021 budget an appropriation of approximately \$385,000,000 to the United States of Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program to perform the critically needed construction and repair work on Whittier Narrows Dam to protect the citizens of southeastern Los Angeles County from catastrophic flooding.

CLIMATE CHANGE

AB 65 (Petrie-Norris D) Coastal Protection: Climate Adaptation: Project Prioritization: Natural Infrastructure: Local General Plans

Introduced: 12/3/2018, **Last Amended Date:** 9/6/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

Summary: The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, approved by the voters at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary direct election as Proposition 68, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000,000 for the purpose of financing a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. The act authorizes, upon appropriation by the Legislature, \$40,000,000 of those bond funds for projects that assist coastal communities, including those reliant on commercial fisheries, with adaptation to climate change, including projects that address ocean acidification, sea level rise, or habitat restoration and protection, among other things. Among other items, this bill would require the State Coastal Conservancy when it allocates any funding appropriated pursuant to the act, prioritize projects and project implementation that use natural infrastructure to help adapt to climate change. Hence, for possible collaborative projects between WCA and the State Coastal Conservancy subject to the \$40 million contained in Proposition 68 for the conservancy, projects must incorporate natural infrastructure such as earthen embankment and shoring, raised or elevated trail improvements so as to avoid sea level rise and inundation. This bill also includes a new, more robust, definition of “natural infrastructure.”

AB 293 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Greenhouse Gases: Offset Protocols

Introduced: 1/28/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 4/2/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2031, establishes the Compliance Offsets Protocol Task Force to provide guidance to the CA Air Resources Board in approving new offset protocols for a market-based compliance mechanism for the purposes of increasing offset projects with direct environmental benefits in the state while prioritizing disadvantaged communities, Native American or tribal lands, and rural and agricultural regions. This bill would require the task force to consider the development of additional offset protocols, including, but not limited to, protocols for the enhanced management or conservation of agricultural and natural lands, and for the enhancement and restoration of wetlands.

AB 552 (Stone D) Coastal Resources: Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access**Introduced:** 2/13/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/12/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline - Now a 2-Year Bill

Summary: Would establish the Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access for the purpose of funding specified activities intended to help the state prepare, plan, and implement actions to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change. The bill would create the Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access Fund in the State Treasury, and would authorize the California Coastal Commission and specified state agencies to expend moneys in the fund, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act, to take actions, based upon the best scientific information, that are designed to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change, as prescribed.

AB 839 (Mullin D) Climate Adaptation Strategy: Strategic Resiliency Framework: Resiliency through Adaptation, Economic Vitality, and Equity Account**Introduced:** 2/20/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 6/26/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline - Now a 2-Year Bill.

Summary: Current law requires the Natural Resources Agency to update every 3 years the state's climate adaptation strategy, known as the Safeguarding California Plan, to identify vulnerabilities to climate change by sectors and priority actions needed to reduce the risks in those sectors. This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, on or before July 1, 2021, to review the plan and develop a strategic resiliency framework, as specified. The bill would require updates to the plan to include, among other things, a review of the progress made implementing past plans and an evaluation of each lead agency's lead adaptation efforts, as well as a detailed description of the framework developed by the secretary.

AB 2441 (Rivas D) Climate Change: Safeguarding California Plan: Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program**Introduced:** 2/19/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/4/2020, **Status:** Dead - Failed Deadline

Summary: Existing law requires the Natural Resources Agency every 3 years to update the Safeguarding California Plan. As part of the update, current law requires the agency to coordinate with other state agencies to identify a lead agency or group of agencies to lead adaptation efforts in each sector. Current law requires state agencies to work to maximize specified objectives. This bill would include, as objectives to be maximized, building resilient communities by developing projects that incorporate, to the maximum extent feasible, cool surface materials and investing in communities to develop community-specific climate resilience plans and to establish community resilience centers to mitigate impacts of local climate risks. Bill would additionally require the Office of Emergency Services to coordinate with the State Department of Public Health in the review and update of the Adaptation Planning Guide. Bill would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program to address extreme heat and to facilitate the implementation of regional and state climate

change planning into projects through awarding of competitive grants to eligible entities. Strategic Growth Council would administer program and a fund would be established in the State Treasury and require the council, upon appropriation by the Legislature, expend moneys in the fund for implementation.

AB 2619 (Stone D) Coastal Resources: Program for Climate Resilience, Adaptation, and Access

Introduced: 2/20/2020, **Status:** Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 2 and June 3

Summary:

Would establish the Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access for the purpose of funding specified activities intended to help the state prepare, plan, and implement actions to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change. The bill would create the Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access Fund in the State Treasury, and would authorize the California Coastal Commission and specified state agencies to expend moneys in the fund, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act, to take actions, based upon the best scientific information, that are designed to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change, as prescribed.

AB 3256 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020

Introduced: 2/21/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/18/2020, **Status:** Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 2 and June 3

Summary: Would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,980,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for an economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

SB 45 (Allen D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020

Introduced: 12/3/2018, **Last Amended Date:** 1/23/2020, **Status:** In Assembly waiting for committee assignment

Summary: Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. Would also restore fire damaged areas, reduce wildfire risk, create healthy forest and

watersheds, reduce climate impacts on urban areas and vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, protect rivers, lakes, and streams, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife from climate impacts, improve climate resilience of agricultural lands, and protect coastal lands and resources. There is a specific category contained in the bond that is LA River specific. This is the Senate climate/resources bond vehicle that will serve as a compliment to AB 3256. This bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election.

SB 576 (Umberg D) Coastal Resources: Climate Ready Program and Coastal Climate Change Adaptation, Infrastructure, and Readiness Program

Introduced: 2/22/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 9/6/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

Summary: Current law authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to address the impacts and potential impacts of climate change on resources within its jurisdiction, this includes undertaking projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address extreme weather events, sea level rise, storm surge, and other coastal hazards that threaten coastal communities, infrastructure, and natural resources. Current law also authorizes the conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for these activities. This bill would recast these provisions as the Climate Ready Program to be administered by the conservancy as described above. Existing law also establishes the Ocean Protection Council. This bill would require the council, subject to the availability of funding, develop and implement a coastal climate adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program to recommend best practices and strategies to improve the climate change resiliency of the state's coastal communities, infrastructure, and habitat and collaborate with certain entities and scientists to facilitate information sharing regarding coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness, including providing information to the Office of Planning and Research to be considered for inclusion into a certain clearinghouse for climate adaptation information.

SB 1296 (Durazo D) Natural Resources: the Nature and Parks Career Pathway and Community Resiliency Act of 2020

Introduced: 2/21/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/21/2020, **Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing on 6/8/20

Summary: Current law establishes various environmental and economic policies and programs. This bill, upon appropriations by the Legislature, would establish the Nature and Parks Career Pathway and Community Resiliency Act of 2020, which would require state conservancies, and the Wildlife Conservation Board to establish independent grant programs focusing on disadvantaged youth to underwrite climate mitigation, adaptation, or resilience, natural disaster, and other climate emergency projects.

DATE: June 15, 2020
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 9B: 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 May 31, 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,000,000
	Sub Total	\$ 81,237,500	\$ 11,286,031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,951,469
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	\$ 22,556,539	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 117,279,211	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,103,061
Budget Act/Direct Funding	Lower LA Restoration & Revitalization Funds (BA 2018)	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 4,931,488	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,068,512
	Compton Creek Funds (BA 2019)	\$ 220,248	\$ 220,248	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Sub Total	\$ 19,220,248	\$ 5,151,736	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,068,512

Total Appropriations	\$ 246,840,020
Total Encumbered	\$ 133,716,977
Total Approved Pending Enc.	\$ 0
Total Projects Pending Board Approval	\$ 0
Total Available for Enc/Exp.	\$ 113,123,043

Projects Approved Pending Encumbrance

None to report

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 May 31, 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 **May 31, 2020**

REVENUE				
ITEM	BUDGET	FUND #	% Exp.	Balance
ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES	430,000	0140	21.9%	246,944
PROPOSITION 40	175,000	6029	8.9%	101,246
PROPOSITION 50	102,000	6031	5.2%	59,012
PROPOSITION 84	104,000	6051	5.3%	60,169
PROPOSITION 1	429,000	6083	21.9%	248,197
PROPOSITION 68	723,000	6088	36.8%	723,000
TOTAL REVENUE	1,963,000		100%	

EXPENSES						Month	FY Completed			
						May	92.1%			
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		
5100000 Civil Service Employees	963,440	451,176	512,265	53%	47%	597,663	580,483	61.2%		
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	1,945	3,055	61%	39%	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	185	815	82%	18%	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	3,391	4,609	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	1,815	1,185	40%	60%	2,125	2,125	41.2%		
5304700 Telephone	4,000	2,972	1,028	26%	74%	3,000	2,874	33.3%		
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	654	346	35%	65%	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	1,092	908	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	540	1,460	73%	27%	2,000	268	0.0%		
5320440 Private Car (ie. Mileage)	4,500	3,341	1,159	26%	74%	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%		

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	6,466	3,535	35%	65%	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	48,120	1,440	3%	97%	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	1,832	230,268	99%	1%	208,000	64,268	11.6%
5340220 Administrative Interdepartment	25,000	21,178	3,822	15%	85%	25,000	21,366	0.0%
5340310 Attorney General	70,000	52,728	17,273	25%	75%	60,000	54,358	16.7%
5150800 Workers Compensation	25,000	3,793	21,207	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	69,160	50,840	42%	58%	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	6,402	5,598	47%	53%	3,000	2,460	300.0%
5346340 Software	10,000	5,139	4,861	49%	51%	10,000	9,739	0.0%
5346320 Hardware Maintenance	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%
5346500 Internet Service Provider	20,000	17,436	2,564	13%	87%	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	999,560	383,810	615,750	62%	38%	739,337	489,361	35.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,963,000	834,986	1,128,015	57%	43%	1,337,000	1,069,844	46.8%

Exhibit B: Report on Advance Funds

Fiscal Year 2019-2020
Balances as of 05/31/20

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: June 15, 2020
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 9C: Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary

The Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary report reflects projects with activity during the current fiscal year, including those that were approved, certified, completed or withdrawn. 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.

Since 2003, the RMC has authorized 261 total projects, which consist of 202 completed projects, 47 are certified, 0 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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Status Report as of 05/31/20

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
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.	Need extension	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 869,584.00	\$ 869,584.00
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; need close out docs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
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	\$ 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.	Need extension	\$ 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 extension	\$ 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	Completed	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		\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
RMC17005	Joe	Bassett High School Campus Green Infrastructure Project	Amigos de los Rios	Completed	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, completed	\$ 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.	Close out in process	\$ 845,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 845,000.00

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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.	Need extension	\$ 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
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.		\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
RMC17015	Joe	Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo & Peck Water Conservation Project	Amigos de los Rios	Certified	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	Grant ends 06/30/20	\$ 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	Grant ends 06/30/20	\$ 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

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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)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,009.50	\$ 66,009.50
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
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, need close out	\$ 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.		\$ 130,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,800.00
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	Need extension/budget amendment	\$ 1,265,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,265,000.00

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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. 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		\$ 1,117,588.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,117,588.00
RMC18010	Marybeth	Urban Orchard Project	Trust for Public Land	Certified			\$ 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. 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.		\$ 1,132,261.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,132,261.00
RMC18013	Joe	LA River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified			\$ 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. 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.		\$ 1,076,921.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,076,921.00
RMC19004	Joe	Shiwaka Urban Forest Planning	Camp Fire Angeles Council	Certified			\$ 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. 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		\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
RMC19006	Sally	Vasquez Acquisition Overlook	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified			\$ 880,000.00	\$ 184,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,064,200.00

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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
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	Certified	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: June 15, 2020
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 9D: 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 regarding the development and placement of improvements along the River,
- Monitor the physical conditions, environmental health, and development of green space along the River,
- 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.



RMC and WCA staff have begun one-on-one meetings with project stakeholders to begin to forward the implementation of a Lower LA River REACH zone pilot program this year. COVID19 conditions have impacted the ability of the project to complete desired level of outreach and public engagement and alternative opportunities and methods are being explored. Additionally, the Team is re-evaluating how public safety can be emphasized in the plan better in light of the pandemic and social conversation triggered by the death of George Floyd.

To date, the team has met virtually with both the Conservation Corps of Long Beach and Los Angeles Conservation Corps regarding the River Stewards program to provide routine maintenance activities along the REACH zone expected to be between Hollydale Park and Parque Dos Rios in South Gate at the confluence and along the Rio Hondo up to Treasure Island Park in Downey. The first virtual meeting with LA County Flood Control District was held in May 2020 regarding their facilities and how the program may serve their needs as well as those of the program and community. A follow-up meeting with LACFCD is planned for early June.

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 scheduled for **Wednesday, June 24th at 11am-12:30pm** as an online meeting/conference call.

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 Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for Summer 2020 (TBD). There has been 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 and Chairs are:

- 1) Programs & Policies
 - a. Dan Knapp, Conservation Corps of Long Beach
- 2) Public Realm, Environment, Water, Infrastructure
 - a. Kelsey Jessup, The Nature Conservancy
- 3) Public Advisory & Community Engagement
 - a. Laura Cortez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

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 encourages and schedules relevant project presentations and updates (as needed) by RMC grant applicants and grantees before the appropriate IAG committees to allow Lower LA River stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback on projects. Any comments received on projects will be included in liaison or 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

Compton Creek Implementation Plan (RMC 19513)

Compton Creek Prioritization and Implementation (RMC 19513): The RMC is spearheading this effort, in collaboration with the Office of Assemblymember Mike Gipson (AD 64), for the prioritization and implementation of projects throughout the Compton Creek watershed. This grant is to Studio MLA in the amount of \$191,520 for their facilitation, planning, landscape architecture and construction documents for projects that will be identified through this process. The funding was provided from a 2019-2020 State budget request in the amount of \$3 Million. While the funds were recently re-allocated to address the current state budget deficit, the group is committed to seeking alternative public and private grants to complete this work. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, community outreach and engagement will primarily take place through social media and through virtual and on-line communications. However, a working group has been established and has been meeting since January 2020 to identify and discuss projects for implementation. The group includes the participation of local non-profit organizations and other key stakeholders including: From Lot to Spot, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, GRID Alternatives, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, the Office of Mayor Aja Brown-City of Compton, LA County Public Works, LA County Parks-Trails Planning Division, and the Nature Conservancy, among others. The working group meetings will continue through November 2020.

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 July 22, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., location TBD.

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. The Draft Report is 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 between 118th and 120th streets. Work began on this project in September 2018 with grubbing of the site. The LACC continued through 2019 and early 2020 with grading and construction of a fence line, retaining wall, and landscaping as well as building a drainage swale behind the retaining wall and catch basin. Construction was completed in March 2020. RMC is awaiting final payment to close out the grant.



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.

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. Amigos de los Rios continues to perform stewardship on the site, ensuring the removal of weeds and survival of plants through the establishment period and first summer, also considering school staffs limited maintenance capabilities during pandemic response.



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 is 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 view those meetings will be posted on the LCWA website.

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.



-Images from work being performed in parking lot

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.

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.

San Gabriel Mountain Community Collaborative (RMC17024):

The San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) held its latest meeting on May 28, 2020. The next planned meeting is July 23, 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 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.

At the March meeting of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative, staff of the Angeles National Forest (ANF) gave an update on the ANF's response to COVID-19. All campgrounds and developed recreation sites throughout the Monument and forest, as well as certain popular trails, were temporarily closed. However, many facilities and trails have reopened with new social distancing guidelines as of May 15. Parking lots, picnic areas and restrooms are open as well as Mt. Pacifico, Chilao, Manker Flat and Millard unreserved campgrounds. Seasonal campgrounds will remain closed.

The following trails and roads are open as of May 15:

- Trail heads and trails at San Antonio Falls, Icehouse Canyon and North Devil's Backbone, routes that lead to the top of 10,050-foot Mt. Baldy. In the same area, trails to Telegraph Peak, Timber Mountain, the Three Ts, Bighorn Peak and the Chapman Trail.
- Trails to Millard Canyon, Mt. Wilson, Gabrielino Trail, Rim Trail, Valley Forge Trail, Sam Merrill Trail, San Gabriel Peak, El Prieto, Ontario Peak, Bear Canyon Loop Trail, Sunset Ridge and others in the San Gabriel Mountains north of Los Angeles.
- The Mt. Wilson Toll Road and fire roads to Big Santa Anita Canyon, Mt. Lowe, Gould Mesa, Arroyo Seco Road, Mt. Lukens Road and others.

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)

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 second phase creates an additional ½ mile of permeable walking/cycling pathway between 120th street and El Segundo boulevard in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook. This project also includes the creation of an over 2,700 linear foot by 6-foot bioswale and catch basin constructed with river rock to capture debris and treat runoff before it enters Compton Creek. The project began in October of 2019 and is

currently underway with work being performed by the LA Conservation Corps. For image, see RMC14003.

Sleepy Lagoon Planning Project (RMC 18003)

The RMC provided a grant of \$325,000 to the East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice for a feasibility study to develop a Sleepy Lagoon monument. The outreach, design and planning process involved 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 Maywood, 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. The consultant DakeLuna has completed the feasibility study and RMC is awaiting a presentation of deliverables and final payment to close out the grant.

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 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. WCA completed an appraisal on a proposed site in South Gate, but could not come to agreement on a price.

This grant is set to expire on June 30, 2020 and has been disencumbered. The Incubator project is on-hold until further notice.

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.

The Community Center at DeForest Park (RMC 18012)

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 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 resulting from increased wastewater re-use upstream. An RMC grant funds WCA's participation in the Stakeholder group and adding third-party review of the analysis.

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 entered into a contract with SCCWRP in March 2020 to perform the supplemental scope as part of Flows Study.

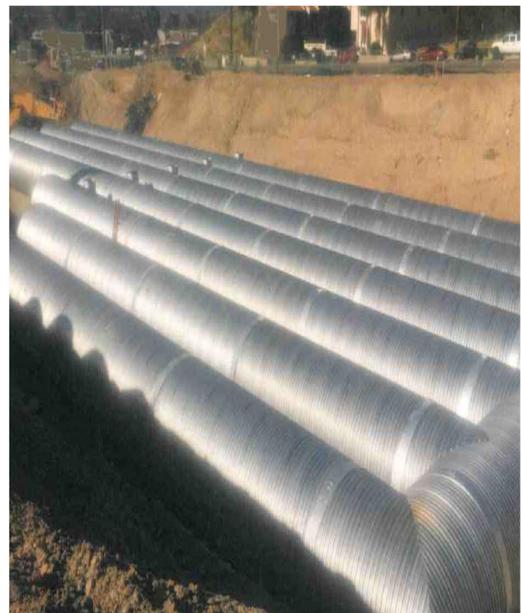
In Spring 2020, WCA contributed locations to the SCCWRP flows study model that represent proposed future uses in WCA/RMC territory which would be affected by the amount of flow in the channel. These locations include channel reaches in proximity to Ralph C. Dill Park (restoration/channel enhancement proposed by Trout Unlimited); three Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study locations along Compton Creek proposed by US Army Corps of Engineers (Gonzalez Park, Raymond Street Park, and Compton HS); and the Rio Hondo Confluence Area Project (in-channel park access and restoration elements proposed by project lead LACFCD). WCA and RMC Staff attended Stakeholder meeting #4 and Technical Advisory Committee meeting #5.

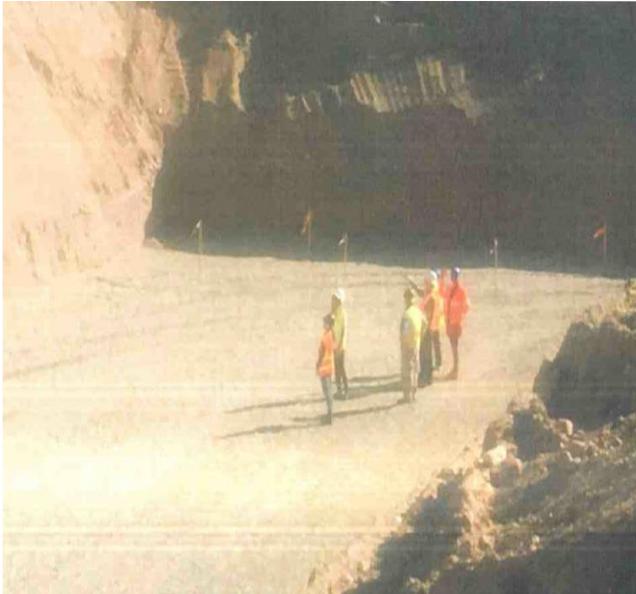
Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project (RMC 19003)

The Development of the Santa Clarita Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project will redevelop a blighted space in Canyon County and transform it to an environmentally sustainable community space and gathering location. Included in the overall project is to establish a riverfront greenway stormwater treatment and infiltration project that is the focus of the grant request. The Project will improve the Santa Clara River (SCR) watershed within the City of Santa Clarita and will increase regional self-reliance through improved local ground water recharge and result in integrated, multi-benefit solutions of ensuring sustainable water resources.

The City of Santa Clarita has made substantial progress on the project, which is near completion. The infiltration system and vortex system have both been installed and covered. The diversion to the infiltration bed has not been completed because the site is still stabilizing. Progress photos show the excavated Basins A and B, one with the Corrugated Metal Pipe installed, one showing the gravel bed before the pipe is installed. Another photo shows staff inspective the bottom of Basin B and pipe.

Due to COVID-19 the signage on manhole covers and the bike trail have been substantially delayed with no expectation of timeline to report. An extension and budget amendment are being brought to the board today.





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.

Construction work restarted during the first week of June with work on the upper bioswales and landscaping trades re-mobilizing. Work had previously stopped onsite near the end of March 2020 due to both a higher than normal number of rain days for the scheduled grading, bioswale construction, hardscape construction, and landscape construction to continue. In addition, vendor impacts from the COVID-19 shutdowns in California and other states resulted in no work during April and May. With work restarted, WCA's Construction Manager is working directly with General Contractor, Fast-Track Construction, to develop and approve an updated project completion schedule.



-Updated illustrative site plan for the Duck Farm River Park currently under construction.

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.

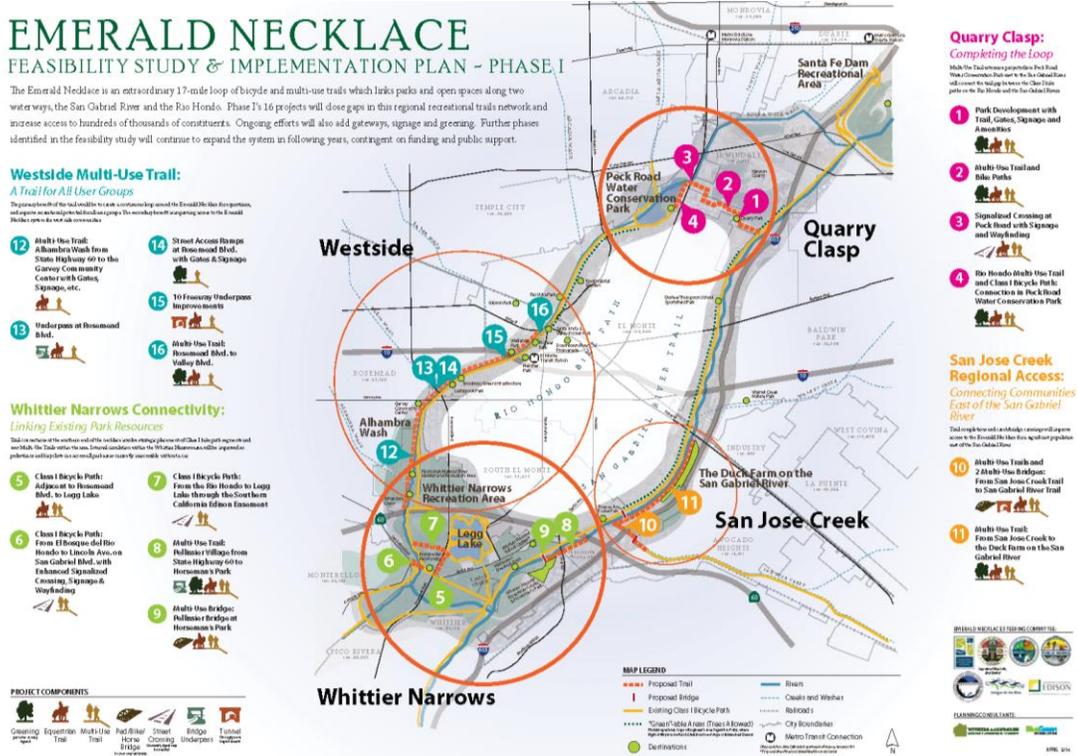


Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Project will include the construction of practical landscape-oriented water capture and conservation strategies that average homeowners can achieve in their own landscapes. The Farmhouse will be renovated and transformed into a community resource / visitor center to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

San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network: The San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan is a multi-objective effort to transform existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District right of way in the San Gabriel Valley into a world-class Greenway Network in conjunction with identifying ways to upgrade and enhance the District's existing flood control facilities. The Plan will build upon the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' (SGVCOG) ongoing Active Transportation Planning Initiative - Greenway Feasibility Study and will highlight connectivity with other planned active transportation components and green urban infrastructure projects throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

The Plan will accelerate development of greenway design standards and create cooperative agreements with other agencies to expedite project delivery for shovel ready projects. This approach will enable simultaneous implementation of high priority greenway projects while ensuring consistency with the broader master planning of the Greenway Network. WCA participates in ongoing meetings to support plan development and planning execution.

Emerald Necklace: The next Emerald Necklace Implementation Strategic Coordination meeting scheduled for June 2, 2020 and is hosted by Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department was cancelled and will be rescheduled. This meeting brings together County agency, RMC and WCA staff to more closely collaborate to move projects forward. Priority projects continue to focus on the San Jose Creek Bridge and River Trail extension to the Duck Farm and the Rosemead Blvd complete street project between Legg Lake and Durfee within the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. This working group will continue to meet in an effort to identify funding, prepare grant applications and seek to partner to develop projects identified in the Emerald Necklace Plan.

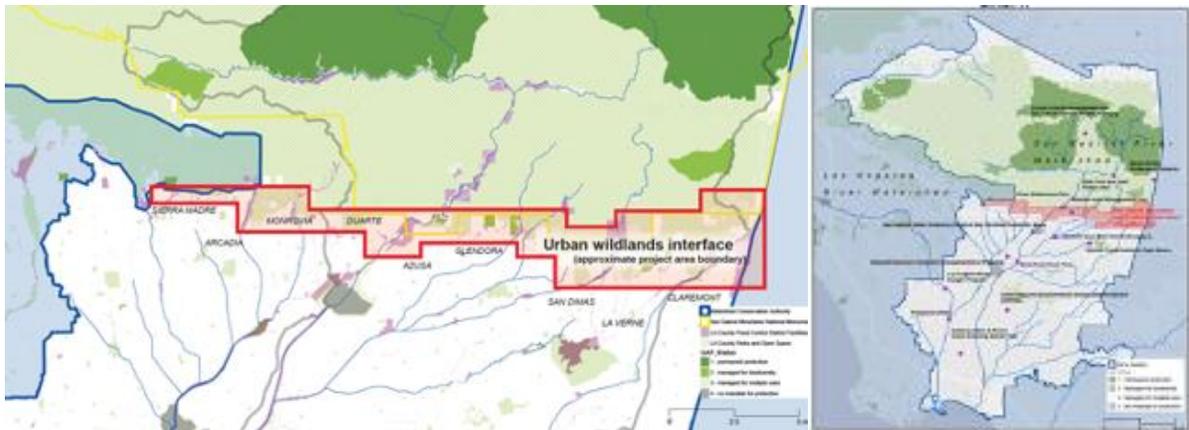


The Emerald Necklace is a 17-mile interconnected network of existing and envisioned bikeways, multi-use trails, parks, and greenways along the Rio Hondo and the San Gabriel River. Along the Rio Hondo the Emerald Necklace stretches from Peck Road Water Conservation Park in the north to the Whittier Narrows 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: Psomas has submitted draft maps of protected lands in the San Gabriel Mountains foothills, and soils, and lists of species of conservation concern potentially occurring in the project area. Conservancies and some municipalities were contacted to confirm the local protected lands database.

An RFP for a consultant to research and produce a report on Human Factors building on Dr. Lee-Anne Milburn’s Initial Report on Human Factors is in progress.



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 Acquisitions and Interim Land Management Plan: The first of four planned botanical surveys of Vasquez Overlook (Vasquez II) took place on April 16, 2020. The Cooper Ecological Monitoring team installed coverboard arrays and remote cameras for collecting data on reptiles, amphibians, and other wildlife. Notable findings included documenting a plant, California copperleaf, *Acalypha californica*, which has not been recorded in LA County since the 1960s. The team also confirmed the presence of a rare snail species with a very limited range of which a large part is in WCA territory. This species is mostly associated with the stretch of the San Gabriel Mountains between Altadena and Azusa. Vasquez Overlook would be on the eastern-most end of the species' range. This species was once recommended by Center for Biological Diversity for federal protection (special status was not granted). The species' continued vulnerability to habitat loss, habitat disturbance, fire, and pollution illustrate the need for protection in the San Gabriel Mountain Foothills. The 3-person survey team proposed to conduct survey activity in a manner consistent with the current social distancing requirements. Three remaining field visits will take place before the team submits a final report.

Due diligence on Vasquez III (8684-024-035) continues to progress with investigation into status of the access road which connects Hilltop Drive to the Glendora Ridge Motorway (an unpaved fireroad). This road is currently impassable by vehicles (and a hazard to hikers) due to deep (4') gullying which occurred after from the Colby Fire (2014).

Correspondence with LA County Fire and LA County Department of Public Works has revealed an impasse in the proposed repairs. The City of Azusa sought a collaborative agreement with LA County Fire and Department of Public Works to restore the road. However, since DPW would not have involvement in the roadway or improvements, they were advised by legal counsel not to enter into the agreement.

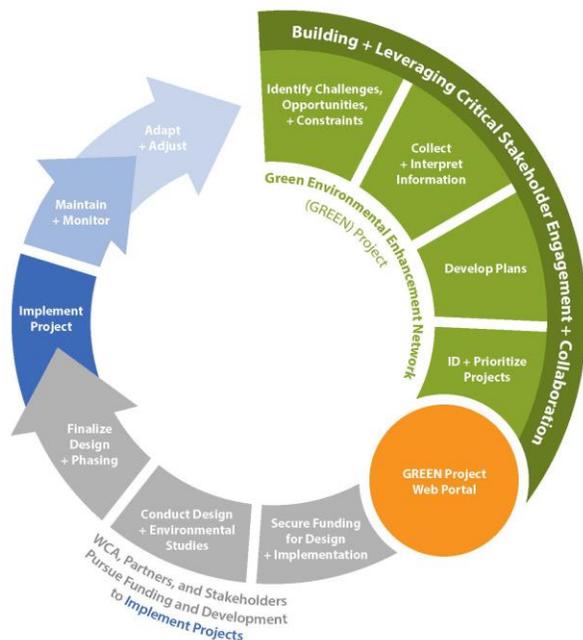
Before WCA could acquire this land for protection and open space, this impasse would need to be resolved.

WCA continues to work on clarifying current easement rights on the unpaved road connecting Hilltop Drive to the Glendora Ridge Motorway (an unpaved fire road). The only current easement holder

(besides WCA) is the City of Azusa. However, the road is 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 which has included engagement and support for regional plans as well as neighborhood and site-scale opportunities. WCA obtained a scope of work amendment from the RMC for this grant to continue efforts, and to concentrate remaining deliverables on both (1) the Duck Farm Equestrian Center update for water management, habitat, and operations improvements, and (2) for advancing work on the GREEN Project Portal including the release of an RFP for software development.

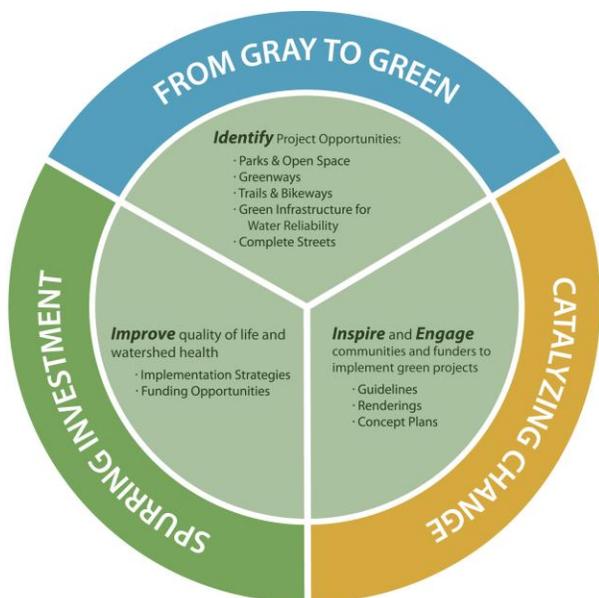


The software development tasks will be part of a Phase II grant amendment or separate funding depending on the investment needed to complete the work. In February 2020, RMC Board approved the realignment of tasks and budget to focus on three final deliverables: 1) Stakeholder participation and stewardship 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.

Mt Baldy Wilderness Preserve: As part of the U.S. Forest Service Master Agreement, San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps spent several weeks at the Preserve, removing invasive broom, painting out graffiti, removing fallen trees that obstructed the trail, and installing new traffic signs to curb illegal parking. The crew also deinstalled and transported the dedication sign to a refinisher.

Dick Swinney, who has been documenting the flora of the San Gabriel Mountains since 1989, has volunteered to create a flora (comprehensive list of occurring plants) of the Mt. Baldy Wilderness Preserve.



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, which had a finite life of 5 years and was scheduled to end June 30, 2020, has been granted a 12-month extension in a response to COVID-19 impacts. This decision will benefit the ability of the joint USFS/WCA team to complete the implementation of priority projects within the Crystal Lake Redevelopment and San Gabriel Canyon Recreation Area.

These priority projects include the design and construction of new camp host sites, kiosks and iron rangers at both Crystal Lake and Coldbrook campgrounds. Improvements to the Crystal Lake Visitor Center and the construction of a trash transfer station at Rincon Fire Station site. Additionally, USFS has identified for demolition several old, unused restrooms and dilapidated ancillary buildings. When completed these improvements will be a noticeable and welcome enhancement to the visitor experience.

USFS has completed all internal approvals and clearances related to the decommissioned facilities slated for demolition and the identified facility improvements. Prior to demolition of the identified buildings, USFS staff will conduct a series of Bat surveys and will advise contractor of any additional actions that may need to take place which may include the installation of bat boxes.

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: WCA is awaiting notification from RMC of its grant award(s) under the Prop 68 grant program to fill remaining funding gaps. 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.

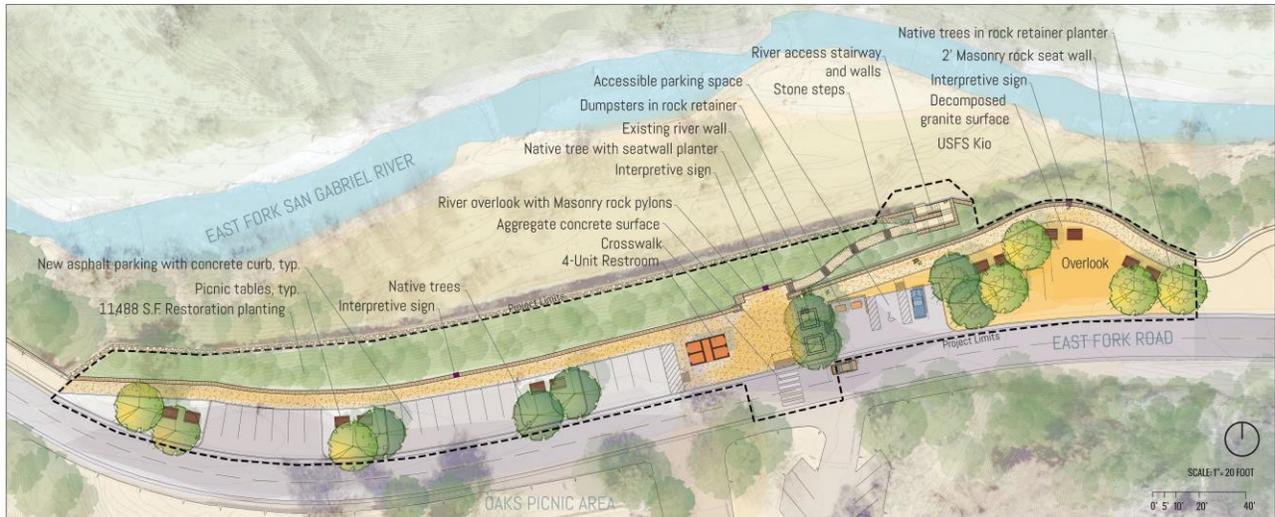
Currently Caltrans is reviewing River Wilderness Park project plans in consideration of including the bikeway underpass below the Highway 39 bridge in environmental compliance documents as they work on bridge improvements. The inclusion of this element in environmental compliance documents would be a step forward in ensuring a safe option to extend and connect the San Gabriel River Trail with River Wilderness Park.



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 is awaiting notification from RMC of its grant award for construction of the Oaks River Access Project under the Prop 68 grant. WCA consultant, BlueGreen, has completed its work on the site design for the project, and has begun work on the design of an additional access point which extends the footprint of the current design. This portion will be funded through WCA's Master Participating Agreement with the Forest Service that was just extended for an additional 12-months due to COVID-19 related impacts.

U.S. Forest Service anticipates making a decision of record on the EIS/EIR for the project in 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 project obtained a County permit amendment approval to install a second southern overlook, relocate a backflow device and make minor modifications to the northern bump-out rest area. Unfortunately, the project is now experiencing a delay to remobilize due to vendor impacts from the COVID-19 shutdowns in California and other states, the project has experienced significant delays in order fulfillment for most of our fabricated site facilities. As a result, our General Contractor, Conservation Corps of Long Beach, has been essentially de-mobilized since February 2020. CCLB is optimistic however that they will be able to mobilized again in June 2020, at which time they will be able to provide an updated project completion schedule.

Additionally, on a Phase II Bioswale project, WCA's Measure W feasibility study to transform the existing Caltrans drainage V-ditch to a nature based riparian bioswale was approved for inclusion in the Lower LA River WASC Stormwater Improvement Plan for funding consideration by LACBOS later this quarter.





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: Construction of the West Trail Loop has been temporarily delayed due to a significant number of rain days in March and now COVID-19 impacts. The General Contractor, Land Forms, anticipates remobilizing by the end of this month and will provide an updated schedule at that time.

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.

DATE: June 15, 2020
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 10: Project update from Watershed Conservation Authority for the San Gabriel Mountains and Foothills Master Plan (RMC 17019)

Watershed Conservation Authority will provide an oral presentation for the San Gabriel Mountains and Foothills Acquisition Master Plan (RMC 17019)

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DATE: June 15, 2020

TO: RMC Governing Board

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 11: Consideration of a resolution approving the Watershed Conservation Authority Preliminary Budget FY 2020/2021

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC approve the Watershed Conservation Authority preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement, adoption of the WCA budget by the WCA Governing Board is required. The attached budget, Exhibit A, includes four expenditure components: Administrative, Personnel, Operations, and Grants and Special Projects.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

Annual JPA Contribution Revenue related to Administrative Expenses, as allowed in JPA agreement and unchanged since 2003, equals \$35,500 (\$10,000 RMC¹/\$25,500 LACFCD). Projected administrative expenditures total \$193,797. The difference of \$158,297 is anticipated to be funded by the WCA Billable Rate Structure Plan and overhead allocation charged against eligible grants, project, and contracted funding in general. Should the Draft Budget for FY20/21 be approved, the Billable Rate Structure Plan will be updated and brought to the Governing Board for approval in July.

Planned administrative expenditures for FY20/21 will increase by approximately 2.5% from the previous year mainly due to higher projections in LA County Auditor Controller Services, postage & delivery, equipment & software and COVID-19 expenses inclusive of equipment to support teleworking. However, it will be offset partially by anticipated decreases in information technologies, travel and wireless phones. Budgeted FY20/21 General Administrative Expenditures is primarily related to LA County Auditor Controller Services and Audit (\$73,625), Funding Opportunities (\$37,300), Information Technology (\$18,290), COVID-19 expenses (\$12,400) and as-needed Legal Services (\$15,000).

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel expenses for FY20/21 are budgeted at \$681,713, the same as FY19/20 budget levels. The FY20/21 budget includes salaries, benefits, employer taxes, salary adjustment/pool, no cost of living adjustment, no merit pool and accruals for employee leave.

However, as noted in the April 2020 budget update staff report, the Authority conducted a benchmark employee compensation study to achieve comparable equity in the Authority's salary structure to retain experienced and dedicated staff and ensure competitiveness in the marketplace. The study will be brought before the Governing Board for review and approval as part of the June 2020 final FY20/21 budget presentation.

¹ Exclusive of RMC Property Management Contribution

Background: The Authority embarked on conducting a comparable salary study in FY19/20 to be utilized in updating the FY20/21 budget year. The study, compiled during the first quarter 2020, identified a significant competitive disadvantage and salary disparity in the Authority's compensation structure in the magnitude of up to an estimated 30% when compared to other local agency peer salaries. A secondary review of the comparable salary analysis will soon be under review and completed before a final recommendation is made.

Longer tenured staff experiences the greatest disparity with COLA only salary increases being the norm since becoming an employer entity in 2010. Additionally, new hires and promotions have largely been considered in relationship to existing personnel to avoid an internal inequity. The FY13/14 salary range chart has also needed to be periodically updated for COLA, last done FY17/18, so existing staff kept pace with the lowest salary level in the range. In order for the Authority to attract new hires, management has had to rely on opportunity we provide for professional development across a broad range of environmental project work. From acquisitions, regional and site planning, property management, project and grant management and soon to be park operations and programming. This selling point is also what leads to the eventual loss of staff by making them more valuable and marketable to our competitors.

In summary, the Authority has not kept pace with the comparable salary market and deserving of correction, even in this time of uncertainty, in the name of fairness and equity. Having an inequitable compensation structure has been detrimental to the longevity and sustainability of the Authority. This disparity has resulted in the continued loss of trained staff costing the Authority in the areas of lost work productivity, lost institutional knowledge, efficiencies in the implementing projects and generally impacting morale and at times led to increased workloads during periods of new staff recruit. The Authority also suffers increased administrative costs and a reduction in grant revenues while the Authority engages in recruiting, training and investing in new, often less experienced staff. Compounded in later years, by losing these same staff, after having gained valuable experience, to higher paying and less demanding jobs with our peers at local Cities, County, and State entities. This destructive staffing cycle has been identified over the years during budget presentations and strategic planning sessions as both a weakness and threat to the Authority. To the credit of the Authority's team and culture and despite the challenges, staff remains dedicated to providing the highest quality of professionalism and work, as well as, being a trusted and influential partner who contributes to a variety of regional programs to improve our watersheds.

Staffing for FY20/21 represents seven (7) staff members that include a Deputy Executive Officer, Fiscal Manager, new Accounting Clerk, three (3) Project Manager II, and Administrative Assistant. Year over year fiscal budget, including the recommendation for salary adjustments, reflects a zero net budgetary line item salary increase but includes a 5% anticipated increase in medical insurance rates at the time of renewal in December. Additionally, the employee handbook allows an up to 2% merit increase for new hires upon completion of at least six months of employment and upon a satisfactory evaluation of performance; this adjustment has been included for the proposed new Accounting Clerk.

The preliminary FY20/21 personnel budget and staffing levels considers current portfolio of secured and funded projects and timelines to complete; however, staff also recognizes that these are uncertain times and there may be substantial funding challenges ahead. Therefore, cashflow and new project opportunities will be tracked and explored throughout the year to diversify revenue streams to the greatest extent possible.

3. OPERATIONS

Revenue for operational uses is received from a variety of sources including property and commercial leases, filming permits, special use event permits, citations, annual RMC JPA property management contribution, and indirect collected from eligible grants. The Authority is also researching potential COVID-19 funding opportunities. Revenue budget total associated with operations is \$695,544 reflecting a projected increase of \$112,307.

Lease revenue has historically been budgeted at 95% of the total lease revenue to allow for potential tenant turnover and the cost and time needed for the Authority to locate a new tenant. For FY20/21, the Authority will experience a 30% reduction in Billboard revenue from Duck Farm property due to the COVID-19 response. It is important to note that the Authority relies heavily on its lease revenue to cover maintenance expenditures at all its properties. Both the Duck Farm and South Gate properties currently produce more revenue than is needed to cover its current expenditures, which allows funds to be transferred and used at other properties that generate insufficient revenue to cover their respective expenditures. Also, staff anticipates an increase of citation revenues for FY20/21 based on the average of past fiscal year collection of the revenue. In addition, staff continues to look for an emergency financial assistance to cover any potential losses on lease revenue and expenditures due to the COVID-19 response.

Operational expenditures for FY20/21 are \$375,460 reflecting a projected increase of \$13,688 or 3.8% over FY19/20 budget levels. The increase is primarily due to expected higher anticipated general liability, umbrella insurance premiums, security and deferred maintenance contingency.

- General liability and umbrella insurance premiums – California wildfires in 2018 have dramatically impacted insurance estimates for potential losses. This year continuance of major fires in Northern California has caused a reevaluation by insurance providers to those holding open space assets within California, spiking premiums significantly. The Authority had already addressed approximately 62% or \$20,819 increase in the April 2020 budget; therefore, staff anticipates at least 5% potential increase in the total cost of insurance for FY20/21.
- In October 2019, the Authority hired a part-time, non-cash Park Host/Caretaker, David Andrade, for El Encanto property. In exchange for the duties that David performs, staff recommends offering \$200 monthly stipend to help offset expenses.
- Deferred maintenance contingency has historically been budgeted at 5% of lease revenue that allows the WCA to expend these funds on potential unplanned maintenance repairs that may need to be completed on tenant leased properties. In addition, staff anticipates an increase of \$6,207 for planned ADA, seismic and water system improvements over this fiscal year.

The planned operational expenditures for FY20/21 against the projected operational revenue, resulting in a surplus of \$322,084 will be utilized to partially offset administrative expenses and administrative overhead.

4. CAPITAL OUTLAY- GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Authority anticipates that it will utilize approximately \$5.2 million of its grants and special project funding in FY20/21, plus available funding on hand being carried from the previous fiscal year. WCA historically analyzes and separates grant and project funds into two categories: 1) funds utilized by staff for project management and administrative support, and 2) consultant and capital expenditures.

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

	Annual Update FYE 2020	Actual as of 03/31/20	Additional Projected through 06/30/20	Forecasted FYE 2020	Budget FYE 2021	\$ Change Budget '20 vs. Budget '21
Revenues						
General Administrative & Operating Revenue						
JPA Contributions						
LA County Flood Control District	25,500	25,500	-	25,500	25,500	0
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	0
Lease Revenue	278,532	211,364	69,796	281,160	271,321	(7,211)
Property Management Contribution	59,500	40,000	-	40,000	59,500	0
Fees-Citation	3,000	-	7,245	7,245	7,300	4,300
Fees- Filming/Permits	2,500	8,576	-	8,576	4,000	1,500
COVID-19 Funding Opportunities	8,500	-	8,500	8,500	25,600	17,100
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	195,705	58,391	95,685	154,077	292,323	96,618
Subtotal-General Administrative & Operating	583,237	353,831	181,227	535,057	695,544	112,307
Grants and Special Projects Revenue						
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy ^{1,5,6}	5,415,349.93	1,626,023	1,000,582	2,626,604	2,604,528	(2,810,822)
Grant-LA County Flood Control District ^{2,5}	280,000.00	250,000	86,795	336,795	6,001	(273,999)
Grant-SEP ^{2,5}	123,525.00	-	28,796	28,796	392,462	268,937
Grant-Federal Funds ^{1,5,6}	345,026.00	-	94,236	94,236	625,830	280,804
Grant-Other State Funds ^{4,5}	1,630,571.00	409,643	322,829	732,473	715,506	(915,065)
Grant-Other County & Local Funds ^{2,5}	2,009,923.00	594,395	200,931	795,326	879,552	(1,130,371)
Grant-Public Foundations ^{3,5}	82,723.00	-	-	-	-	(82,723)
Other-Consultant Contracts ^{3,5}	9,741.00	-	-	-	-	(9,741)
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	9,896,859	2,880,061	1,734,169	4,614,230	5,223,878	(4,672,980)
Total Revenue	10,480,096	3,233,892	1,915,395	5,149,287	5,919,422	(4,560,673)
Expenses						
General Administrative Expenses						
Fiscal Services Auditor-Controller	65,000	43,261	21,739	65,000	68,000	3,000
Funding Opportunities	37,300	20,300	14,797	35,097	37,300	0
Legal Services	15,000	-	-	-	15,000	0
Information Technologies	28,320	7,448	8,414	15,863	18,290	(10,030)
Strategic Planning	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	0
Grant Writing	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	0
Travel	4,000	1,050	1,000	2,050	2,400	(1,600)
Financial Audit Services	5,400	503	4,524	5,027	5,625	225
Insurance/Insurance Bond	3,603	-	3,603	3,603	3,783	180
Training/Conferences	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	0
Meeting Supplies	500	-	-	-	500	0
Other/Not Classified	4,000	2,694	800	3,494	4,000	0
Wireless Phones	1,140	460	416	876	648	(492)
Personnel Services	4,726	3,345	710	4,055	4,726	0
Office Supplies	650	650	-	650	1,200	550
Postage & Delivery	500	120	-	120	2,050	1,550
Printer Supplies	250	175	-	175	250	0
Equipment & Software	1,500	937	-	937	5,200	3,700
Dues & Subscriptions	425	-	425	425	425	0
COVID-19 Expenses	4,750	-	4,750	4,750	12,400	7,650
Subtotal-General Administrative	189,064	80,942	61,179	142,121	193,797	4,733
Personnel						
Salaries	387,439	276,736	110,703	387,439	497,275	109,836
Merit Pool	148,262	-	-	-	-	(148,262)
Benefits	100,565	92,249	13,428	105,677	130,548	29,983
Benefits Plan Provider Admin Cost	1,501	731	770	1,501	2,345	844
Employer Taxes	43,946	24,123	19,823	43,946	51,544	7,598
Subtotal-Personnel	681,713	393,839	144,724	538,563	681,713	0
General Operational Expenses						
Insurance	54,402	-	54,402	54,402	57,122	2,720
Security	3,916	2,953	1,015	3,968	6,526	2,610
Building Maintenance and Repair	18,500	14,616	1,404	16,020	18,500	0
Grounds Maintenance and Repair	8,300	1,286	1,100	2,386	8,300	0
Electricity	16,907	9,671	3,300	12,971	15,030	(1,877)
Propane	8,000	7,053	1,727	8,779	8,000	0
Other Utilities	900	675	225	900	918	18
Waste Removal	9,536	6,935	2,016	8,951	9,520	(16)
Water System Operation/Irrigation	43,326	30,809	12,580	43,388	43,813	487
Property Management	32,650	18,484	9,808	28,292	32,850	200
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	46,192	-	-	-	52,399	6,207
Janitorial Services	10,582	6,839	3,419	10,258	10,771	189
Ranger Services	92,000	42,460	23,056	65,516	92,000	0
Weed Abatement	16,000	4,256	-	4,256	19,000	3,000
Property Tax	561	690	-	690	711	150
Subtotal-General Operational	361,772	146,727	114,052	260,779	375,460	13,688
Grants and Special Projects Total Expense-Capital Outlay						
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	5,121,292.67	1,815,648	272,361	2,088,010	2,211,527	(2,909,766)
Grant-LA County Flood Control District	252,535.00	85,987	88,987	174,975	-	(252,535)
Grant-SEP	84,890.00	29,755	2,017	31,772	392,462	307,572
Grant-Federal Funds	333,640.00	79,511	6,480	85,991	593,029	259,389
Grant-Other State Funds	1,568,885.00	449,191	216,876	666,066	666,529	(902,356)
Grant-Other County & Local Funds	1,931,367.00	619,485	51,253	670,738	857,954	(1,073,413)
Grant-Public Foundations	68,493.00	73,313	-	73,313	-	(68,493)
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	9,361,102.67	3,152,890	637,974	3,790,864	4,721,501	(4,639,602)
Total Expense	10,593,652	3,774,398	957,929	4,732,327	5,972,472	(4,621,181)
Change In Net Position Before Transfers	(113,556)	(540,506)	957,466	416,960	(53,049)	

- 1 - Labor Reimbursed at Salary & EB Only
- 2 - Labor Eligible to be Reimbursed at Admin & Billable Rate
- 3 - Labor Reimbursed at Consultant Rate
- 4 - Labor Reimbursed at Grantor Approved Compensation Rate
- 5 - Payment by Reimbursement Only
- 6 - Eligible for additional 10% for Indirect Costs

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EXPANDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

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	General Fund	Operational Duck Farm	Operational Mt. Baldy	Operational Citrus Heights	Operational El Encanto	Operational Parque Dos Rios	Operational Walnut Creek	Payroll and Accrued Leave	Grant & Special Project	Budget FY 2019-2020
Revenues										
General Administrative & Operating Revenue										
JPA Contributions	35,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,500
Lease Revenue	-	119,328	-	-	104,493	47,500	-	-	-	271,321
Property Management Contribution	-	2,000	3,500	500	49,500	2,000	2,000	-	-	59,500
Fees-Citation	-	-	5,000	-	300	-	2,000	-	-	7,300
Fees- Filming	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	4,000
COVID-19 Funding Opportunities	15,400	10,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,600
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	288,923	1,000	-	-	2,400	-	-	-	-	292,323
Subtotal-General Administrative & Operating	339,823	132,528	10,500	500	158,693	49,500	4,000	-	-	695,544
Grants and Special Project Income										
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,604,528	2,604,528
Grant-LA County Flood Control District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,001	6,001
Grant-SEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	392,462	392,462
Grant-Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	625,830	625,830
Grant-Other State Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	715,506	715,506
Grant-Other County & Local Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	879,552	879,552
Grant-Public Foundations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other-Consultant Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,223,878	5,223,878
Total Revenue	339,823	132,528	10,500	500	158,693	49,500	4,000	-	5,223,878	5,919,422
Expenses										
General Administrative Expenses										
Fiscal Services Auditor-Controller	68,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,000
Funding Opportunities	37,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,300
Legal Services	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000
Information Technologies	18,290	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,290
Strategic Planning	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Grant Writing	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Travel	2,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400
Financial Audit Services	5,625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,625
Insurance/Insurance Bond	3,783	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,783
Training/Conferences	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Meeting Supplies	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Other/Not Classified	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
Wireless Phones	648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	648
Personnel Services	4,726	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,726
Office Supplies	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
Postage	2,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,050
Printer Supplies	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Equipment & Software	5,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,200
Dues & Subscriptions	425	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	425
COVID-19 Expenses	12,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,400
Subtotal-General Administrative	193,797	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	193,797
Personnel										
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	497,275	-	497,275
Merit Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130,548	-	130,548
Benefits Plan Provider Admin Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,345	-	2,345
Employer Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,544	-	51,544
Subtotal-Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	681,713	-	681,713

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	General Fund	Operational Duck Farm	Operational Mt. Baldy	Operational Citrus Heights	Operational El Encanto	Operational Parque Dos Rios	Operational Walnut Creek	Payroll and Accrued Leave	Grant & Special Project	Budget FY 2019-2020
General Operational Expenses										
Insurance	-	7,281	15,131	126	33,954	504	125	-	-	57,122
Security	-	1,875	-	-	4,650	-	-	-	-	6,526
Building Maintenance and Repair	-	3,500	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	18,500
Grounds Maintenance and Repair	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	300	-	-	8,300
Electricity	-	630	-	-	14,400	-	-	-	-	15,030
Propane	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	8,000
Other Utilities	-	-	-	-	918	-	-	-	-	918
Waste Removal	-	2,620	-	-	6,900	-	-	-	-	9,520
Water System Operation/Irrigation	-	6,233	-	-	37,580	-	-	-	-	43,813
Property Management	-	7,200	6,000	250	16,800	1,500	1,100	-	-	32,850
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	-	6,199	-	-	46,200	-	-	-	-	52,399
Janitorial Services	-	-	-	-	10,771	-	-	-	-	10,771
Ranger Services	-	17,000	25,000	-	40,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	92,000
Weed Abatement	-	10,000	3,000	-	6,000	-	-	-	-	19,000
Property Tax	-	-	711	-	-	-	-	-	-	711
Legal Services	-	64,539	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,539
Subtotal-General Operational	-	64,539	51,842	376	243,174	9,004	6,525	-	-	375,460
Grants and Special Project Total Expense-Capital Outlay										
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,211,527	2,211,527
Grant-LA County Flood Control District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant-SEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	392,462	392,462
Grant-Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	593,029	593,029
Grant-Other State Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	666,529	666,529
Grant-Other County & Local Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	857,954	857,954
Grant-Public Foundations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other-Consultant Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,721,501	4,721,501
Total Expense	193,797	64,539	51,842	376	243,174	9,004	6,525	681,713	4,721,501	5,972,472

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
PERSONNEL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

	Annual Update FYE 2020	Actual as of 03/31/20	Additional Projected through 06/30/20	Forecasted FYE 2020	Budget FYE 2021	\$ Change Budget '20 vs. Budget '21
Expense Detail						
Salaries	387,439	276,736	110,703	387,439	497,275	(10,142)
Merit Pool/Salary Adjustment	148,262	-	-	-	-	-
Benefits	100,565	92,249	13,428	105,677	130,548	13,446
Fixed Fees	1,501	731	770	1,501	2,345	844
Employer Taxes	43,946	24,123	19,823	43,946	51,544	(4,149)
Personnel Subtotal	681,713	393,839	144,724	538,563	681,713	0
Total Expense	681,713	393,839	144,724	538,563	681,713	0

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RESOLUTION 2020-24

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING THE
PRELIMINARY WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR
FY 2020/2021 BUDGET

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 is a state agency created 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 and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (“DISTRICT”), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

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

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve the Watershed Conservation Authority preliminary budget; and

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

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

- 1 FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
- 2 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental

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impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

3 ADOPTS the staff report dated June 15, 2020.

4 APPROVES the preliminary budget for FY 2020/2021 budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority..

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on June 15, 2020.

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: June 15, 2020

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 12: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Executive Officer to negotiate and award a Professional Services Agreement and Service Order with Geosyntec Consulting to provide Schematic Design and initial CEQA phase services for the Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center

PROGRAM AREA: Lower Los Angeles River and Tributaries

PROJECT TYPE: Implementation

JURISDICTION: Lower Los Angeles River Corridor

PROJECT MANAGER: Joseph Gonzalez

RECOMMENDATION: That the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Governing Board authorizes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Executive Officer to negotiate and award a Professional Services Agreement and Service Order with Geosyntec Consulting to provide Schematic Design and initial CEQA phase services for the Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- Exhibit A: Lower LA River Revitalization Plan – Rio Hondo Confluence Signature Project
- Exhibit B: Site Boundary
- Exhibit C: Geosyntec SD/CEQA Proposal, 6/4/2020 – Scope of Work
- Exhibit D: Geosyntec SD/CEQA Proposal, 6/4/2020 – Tasklist/Timeline
- Exhibit E: Geosyntec SD/CEQA Proposal, 6/4/2020 – Budget

The Geosyntec team has previously provided professional architectural and engineering services to RMC for Site Selection and Feasibility and Pre-Concept phases, and is currently providing the same services for the Concept Design of the proposed Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Cultural Center (Project) through June 2020, see Exhibit A and B for site context and boundary.

A proposal was submitted by Geosyntec on June 4, 2020 to provide additional engineering, environmental planning, and community engagement support services through the Schematic Design (SD) and some initial California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) phase of the Project. Geosyntec's scope of work for SD has been developed in collaboration with the Architectural Design Team (Gehry Partners, LLP) to help ensure relevant issues are addressed in alignment with the Project direction at time of the proposal. See Exhibit C, D, and E for Geosyntec's proposed Scope of Services, Tasklist/Timeline, and Budget.

The Scope of services for Geosyntec includes civil, traffic, geotechnical and environmental engineering along with consultation on permitting and cost estimating. Proposal also includes environmental planning and clearance activities (i.e. CEQA).

At the time of this report, the preliminary building program that forms the basis of Geosyntec's proposal is as follows:

- Building Programming (approximately 95,000 gross square feet.), includes:
 - Community/Cultural facilities
 - Performance facility
 - Museum facility
 - Loading and Services
- Site Programming (approximately 391,500 sq. ft.)
 - Public plaza
 - Amphitheater
 - Exterior exhibits, classrooms, and other outdoor programs
 - Parking lot

Note that the preliminary building program is based on certain assumptions for Project and will need to be further defined.

The Schematic Design and Initial CEQA Phase Scope of Work includes the following:

1. Schematic Design, 18-week duration
2. Initial CEQA, 6-month duration
3. Cost Estimating, 18-week duration

See Exhibit D for list of Deliverables by Activities. The contract performance period will be for 6-months after the Notice to Proceed.

1. Schematic Design (SD)

During the SD phase the selected concept will be developed into an architectural scheme and the area, program mix, and budget are fixed, as expressed in 2-D drawings and a three-dimensional building information computer model ("BIM") that will be further developed in subsequent phases. Deliverables during SD are more detailed sketches and models that convey the selected design option and the interaction of the design elements. Outreach efforts initiated during the Concept Design phase will continue during this phase. The SD phase will be led primarily by the Architectural Design Team (Gehry Partners, OLIN Landscape Architects, MKA Structural Engineers) with the Geosyntec team working in close collaboration to provide support in a number of specialty areas. Geosyntec will provide geotechnical engineering, environmental engineering, civil engineering, traffic engineering, and cost estimating services during the SD Phase. See Exhibit C for detailed Scope of Work.

2. Initial CEQA Documentation and Technical Studies Phase

The Environmental Planning activity (i.e. CEQA) will be led by Geosyntec's subconsultant, Ruth Villalobos & Associates (RVA). Based on RVA's previous experience with projects of similar size and scope, the CEQA document is assumed to

be an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) due to the community and river sensitivities around the Site, the Project aspects, and the number of known organized, special-interest groups in the area.

Preparation of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation and technical studies will be considered and certified by the RMC as the CEQA lead agency on the project. The CEQA would also be considered by the City of South Gate and Los Angeles County for approvals of the project and by the Regulatory Agencies (US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife) for any required permitting associated with the Los Angeles River.

At the time of this report, the CEQA documentation is assumed to only cover the SELA Cultural Center project, and not any LACFCD Maintenance Yard relocation. Through conversations and coordination with RMC and LA County Public Works, the final CEQA scope and documentation will be agreed upon at a later time. While the final CEQA scope and documentation is negotiated between RMC and LA County Public Works, the Geosyntec team will begin working on developing initial documentation and technical studies

RVA's tasks are listed below and a more detailed description of activities and assumptions is provided in Exhibit C:

- I. LA County Public Works (LACPW), RMC, and USACE Coordination
- II. Kick-off Meeting and Project Description
- III. CEQA Mailing
- IV. CEQA Baseline Conditions and Regulatory Framework

During the CEQA Phase, the Geosyntec team will provide the documentation and technical studies supporting the CEQA process for the project. Geosyntec will provide management and oversight of communications and coordination between RVA, RMC, LACFCD and between RVA and RMC's other consultants. Additionally, Geosyntec will provide environmental, geotechnical, and civil engineering input and support to RVA during EIR development.

3. Cost Estimating

Geosyntec is providing cost estimating services through Directional Logic. During the SD phase Directional Logic will include a review of the selected alternative from a cost perspective and prepare an SD Cost Plan based upon the material received, program spreadsheet, and available site information. The cost plan will be prepared in the system format for comparison to benchmark cost data and to prepare for design stage cost management. See Exhibit C for additional cost estimating activities and exclusions details. Note that Directional Logic is working largely in response to and under the guidance of the project architect (Gehry Partners) and Directional Logic work product will not be subject to Geosyntec quality management procedures.

Since there is some uncertainty regarding whether the CEQA process will need to incorporate the re-siting and relocation of the existing Los Angeles County Flood Control Districts' (LACFCD) Maintenance Yard at the Project Site, RMC is still in discussions with Geosyntec on the next phase contract for the project. In speaking with experts recommendations include initiating CEQA

efforts that can effectively be advanced during the SD phase while the coordination with LACFCD is finalized. RMC is still in discussions with LACFCD on final CEQA scope, awaiting information from a relocation report due June 2020. RMC anticipates a contract recommendation for CEQA activity through Geosyntec within the next few months to avoid project delays.

BACKGROUND: Projects identified in the planning process for the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP) were initiated by the passage of AB 530 which established a Lower Los Angeles River Working Group and generated opportunities for urban river enhancements that touch on integration of open space, housing, transportation, and business development.

One of the projects identified in the LLARRP was a Community Cultural Arts Center in Southeast Los Angeles near the confluence of the Rio Hondo (See Exhibit A). RMC, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles (Public Works) and other local and regional entities, was identified as the appropriate state agency to lead the development of the SELA Community Cultural Arts Center.

In order to efficiently carry out the planning, development, and construction for projects related to the LLARRP and the Cultural Center, RMC released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant services in December 2018 to provide professional services as required for project planning and development on an as needed basis. The RFQ was released on December 5, 2018 with a submittal deadline of January 7, 2019. The RFQ's primary purpose was to establish a pool of individual consultants and firms who have been pre-screened for their relevant level of expertise in urban river community projects, outreach, incubator and urban river improvement programs and projects. Subsequently, those on the list are highly qualified and readily available to provide professional consulting services for various projects within the Lower Los Angeles River region to support the Lower LA Revitalization Plan (AB 530).

Submittals were evaluated based upon a set of nine criteria for those firms who have complied with the minimum qualification requirements and to one or more of the following desirable qualifications and expertise, including: knowledge of the Lower Los Angeles River and its Revitalization Plan, Incubator Oversight and Contract Management, and Post-Incubation, and Availability, Schedule, and Project Management. Sixteen proposals were received and were each evaluated by three RMC staff members for desirable qualification and expertise.

Geosyntec consulting was identified as a top-tier candidate through RMC's RFQ process. As the lead consultant on the Los Angeles River Master Plan update, which is being led by Los Angeles County Public Works, Geosyntec not only demonstrates the technical expertise to lead the feasibility study for the Cultural Center but the Geosyntec Team is best suited to coordinate planning efforts with regional entities between this project and other studies in the LA River.

Since there are a number of significant issues that can impact the feasibility of the project, Geosyntec proposed a single integrated team to facilitate site selection, iterative solutions, and development of a site development strategy that effectively and cost-efficiently meets site requirements and stakeholder expectations starting from the site selection and feasibility stage.

In the Site Selection and Feasibility phase, the objective was to collect information related to project goals, site options, team responsibilities, and community and other influences to evaluate if the project is generally viable within the understanding of the cost and technical constraints and if the project is viable to establish the next steps in the project development process.

The scope of the Feasibility phase scope of work included a technical evaluation of three potential sites along the Los Angeles River and the Rio Hondo in the cities of South Gate, Cudahy, and Bell Gardens. It was through this analysis that a preferred site was selected: the LACFCD's Imperial Maintenance Yard (see Exhibit B).

Following the site selection, the feasibility phase included initial geotechnical, civil, and environmental engineering investigations of the selected site, including pre-concept technical studies. The Geosyntec team completed the Feasibility and Pre-Concept reports (including Survey and Utility summary, Environmental Screening Assessment, and Geotechnical Investigation Summary) in December 2019. Based on assessment reports, the Geosyntec team concluded that remediation through detailed planning of a ground improvement program and overall site development, including ground improvements within the footprint of the proposed building structures, can address the significant geotechnical and environmental considerations found during Feasibility.

Following the Feasibility and Pre-Concept phase, the Geosyntec team provided additional architectural, engineering, planning, and community engagement services through Concept Design Phase and for Preliminary US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 408 permitting. In the Concept Design phase, the relatively general outlines of function and form developed and decided as viable at the Feasibility level are carried forward. Project conditions and scope, as well as program areas and site, are confirmed and various approaches to the Project massing and siting are developed. During the Concept Design phase there has been public outreach with appropriate project stakeholder groups and local community members to further engage and understand project objectives and constraints. Due to the public health situation with COVID-19 the public outreach has taken place largely using digital approaches.

The Concept Design phase is anticipated to be completed in June/July 2020.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The proposed budget for the Professional Services Order with Geosyntec Consulting for the Schematic Design and initial CEQA Phase services for the Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center, for a cost not to exceed \$909,760. The contract performance period will be 6 months from the Notice to Proceed. See Exhibit E for detailed proposed budget. This does not include budget for Schematic Design for architectural services under a separate Standard Agreement with Gehry Partners, LLP.

Funding for Schematic Design and initial CEQA Phase services will be allocated for Los Angeles River Community Restoration from the Budget Act of 2018 allocation:

Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill No. 840)

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 projection. The conservancy may undertake those projects by itself or in conjunction with another local agency; however, the conservancy shall provide overall coordination of those projects by setting priorities for the projects and by ensuring a uniform approach to projects. The conservancy may undertake those projects with prior notification to the legislative body of the local agency that has jurisdiction in the area in which the conservancy proposes to undertake that activity.

Section 32614.5:

- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.
- (b) Grants to nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of real property or interests in real property shall be subject to all of the following conditions:
 - (1) The purchase price of any interest in land acquired by the nonprofit organization may not exceed fair market value as established by an appraisal approved by the conservancy.

- (2) The conservancy approves the terms under which the interest in land is acquired.
 - (3) The interest in land acquired pursuant to a grant from the conservancy may not be used as security for any debt incurred by the nonprofit organization unless the conservancy approves the transaction.
 - (4) The transfer of land acquired pursuant to a grant shall be subject to the approval of the conservancy and the execution of an agreement between the conservancy and the transferee sufficient to protect the interests of the state.
 - (5) The state shall have a right of entry and power of termination in and over all interests in real property acquired with state funds, which may be exercised if any essential term or condition of the grant is violated.
 - (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.

LEGEND

CHANNEL ENHANCEMENTS

- 1 Modified Low-Flow Channel
- 2 Vegetated Terraces
- 3 River Crossing
- 4 Access Ramp

PARK ENHANCEMENTS

- 5 Bridge Park
- 6 Improved Multi-Use Access
- 7 New Open Space
- 8 Upland Habitat Area

BUILDINGS & FACILITIES

- 9 Amphitheater and Historical Center
- 10 Community Center
- 11 Community Center Alternate Location
- 12 Relocated Parking Lot
- 13 Stormwater Treatment Facility

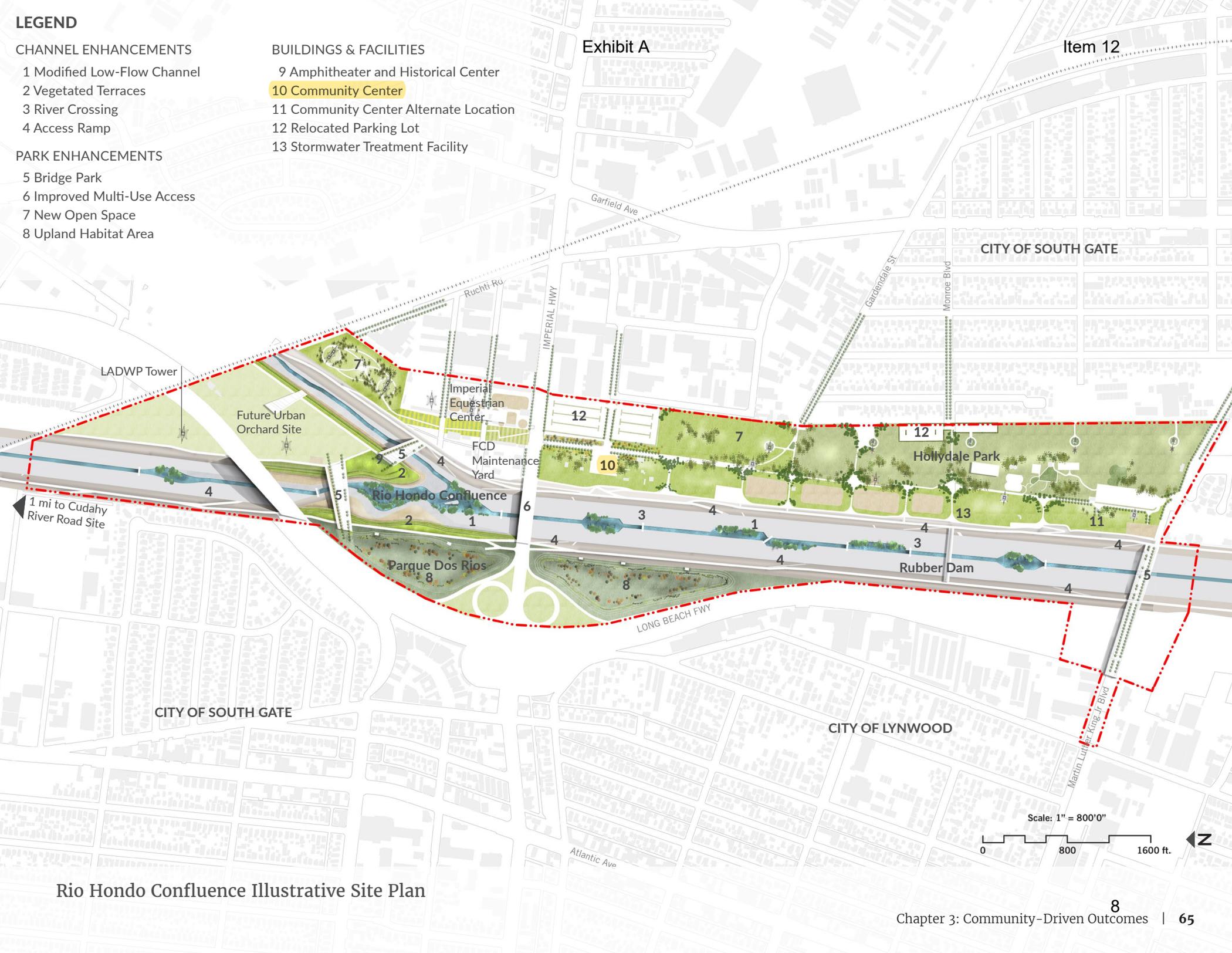


Exhibit A

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CITY OF SOUTH GATE

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CITY OF LYNWOOD

Scale: 1" = 800'0"



Rio Hondo Confluence Illustrative Site Plan

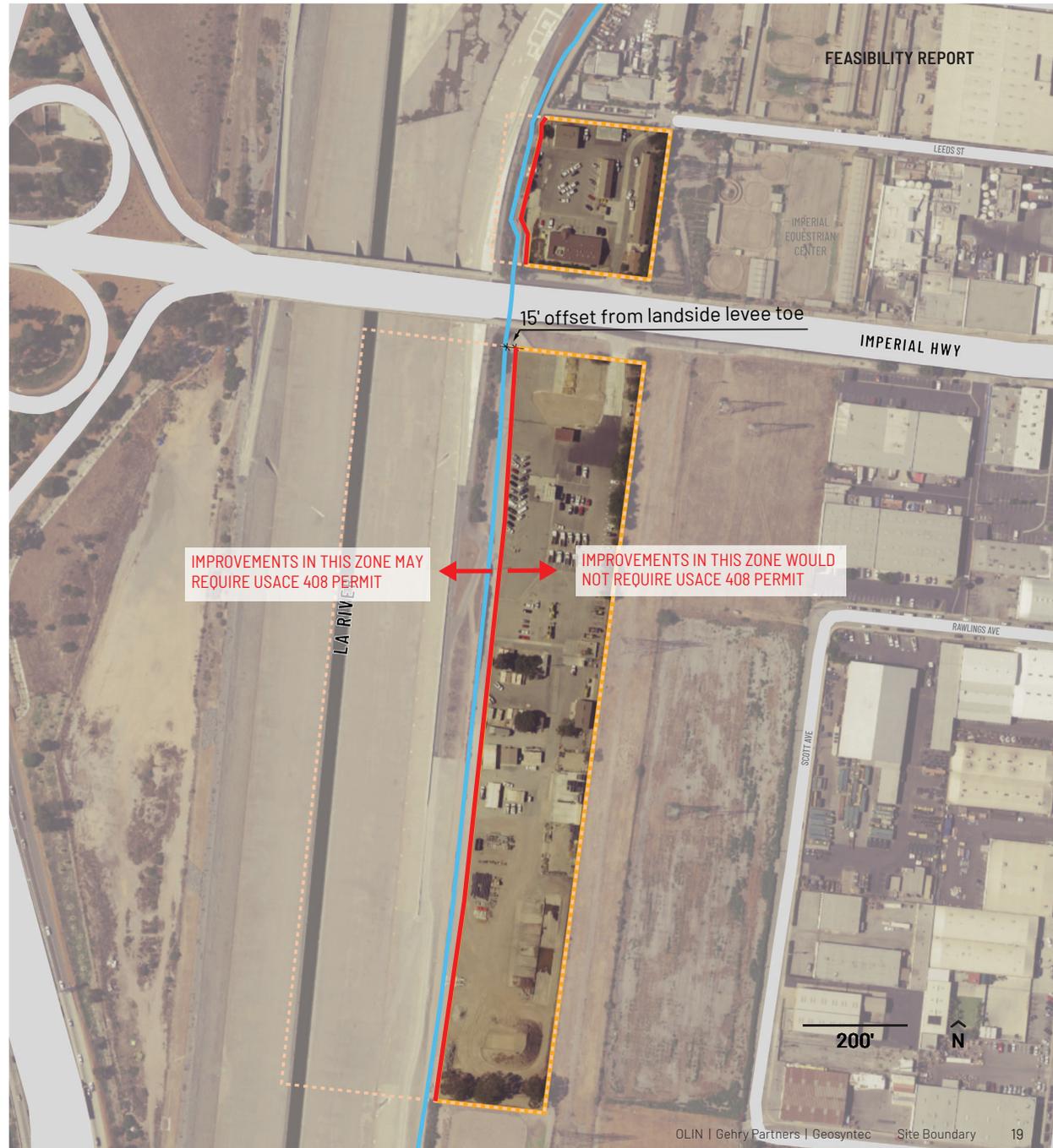
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SITE BOUNDARY

LEGEND

- Site Boundary
- Parcel Boundary
- Levee Landside Toe

Source: OLIN; Los Angeles County GIS Data Portal, Assessor Parcels - 2015 Tax Roll, 2015; NAIP Aerial 2017



CONSULTANT PROPOSAL

The Geosyntec team has previously provided professional architectural and engineering services to the RMC (Owner) for Site Selection and Feasibility and is currently providing said services for Concept Design of the proposed Community Cultural Center (Project) in Southeast Los Angeles (SELA). This proposal has been prepared by the Geosyntec team for the Owner to provide additional engineering, environmental planning, and community engagement support services through the Schematic Design (SD) and initial California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) phase of the project.

In the Site Selection and Feasibility phase, the objective was to collect information related to client goals, site options, team responsibilities, and community and other influences to evaluate if the project is generally viable within the understanding of the cost and technical constraints and if the project is viable to establish the next steps in the project development process.

In the Concept Design phase, the relatively general outlines of function and form developed and decided as viable at the Feasibility level are carried forward. Project conditions and scope, as well as program areas and site, are confirmed and various approaches to the Project massing and siting are developed. During the Concept Design phase there has been public outreach with appropriate project stakeholder groups and local community members to further engage and understand project objectives and constraints. Due to the public health situation with COVID-19 the public outreach has taken place largely using digital approaches.

During the SD phase the selected concept will be developed into an architectural scheme and the area, program mix, and budget are fixed, as expressed in 2-D drawings and a three-dimensional building information computer model ("BIM") that will be further developed in subsequent phases. Deliverables during SD are more detailed sketches and models that convey the selected design option and the interaction of the design elements. Outreach efforts initiated during the Concept Design phase will continue during this phase. The SD phase will be led primarily by the Architectural Design Team (Gehry Partners, OLIN Landscape Architects, MKA Structural Engineers) with the Geosyntec team working in close collaboration to provide support in a number of specialty areas. Our team will provide geotechnical engineering, environmental engineering, civil engineering, traffic engineering, and cost estimating services during the SD Phase. The specific deliverables during SD Phase are described later in this proposal and in the detailed proposals of our subconsultants.

There is some uncertainty regarding whether the CEQA process will need to incorporate the re-siting and relocation of the existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Maintenance Yard at the Project site. The CEQA documentation described in this proposal is assumed to only cover the SELA Cultural Center and not LACFCD Maintenance Yard relocation and consists of initial CEQA efforts that can be effectively advanced while the coordination with LACFCD is finalized. During this initial CEQA Phase, the Geosyntec team will develop regulatory framework and baseline conditions documentation supporting the CEQA process for the SELA project. Based on our team's experience with projects of similar size and scope, the CEQA document is assumed to be an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The specific deliverables during the initial CEQA Phase are described later in this proposal and in the detailed proposals of our environmental planning subconsultant.

At the time of this proposal, the preferred alternative design scheme (Option A) is as shown in the figures provided in Attachment A. The Geosyntec team scope of work and associated budgets have been developed based on supporting the Option A alternative through SD and initial CEQA Phase. We recognize that there is likely to be some optimization and value engineering during these phases and fundamental changes to the design or development and support of other alternatives may require revisions to the scope and budgets described in this proposal.

The organization of this document is as follows:

1. Schematic Design Phase Scope of Work
2. Initial CEQA Phase Scope of Work
3. Cost Estimate Scope of Work
4. Quality Management

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5. Project Schedule and Deliverables
6. Professional Fees and Contract
7. Attachments

1 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE SCOPE OF WORK

Geosyntec will continue to support the RMC and the Architectural Design Team during this phase.

1.1 Geotechnical Engineering

A significant constraint on the development of foundation recommendations for the Project is seismic related liquefaction as described in Geosyntec's December 2019 Soils Engineering Report. As reported in the 2019 report, the resulting displacement effects from liquefaction at the Site include significant settlement and lateral spreading. The main challenges are settlement and lateral spread associated with sands and silty sands that are 8 ft to 60 ft below the ground surface and a high seismic demand at the site. The planned structures themselves are dynamically complex as they are now envisioned to be elevated on a podium level raised with compacted fill.

A conceptual ground improvement plan outlining an approach to liquefaction mitigation was developed during the Concept Design phase based on early indications of likely building loads and performance expectations. The plan was based upon minimum seismic hazard levels in CBC 2019; however, a site-specific ground motion hazard analysis is required by code because the site contains significant potential for ground shaking and liquefaction. This ground motion hazard analysis will be conducted in general accordance with ASCE 7 Section 21 during the early SD phase of work. Moving forward in SD the ground improvement and foundation scheme needs to be developed collaboratively with the Architectural Design Team's structural engineer (MKA) to work to balance ground improvement and foundation system costs and expectations of building performance. The behavior and effects of elements such as mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) and conventional concrete retaining walls planned as part of the podium also need to be considered. However, we have not included the cost of carrying out a detailed soil-structure interaction study or modeling. If this is required to develop a cost-optimized foundation solution for the Site we would develop a separate proposal. SD level geotechnical recommendations will be developed for deep foundations, shallow foundations, retaining walls and other geotechnical elements of the selected option.

At this stage we anticipate working closely with MKA and the designated regulatory authority (City of South Gate) to develop a balanced solution supported by conventional analytical approaches. We plan to engage in discussions with the City of South Gate technical staff to explore opportunities to revisit some of the key geologic parameters and underlying geologic assumptions driving the extent of the ground improvement program.

It is our understanding that the City of South Gate plans to engage a third-party consultant to advise the City on geotechnical issues at this site. Typically, the City will charge the project owner (in this case RMC) the cost of the consultant; we have not included this cost in our budgets.

The geotechnical engineering activities will be to continue to support the Architectural Design Team with foundation and civil issues. Activities planned include:

- Geotechnical Input and Support During Schematic Design as described above
- Ground motion hazard analysis will be conducted in general accordance with ASCE 7 Section 21
- Preparations for, meeting with, and summary notes following meetings the City of South Gate technical staff and/or consultant
- Attend meetings and collaborate with design team as needed
- No formal deliverables. Will document meeting summaries and design decisions in technical memoranda when applicable

1.2 Environmental Engineering

Geosyntec performed a desktop level screening of the selected site during the Site Selection and Feasibility phase and identified potential environmental hazards on the Site. During the Site Selection and Feasibility phase, direct push borings and environmental sampling of the top 15 feet of the subsurface was performed to evaluate the potential contamination on the Site. The analytical testing results from these samples indicated that there are elevated concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons, metals (predominantly lead) in soils and some methane and volatile organic compounds (VOC's) in the soil vapors. There is no information in the site history indicating use of the Site for industrial or manufacturing purposes. The contaminants are most likely associated with fill materials brought to the Site to construct the LA River levees and the embankment for Imperial Highway.

During the Concept Design phase Geosyntec carried out a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) using the information collected during the pre-concept phase site investigation and following current California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) guidance. The HHRA was prepared to evaluate whether the levels of chemicals detected at the Site pose a potential risk to human health based on the planned future uses of the Site. The HHRA indicated that although vapor intrusion was not an issue, there were a few locations with elevated lead and arsenic that should be addressed by excavation and removal.

Because of the site history there is a potential that there is some contamination on other areas of the site that have not been investigated. Therefore, a soil management plan (SMP) will be developed during SD to guide the handling and offsite disposal (or reuse) or soil excavated at the Site for foundations, utility trenches, cistern, amphitheater, and other features.

The results of the Site investigation and HHRA need to be reviewed and approved by the designated regulatory agency (i.e. City of South Gate). The City will likely request additional sampling and analytical testing or that other scenarios be incorporated into the HHRA. Geosyntec previously proposed to carry out three additional days of direct push sampling and lab testing during the Concept Design phase. This work was not carried out during Concept and we plan to carry this forward into SD to delineate the excavation limits of elevated arsenic and lead identified in the HHRA and to accommodate additional sampling that will likely be requested by City of South Gate.

It is our understanding that the City of South Gate plans to engage a third-party consultant to advise the City on environmental issues at this site. Typically, the City will charge the project owner (in this case RMC) the cost of the consultant; we have not included this cost in our budgets.

Activities planned during SD include:

- Development of a Soil Management Plan
- Three days of direct push sampling and analytical testing of recovered samples
- Meeting with the City of South Gate technical staff and/or consultant
- Attend meetings and collaborate with design team as needed
- Update to the HHRA as necessary to accommodate City of South Gate comments, significant changes to the planned alternative, and additional site data collected during SD
- No formal deliverables. Will document meeting summaries and design decisions in technical memoranda as applicable

1.3 Civil Engineering

During the Concept Design phase, the civil engineering services included conceptual design and evaluation of wet utilities, grading, drainage, and site fire access and protection. The civil design aspects will be advanced during the SD phase. In the SD phase, grading and drainage design scope is significantly expanded to reflect Option A as shown in Attachment A and includes coordination with the Architectural Design Team on drainage of the "plaza" area as well as grading and drainage of the adjacent off-site surface parking. Grading design will be

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advanced in support of the Architectural Design Team and will be designed in 3D. All other civil design (e.g., utilities and structures) and details will be designed in 2D. Activities planned include:

- Preliminary meetings with City of South Gate to discuss off-site street and drainage improvements, LACFCD storm drain relocation, and point-of-connections and capacities for wet utilities
- Coordination with LA County Sanitation District regarding trunk line sewer connections
- Additional due diligence, including field investigations and utility locating (if necessary) for off-site street and drainage improvements and LACFCD storm drain relocation
- Demand and capacity analyses of wet utilities based on the current selected option and associated programming)
- Schematic layout, elevations, and sizing of wet utilities
- Schematic layout of civil site plan in coordination with GP and OLIN
- Schematic layout of grading and drainage for plaza, fire access road, secondary site access, surface parking lots, and adjacent LADWP and SCE right-of-way
- Evaluation of site fire access and fire flows/hydrants
- Schematic layout of off-site street and drainage improvements including relocation of Imperial Hwy storm drain, addition of secondary access from Borwick Ave, and required off-site improvements at Imperial Highway and Borwick Ave for access (assumes that traffic engineering is provided by Geosyntec sub)
- Design Basis Summary Memo Update for Civil Design

No hydraulic modeling of the adjacent overflow weir is assumed to be needed and design of retaining walls, handrails, decorative hardscapes, signage, dry utilities (e.g., electrical, site lighting, gas, etc.), irrigation system (except for irrigation main line, meter, and backflow preventer), and other structural or decorative features are excluded from SD phase civil activities.

1.4 Traffic Engineering

During the SD phase, off-site improvement requirements along Imperial Highway and along Borwick Avenue will be incorporated into the schematic layout of the project. The technical details will be developed by Urban Crossroads in collaboration with the Architectural Design Team and incorporating requirements from relevant agencies (CALTRANS, City of South Gate). Urban Crossroads is a certified Small Business that provides a full range of traffic services that include traffic impact analysis, traffic engineering, travel demand modeling, simulations and many other traffic related services. During SD Phase, Urban Crossroads will provide design input in the areas of Site access, on-site circulation, assessment of the Site design for emergency vehicle access and auto/truck circulation, and providing input to the parking layout design as necessary. Urban Crossroads scope of services are summarized below with additional detail in Attachment B:

- Discuss the required design parameters with the project team. In addition to ongoing electronic (e-mail and telephone) communication, up to three virtual meetings are anticipated.
- Prepare schematic design exhibits showing on-site roadway signing and striping layouts for all on-site roadways and parking areas (including those within the adjacent utility easement area). Schematic design exhibits will include Borwick Avenue extending east to Garfield Avenue, as well at the intersections of Borwick Avenue at Garfield Avenue and the Project access at Imperial Highway.
- Prepare exhibits demonstrating the adequacy of on-site circulation for emergency vehicles, autos, and truck loading areas presenting the minimum width driveway and associated vehicle turning movements for all areas for which schematic design exhibits will be prepared.

1.5 Community Engagement Support

Geosyntec will support the RMC community engagement efforts led by the Architectural Design team during the SD phase. Although in-person meetings are currently curtailed because of public health concerns, this may change as the project progresses into the CEQA phase. Geosyntec will also participate in digital or in-person

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stakeholder meetings as needed, and provide input and review of engagement materials such as website content, direct mailers, web publications and other various materials.

1.6 LA County Flood Control District Coordination

During Concept Design Phase, the Geosyntec team engaged the USACE LA District 408 permitting and Real Estate leads in order to better understand their permitting and real estate concerns and approval process. Our environmental planning and permitting specialist subconsultant, Ruth Villalobos & Associates, had several meetings and conversations with the USACE 408 team and Real Estate personnel and learned that the project Site, the current LACFCD Imperial Maintenance Yard, was likely acquired as part of the federal flood control improvement project. Therefore, it is expected that any modifications to the property will require USACE approval and a 408 review. Before USACE 408 and Real Estate will review proposed designs, LACFCD must first approve any proposed designs to ensure the project does not negatively impact the LA River flood control project.

During the SD Phase, the Geosyntec team will continue to meet and coordinate with the LACFCD to identify design constraints and requirements in order to maintain safety of the flood control project. LA County has requested that USACE real estate discussions be coordinated through LA County during this phase.

Based on our discussions with USACE, the submission would be made by LA County. It is our understanding that the supporting materials for a 408 review would be prepared by the Geosyntec team on behalf of LA County in a future Phase of work. We have not included preparation of 408 permit supporting materials or coordination with LACFCD for 408 submission as a part of this proposal. Based on available information at the time this proposal was prepared we anticipate that the NEPA process will not be triggered and NEPA permitting support is not included in this proposal. The Geosyntec team will facilitate and participate in up to five (5) meetings and two (2) potential site visits, document the meetings, and review all agendas and presentation materials. It is anticipated that part of these coordination meetings will involve scoping the CEQA documentation for relocation of their Maintenance Yard activities.

2 INITIAL CEQA DOCUMENTATION AND TECHNICAL STUDIES PHASE

The Environmental Planning activity (i.e. CEQA) will be led by Geosyntec's subconsultant, Ruth Villalobos & Associates (RVA). RVA is a Woman-Owned and Disadvantaged Small Business and provides a full range of planning and environmental services for many types of projects. RVA is recognized in the industry for professional planning and environmental consulting services with emphasis on land development, stormwater management, watershed management, and the natural resources.

At the time of this proposal, the CEQA documentation is assumed to only cover the SELA Cultural Center project, and not any LACFCD Maintenance Yard relocation. Through conversations and coordination with RMC and LA County Public Works, the final CEQA scope and documentation will be agreed upon at a later time. Based on RVA's previous experience with projects of similar size and scope to the Cultural Center, the CEQA document is assumed to be an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) due to the community and river sensitivities around the Site, the Project aspects, and the number of known organized, special-interest groups in the area. While the final CEQA scope and documentation is negotiated between RMC and LA County Public Works, the Geosyntec team can begin working on developing initial documentation and technical studies.

Geosyntec will provide management and oversight of communications and coordination between RVA, RMC, LACFCD and between RVA and RMC's other consultants. Additionally, Geosyntec will provide environmental, geotechnical, and civil engineering input and support to RVA during EIR development. RVA's tasks are summarized below and a more detailed description of activities and assumptions is provided in Attachment C. RVA's previously submitted proposal which included full CEQA documentation for the Cultural Center only is provided in Attachment D for reference.

2.1 Kick-off Meeting and Project Description

RVA will attend and participate in a kick-off meeting with RMC and the consulting team. Items to be discussed at the kick-off meeting include the project description, project schedule, environmental document processing, the permitting process, and any other items that may be critical to the overall schedule.

RVA will draft a description of the proposed project, including all proposed improvements, the construction footprint, construction equipment and timing. The draft project description will be provided to the RMC and the team for review and comment. Once finalized and approved by RMC the project description will be used for the preparation of the technical studies and the CEQA Initial Study checklist.

2.2 CEQA Mailing

RVA will review the mailing distribution list prepared by Mercury to ensure the required CEQA agencies, responsible parties, and radius properties are included. RVA will coordinate with GP and Mercury concerning RVA's tribal engagement for CEQA and AB- 52 consultations are complimentary to the broader outreach conducted by Mercury.

2.3 Regulatory Framework CEQA Topics

This preliminary phase is an assessment of applicable and appropriate rules and regulations (AARAR). A listing of the regulatory requirements and what needs to be done to comply with each. RVA will prepare the regulatory framework for the following CEQA technical study topics:

- Traffic
- Vehicle Miles Traveled
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gas
- Energy
- Noise

Baseline conditions will not be evaluated for these categories due to the lack of a detailed project description upon which to base the analysis. However, baseline conditions will be evaluated in the next phase of design with a detailed project description, anticipated uses, sizes of buildings and other features, construction duration and phasing, construction equipment to be utilized, estimated visitation, and long-term operations.

2.4 Other CEQA Baseline Conditions and Regulatory Framework

RVA will prepare additional Baseline Conditions and Regulatory Framework utilizing the RMC's CEQA Checklist Form. The checklist will identify the CEQA topics and thresholds. RVA will address RMC's comments on the Baseline Conditions and Regulatory Framework and will provide the RMC with the final Baseline Conditions and Regulatory Framework. RVA will address both the Baseline and Regulatory Framework for the following environmental topics:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Biological Resources
- Cultural & Paleontological Resources
- Land Use/Planning
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation

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- Tribal Cultural Resources

Geosyntec will prepare the following technical summaries which will largely be based on information developed during geotechnical, environmental, and civil studies already carried out for the project:

- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Mineral Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems

3 COST ESTIMATING

Beyond the early stages of project development, cost estimating services are typically provided directly by the Owner (in this case RMC) with the cost estimator functioning as an advocate for the Owner and part of the Owner's management and project controls team. Geosyntec is providing cost estimating services through Directional Logic as a convenience to RMC during SD Phase. It is understood that following the SD phase RMC will directly provide the cost estimating services. Directional Logic is working largely in response to and under the guidance of the project architect (Gehry Partners) and Directional Logic work product will not be subject to Geosyntec quality management procedures.

During the SD phase Directional Logic will include a review of the selected alternative from a cost perspective and prepare an SD Cost Plan based upon the material received, program spreadsheet, and available site information. The cost plan will be prepared in the system format for comparison to benchmark cost data and to prepare for design stage cost management. Other SD cost estimating activities will include:

- Provide cost advice during the design period to evaluate alternative designs, materials and methods of construction. Advise on appropriate market and escalation contingencies.
- Assist with value engineering process, identify potential additive or deductive alternates to re-align cost plan with available funds.
- Provide cost studies based on progress design options throughout the Schematic Design phase. Monitor closely the development of the design relative to the budget cost model.
- Participate in video conferences with the design team as needed

Excluded are:

- Reconciliation with cost opinions provided by a third-party
- Services beyond the SD phase
- Services during bidding and construction administration
- Facilitation of formal value engineering workshops
- Estimating of loose fixtures, furnishings and equipment
- Estimating of other project "soft" costs
- Energy modeling, operation cost and maintenance studies, cash flow analysis, and analyses based on the cost of money

Geosyntec will provide cost input to Directional Logic in support of civil infrastructure elements and specialty geotechnical (i.e. ground improvement, MSE walls, deep foundations). Directional Logic's proposal is contained in Attachment E.

4 QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Geosyntec work product (except as described above for Cost Estimating Services) is prepared following a rigorous quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) process defined in a Corporate Quality Management Plan. The goal of our Quality Management Program is to promote quality in our services and work products thereby enhancing the performance, reliability, and safety of our solutions and recommendations and the satisfaction of

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our clients. The QMP includes using an internal quality management system (QMS) to document and track all peer and senior reviews. The Table of Contents of Geosyntec's corporate Quality Management Plan is included in Attachment F.

A key element of the QA/QC program is having project managers be responsible for developing an appropriate quality management plan (QMP) that outlines the required QA/QC actions needed to promote successful delivery of high-quality project deliverables that comply with client requirements. Individual technical leads are responsible for scheduling peer reviews (i.e., review of calculations, analysis, adherence to design guidelines, etc.) and senior reviews (i.e., review of deliverable quality) at necessary milestones, and prior to submitting any deliverables to the project manager for final review and documentation. Each review is documented in the QMS system for tracking purposes.

5 PROJECT SCHEDULE AND DELIVERABLES

It is anticipated that the overall duration of the scope of work outlined above will take 6 months, although the Schematic Design itself should be complete in approximately 18 weeks allowing RMC to seamlessly move into the Detailed Design Phase. Geosyntec is committed to delivering a high-quality design and planning documents to the RMC. Though we do not expect impacts to the schedule, there can be unforeseen delays outside the Geosyntec Team's control. The RMC shall pay the fees for the project based on progress of completed activities (percent complete) and deliverables outlined in previous sections and the table on the following page, and will be billed in approximately monthly installments to track with deliverables.

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Activity	Duration	Deliverables
Schematic Design	18 Weeks	<p><u>Geotechnical Engineering</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geotechnical Input and Support During Schematic Design • Geotechnical recommendations for deep foundations, shallow foundations, retaining walls and other geotechnical elements • Ground motion hazard analysis will be conducted in general accordance with ASCE 7 Section 21 • Coordination with the City of South Gate technical staff and/or consultant • Attend meetings and collaborate with design team as needed • Will document design decisions in meeting summaries and technical memoranda as applicable <p><u>Environmental Engineering</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 days of direct push borings, sampling, and lab testing • Soil Management Plan • Coordination with the City of South Gate technical staff and/or consultant • Update the HHRA as necessary • Attend meetings and collaborate with design team as needed • Will document design decisions in meeting summaries and technical memoranda as applicable <p><u>Civil Engineering</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with the City of South Gate technical staff and/or consultant • Schematic layout, elevations, and sizing of wet utilities • Schematic layout of civil site plan • Schematic layout of grading and drainage • Evaluation of site fire access and fire flows/hydrants • Schematic layout of off-site street and drainage improvements • Design Basis Summary Memo Update for Civil Design <p><u>Traffic Engineering</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schematic design exhibits showing on-site roadway signing and striping layouts for all on-site roadways and parking areas, including Borwick Avenue extending east to Garfield Avenue, as well at the intersections of Borwick Avenue at Garfield Avenue and the Project access at Imperial Highway. • Exhibits demonstrating the adequacy of on-site circulation <p><u>Outreach Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in digital or in-person stakeholder meetings as needed • Support Architectural Team in development and review of engagement materials <p><u>LACFCD Coordination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to five meetings and two site visits • Will document meetings and conversations in meeting summaries as applicable
Initial CEQA	6 Months	<p><u>Kick-off Meeting and Project Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Kick-off meeting and provide meeting summary • Draft Project Description <p><u>Regulatory Framework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide regulatory framework and thresholds for: Traffic, Vehicle Miles Traveled, Air Quality, GHG, Energy, and Noise <p><u>Other CEQA Baseline Conditions and Regulatory Framework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide baseline conditions and regulatory framework for: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural & Paleontological Resources, Land Use/Planning, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, and Tribal Cultural Resources • Geosyntec will perform the following Technical Studies: Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Mineral Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems
Cost Estimating	18 Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with value engineering process and provide cost study updates based on design progress updates • Provide cost advice during the design period to evaluate alternative designs, materials and methods of construction. • Provide cost studies based on progress design options throughout the SD phase. • Schematic Design Cost Plan

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6 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND CONTRACT

We propose to carry out the tasks outlined in this scope of work on a lump sum basis for a total of **\$909,760**. Budgets for Geosyntec project management and coordination, meetings, project scheduling, senior review and QA/QC of deliverables is included in the activities described above. Geosyntec proposes to provide these services under a new Service Order in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Professional Services Agreement between Geosyntec and the RMC dated April 22, 2019. Geosyntec shall invoice the RMC on a lump sum percent complete basis. The fees are broken down by activity below.

Activity	Geosyntec	*Urban Crossroads	*Directional Logic	*RVA	Total
SCHEMATIC DESIGN					
Geotechnical Engineering	\$70,000				\$70,000
Environmental Engineering	**\$96,000				**\$96,000
Civil Engineering	\$280,000				\$280,000
Traffic Engineering	\$10,000	\$19,600			\$29,600
Community Engagement Support	\$20,000				\$20,000
LACFCD Coordination	\$12,000			\$44,800	\$56,480
Schematic Subtotal	\$488,000	\$19,600		\$44,800	\$552,400
INITIAL CEQA					
CEQA Mailing	\$3,000			\$7,840	\$10,840
Kick-Off Meeting and Project Description	\$3,000			\$7,840	\$10,840
Regulatory Framework CEQA Topics	\$12,000			\$52,640	\$64,640
Other Baseline and Regulatory Framework	\$117,000			\$35,840	\$152,840
Reimbursable Expenses				\$5,600	\$5,600
CEQA Subtotal	\$135,000			\$109,760	\$244,760
COST ESTIMATING	\$23,000		\$89,600		\$112,600
Total	\$646,000	\$19,600	\$89,600	\$154,560	\$909,760

*Subconsultant fees, include a 12% mark-up to cover insurance, processing, and administration.

**\$20,000 in Geosyntec labor and \$30,000 for environmental direct push sampling and testing by a drilling sub will be pulled from Concept Phase as an Amendment and has been added to Schematic Phase.

For RMC planning and budgeting purposes, RVA's completion of the CEQA Phase for the SELA Cultural Center site only, is estimated to be between \$420,000 – \$450,000 as an indicative budget. These costs do not include markup or estimated Geosyntec management and fees.

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RESOLUTION 2020-25

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND SERVICE ORDER WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTING TO PROVIDE SCHEMATIC DESIGN AND INITIAL CEQA PHASE SERVICES FOR THE SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES CULTURAL CENTER

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 State of California has authorized an expenditure of local assistance funds enacted in the Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill No. 840) to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for local assistance for the Los Angeles River Community Restoration and Revitalization Projects; and,

WHEREAS, The RMC may enter into any 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; and

WHEREAS, the RMC issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to establish a list of individual consultants and firms to provide professional consulting and/or contracting services to support the Los Angeles River Community Restoration & Revitalization Projects, including Green Incubator and Cultural Center; and

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

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

- 1 FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
- 2 FINDS that this action is consistent with the Lower Los Angeles River Working Group and Lower Los Angeles Revitalization Plan and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the Los Angeles River.
- 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 June 15, 2020.

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- 5 AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to negotiate and award a Professional Services Agreement and Service Order with Geosyntec Consulting to provide Schematic Design and initial CEQA Phase services for the Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center, for a cost not to exceed \$909,760.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on June 15, 2020.

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: June 15, 2020

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 13: Consideration of a resolution ratifying a grant amendment to the City of Santa Clarita for the Development of the Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project (RMC 19003)

PROGRAM AREA: River and Tributary Parkways

PROJECT TYPE: Implementation

JURISDICTION: City of Santa Clarita

PROJECT MANAGER: Sally Gee

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC Board ratify a grant amendment to the City of Santa Clarita for the Development of the Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project (RMC 19003).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Exhibit A – Budget amendment and extension request letter
Exhibit B – Updated budget

The City of Santa Clarita requested an amendment to the budget and an extension for the Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project (RMC 19003). In review of the project line items, changes were made to ensure project elements qualified within the performance period of the grant and that budget items are in line with RMC guidelines for eligible project costs (Exhibit B). This clarification to the infiltration project budget does not change the scope of the originally approved project (RMC Board Resolution 19-42). Additionally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City requested an extension from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to complete the interpretive signage task. The City is experiencing difficulty in obtaining the proper materials and a contractor for this task.

A ratification is being brought to the board today due to the timing on when a reimbursement on eligible costs was received. This board meeting is occurring after the Fiscal Year 19/20 state payment request deadline, and the RMC was at risk of losing a significant amount of reverting Proposition 1 bond funds at the end of this fiscal year. Recovery of reverting bond funds are not likely in face of the state deficit; thus the amendment was executed to avoid significant loss of revenue.

BACKGROUND: The Development of the Santa Clarita Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project (Project) will redevelop a blighted space in Canyon Country and transform it to an environmentally sustainable community space and gathering location. Included in the overall project is to establish a riverfront greenway stormwater treatment and infiltration project that is the focus of the grant request. The Project will improve the Santa Clara River (SCR) watershed within the City of Santa Clarita and will increase regional self-reliance through

improved local ground water recharge and result in integrated, multi-benefit solutions of ensuring sustainable water resources.

The project is located in the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed, in the north-western most corner of the RMC territory, covering the head waters of the approximately 84-mile-long SCR. The SCR is the largest river watershed in Southern California and flows from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. The project sits 700 feet upstream from the SCR, connected by the concrete-lined Mint Channel tributary. The site is relatively flat, with a native sandy loam soil which is conducive for infiltrating storm water into the underlying alluvial aquifer. The Project is envisioned and supported by the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), on which RMC is a participant. Overall, this will protect the beneficial uses of the SCR through infiltration of urban runoff into groundwater, consistent with the Stormwater Resources Plan of the region.

The funding covers Phase 1, which will construct stormwater infiltration systems underneath two of three parking lots on the property that will have the capacity to treat and infiltrate 7.5-acre feet, about 2.5 million gallons, of polluted stormwater during most rain events. The polluted stormwater will come from sub-drainage areas of over 18,000 acres, including Sierra Highway, surrounding neighborhoods, and commercial areas. In addition to water quality and groundwater improvements, the Project will enhance existing flood protection, diverting flood waters to the underground infiltration zone. These improvements will benefit SCR habitat downstream of the project.

To further enhance the habitat of the SCR watershed, Phase 2 of the project will replace a currently degraded non-native landscape with native tree and shrub plantings, providing habitat for wildlife where none currently exists. This Project will result in 8 acres of new park and open space, establishing a riverfront greenway that will cleanse stormwater, hold floodwaters, and extend open space in the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed.

The City has dedicated funding for stormwater infrastructure maintenance in the City, which allows for maintenance of new stormwater projects. The City will be responsible for the continued maintenance of this Project. Two stakeholder meetings were held by the City regarding the project with local organizations, and the City received support for the submission of this grant application from 20 local organizations.

FISCAL INFORMATION: This amendment does not change the total amount of Proposition 1 grant funds awarded to the City of Santa Clarita. A total of \$1,076,921 was approved through RMC Board Resolution 19-42. The City has matching funds of \$1,632,758 provided by the City of Santa Clarita for Phase 1. Phase 2 of the project will also be financed by the City of Santa Clarita.

Funding for this project is allocated from the following:

Proposition 1, Chapter 188, Statutes of 2014

Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 allocations, Chapter 6 under statute:

79731 (f): San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

Public Resources Code Division 22.8 provides in part that:

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

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

Section 32604: The conservancy shall do all of the following:

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

Section 32614: The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (b) Enter into contracts with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties, and enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency, in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (e) Enter into any other agreement with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties for the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (f) Recruit and coordinate volunteers and experts to conduct interpretive and recreational programs and assist with construction projects and the maintenance of parkway facilities.

Further, Section 32614 provides that: The conservancy may do all of the following:

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

Section 32614.5:

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

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

RMC Resolution 19-42 Approving a Proposition 1 grant to the City of Santa Clarita for the development of the Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project (RMC 19003)



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June 9, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Stanley:

Subject: Grant Amendment and Time Extension Grant Number RMC 19003

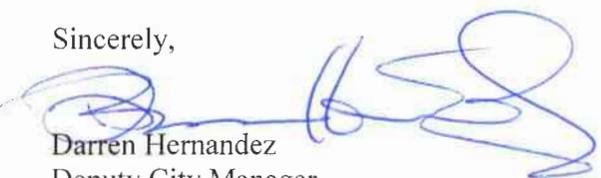
Thank you to you and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Board members for supporting the City of Santa Clarita (City) Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Facility project. The City is requesting a grant amendment to the budget and timeline for the project.

The grant amendment to the budget is due to a misunderstanding. City staff asked for clarification on when costs could be considered eligible for grant reimbursement and was told when costs were incurred. For the City, when costs are incurred means a check is written for payment. However, for the RMC and Proposition 1, that is defined as when the invoice is received. Therefore, the costs that the City is requesting for reimbursement are in the same cost categories, but are different amounts from a later invoice. That adjustment is what is being requested for the amendment.

The timeline extension has to do with the remaining \$31,091, which will primarily fund the signage portion of the project. The signage will be decorative, water themed manhole covers that are part of the public art on the project. Due to COVID-19, finding companies that can make molds for the manhole covers has been very difficult. Therefore, the City needs through FY 20-21 to complete the project and acquire the needed molds to create the manhole cover signage.

Thank you for your time. Should you have any questions, please contact Heather Merenda of my staff at (661) 286-4098 or hmerenda@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,


Darren Hernandez
Deputy City Manager

HM:sj

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cc: Darin Seegmiller, Environmental Services Manager
Heather Merenda, Grant Manager



6. City of Santa Clarita Budget - CANYON COUNTRY COMMUNITY CENTER REGIONAL INFILTRATION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE PROJECT R3007 FOR WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Project Elements	Unit Price	Units	Quantity	Total Project Costs	RMC Grant Request	Match City GF/SWU Fee
Direct Project Management & Administration						
Staff Time - Env Program Coor	\$48	Hours	520	\$24,799		\$24,799
Staff Time - Senior Engineer	\$60	Hours	1600	\$95,280		\$95,280
Subtotal – Direct Management				\$120,079		

SUB-TOTAL Non-Construction Costs				\$120,079		\$120,079
(not to exceed 25% of grant)						

Construction Costs (Implemented/Construction - Contracted)

Installed cost (labor & materials) – Stormwater Treatment and Groundwater Recharge Project						
Mobilization	\$1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000		\$20,000
60" RCP Grant	\$340	LF	303	\$103,020	\$103,020	\$103,020
12" CMP	\$165	LF	34	\$5,610	\$5,610	
CDS 5678-10 Total Costs	\$1	LS	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$513,850	\$1,186,150
120" CMP BMP Basin A (1,716 LF)	\$1	LS	\$435,000	\$435,000	\$26,000	\$409,000
120" CMP BMP Basin B (1,446 LF)	\$1	LS	\$323,000	\$323,000		\$323,000
CMP Basin Installation	\$3,162	LF	30.00	\$94,860		\$94,860
3/4" Clean Gravel Backfill	\$9,900	CY	60.00	\$594,000	\$270,000	\$324,000
Excavation for Basin(s) installation - shoring	\$1	LF	300000.00	\$300,000	\$125,000	\$175,000
Backfill	\$29,200	CY	13.00	\$379,600		\$379,600
<i>Stormwater Treatment subtotal</i>				<i>\$3,955,090</i>	<i>\$1,043,480</i>	<i>\$3,014,630</i>

Installed cost (labor & materials) – Sierra Highway Bike Lane						
Class 2 Bike Lane Striping (1000 ft X 2 sides)	\$2,000	LF	\$2	\$4,000		\$4,000
Street Signage and marking	\$20	sign	\$225	\$4,500		\$4,500
Traffic Control	\$1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000		\$2,000
<i>Bike Lane subtotal</i>				<i>\$10,500</i>		<i>\$10,500</i>

Community Access Interpretive Signs Manhole Covers (not to exceed 5% of grant)				\$33,441	\$33,441	
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PROJECT GRAND TOTAL:				\$3,999,031	\$1,076,921	\$3,025,130
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June 15, 2020 – Item 13

RESOLUTION 2020-26

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) RATIFYING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANYON COUNTRY COMMUNITY CENTER REGIONAL INFILTRATION PROJECT (RMC19003)

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

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (“Proposition 1”) and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects; and

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

WHEREAS, The proposed project meets an objective of the California Water Action Plan for more reliable water supplies, restoration of important species and habitat, more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The grantee has requested a grant from Proposition 1, Section 79731 (f) or Section 79735 (a) of the Water 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 Proposition 1 RMC Grant Program is consistent with the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 ("Proposition 1"), which provides funds for the RMC grant program.
- 3 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the purposes of Proposition 1.
- 4 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan.
- 5 FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy;
- 6 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 7 ADOPTS the staff report dated June 15, 2020.
- 8 RATIFYS a grant amendment to the City of Santa Clarita for the Development of the Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project (RMC 19003).

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on June 15, 2020.

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General