

The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

Grant Workshop
October 22, 2007

Introduction, Welcome & Grant Program Overview

Introduction of Assemblyman Mike Eng

Mayor John Tran, City of Rosemead

Welcome

Assemblyman Mike Eng, 49th District

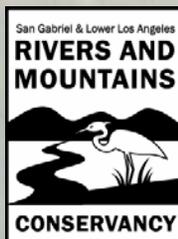
Grant Program Overview

Dan Arrighi, Chair

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

Introduction of Staff

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OVERVIEW

RMC Authority

The RMC was established as a State Agency to preserve open space and habitats in order to:

- Improve watersheds within its jurisdiction**
- Provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses**
- Restore and protect wildlife and habitat**

OVERVIEW

Grant Funding Sources—State Bonds

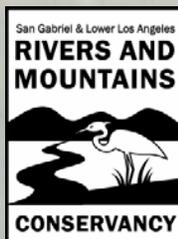
- **California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40)**
- **Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50)**
- **Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).**

OVERVIEW

RMC Allocation of Bond Funds for Grants

- **\$63 Million for the next four years**
- **For the 2007/08 fiscal year, \$37 Million will be available for allocation to grants**
- **Over the next three years, an additional \$26 million will be appropriated for this grant program.**

These funds will be awarded for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources consistent with the statute creating the RMC. The RMC Board may elect to only fund certain parts or phases of a project in order to maximize the distribution of grant funds to multiple recipients and throughout the RMC territory.

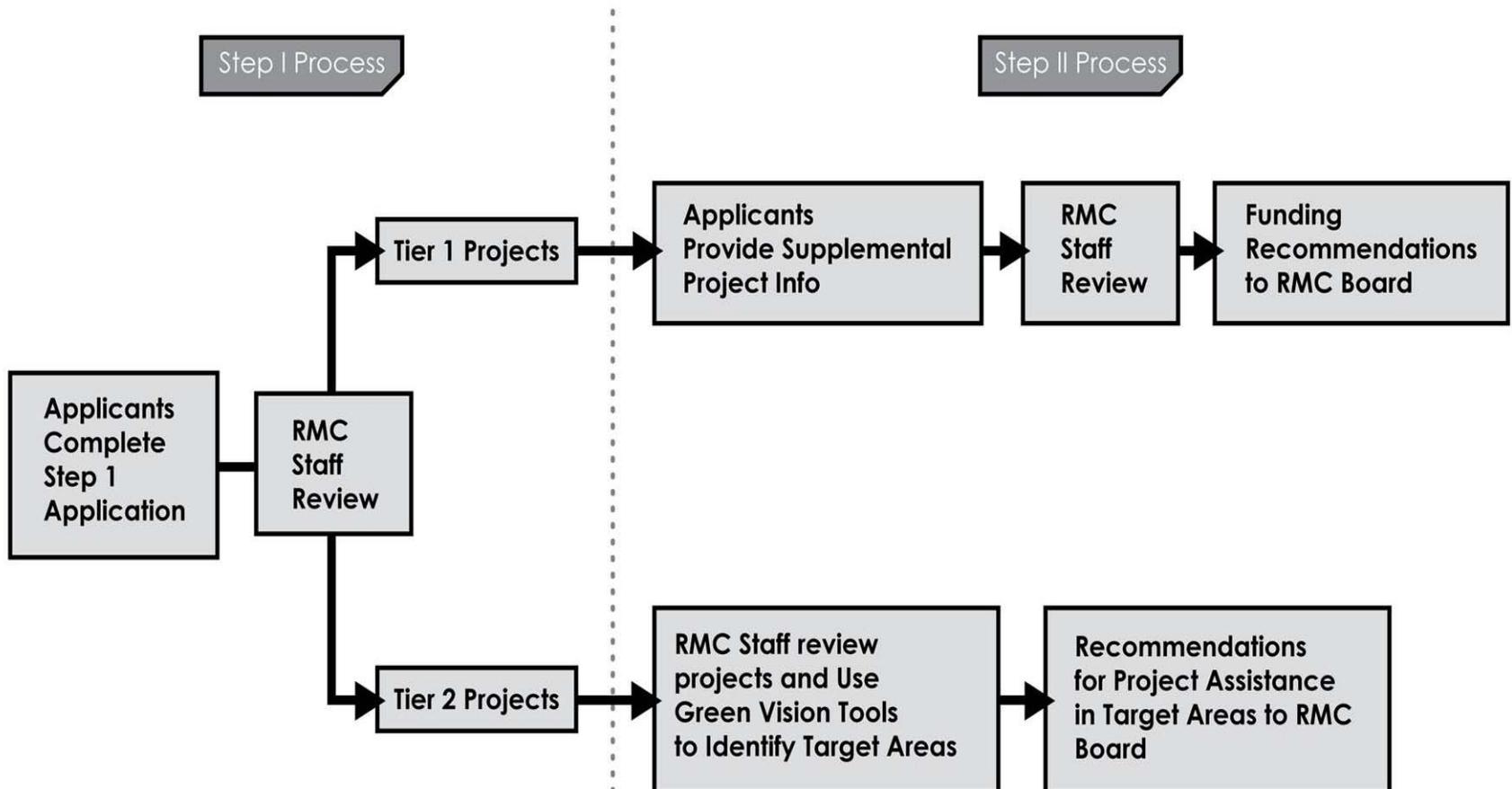


GRANT SCHEDULE

DUE DATE	ITEM
November 21, 2007	Step 1 Application
January 18, 2008	Notice of Tier Status
January 28, 2008	Preliminary Recommendations to RMC
February/March, 2008	Board Step 2 Project Information for Tier 1 Projects
March 24, 2007	First Possible Grant Awards & Approval of Tier 2 Target Areas

Application Procedures, Step 1

The Application is a two step process (See Section 4 of Grant Program Guide):

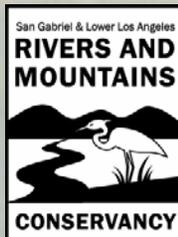


ADOPTED PRIORITIES

Tier 1 projects are those ready for immediate implementation that meet the following criteria:

1. Acquisition/development projects that add NEW acreage for open space or develops NEW areas for recreational uses, and habitat creation/restoration projects that will result in NEW habitat opportunities or preservation of "threatened" habitat, consistent with the planning targets in the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
2. For acquisition projects, compelling evidence of a willing seller (e.g., via a letter of intent or option)
3. For development or restoration projects, compelling evidence that land tenure and all necessary permits are secured
4. Verifiable evidence that the project has sufficient funding resources such that the RMC grant will complete the funding package and allow immediate project implementation

Tier 2 projects are all projects that do not meet the Tier 1 criteria. These project applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the Step 1! We will evaluate these projects in the early Spring of 2008.



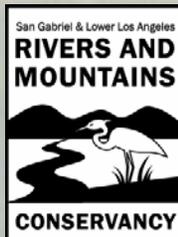
Application Procedures, Step 1

Step 1- (See section 4.2 of Grant Program Guide)

- Fill out Application Form. See Appendix D

It is recommended that you complete the form on line and then save it with a different name. We are interested in all applications not just those that meet the criteria for Tier 1

- Check that you have included all requested information. Submit to RMC Post Office Box.



Application Procedures, Step 1

RMC GRANT PROGRAM Project Funding Application – Step 1

New Project **Update of Current RMC Project # RMC _____**

1. **Project Name** (it is recommended that you include one/more of the following terms in the project name: Acquisition, Restoration, Development, e.g., Utopia River Restoration Project) (max. 50 characters):

2. **Project Description** (100 words or less):

3. **Program Type:** <Select One>

4. **Project Type** (check all that apply):

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Habitat Restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Habitat Restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition | <input type="checkbox"/> Low Impact Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Improvement—Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Upland Habitat Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Improvement—Water Conservation |

5. **Project Location:**

Address:		City:
County:	District:	County Sup. District:
Senate Dist:	Assembly Dist.:	Congressional Dist.:
Lat/Long:	Parcel No(s).:	

Application Procedures, Step 1

6. **Will this project result in new park/open space?** No (skip to question 7)
 Yes (fill in following information)
 No. of Acres: _____ Trail Miles: _____ Habitat Acres: _____ Wildlife Corridor
7. **Will this project result in new park development?** No (skip to question 8)
 Yes: No. of acres: _____
8. **Will this project result in new areas of restored habitat?** No (skip to question 9)
 Yes (fill in following information)
 No. of Acres: _____ No. of Riparian Linear Miles: _____ No. of Wetlands Acres: _____
9. **Does your project involve an acquisition?** No (skip to question 10)
 Yes (fill in following information)

Copies of substantiating documents must be submitted with your application (see section 5 of the guidelines).

Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Option	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe):
	<input type="checkbox"/> Willing Seller Letter	
MAI Appraisal:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes:	Name: _____ Date: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> No:	Date of completion, if known: _____
Current Title Report:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes:	Company: _____ Date: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> No:	Date of completion, if known: _____
Environmental Assessment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes:	Company: _____ Date: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> No:	Date of completion, if known: _____

Application Procedures, Step 1

10. Does your project involve development/restoration? No (skip to question 11)
 Yes (fill in following information)

Copies of substantiating documents must be submitted with your application (see section 5 of the guidelines).

Land Tenure:

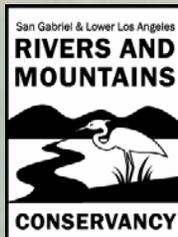
- Do you have site control? No
 Yes (describe the type of site control [fee, lease, easement, etc.]):
-

Zoning: _____

Permits:

Do you have permits? No Yes, answer questions below

Agency	Yes	No	N/A	Date
Fish & Game	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Army Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LA County Flood Control District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
City/County Construction Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



Application Procedures, Step 1

Design:

What is the status of your project design (check the most appropriate box)?

- General project concept with no professional design work
- Professionally drafted concept design
- Professionally drafted design with defined tasks and budget line items
- 30% construction drawings with tasks and budget line items
- 60% construction drawings with tasks and budget line items
- Approved construction drawings with all permits

What is the status of the environmental documentation for this project (check the most appropriate box)?

- No CEQA/NEPA work initiated
- Initial Study completed
- CEQA/NEPA in process, expected date of completion: _____
- CEQA/NEPA completed, date: _____

Is the proposed land use consistent with existing land use ordinances? Yes No (Note: Project can only be considered for funding if there is proof of the local jurisdiction's support for a zone change or a conditional use permit.)

Application Procedures, Step 1

11. In order to determine the level of support for this project, please respond to the following questions and attach appropriate documentation.

Do you have city council/board of supervisor(s) support for this project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has your governing board/council included this project in their budget/capital outlay plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has your jurisdiction/organization allocated staff resources to this project?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (describe name & position):
Are there local community group(s) that support this project?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (list):

12. Does this project have an existing site management plan? No Yes (attach)

13. Please explain how this project will be maintained and sustained by the local jurisdiction/community.

Has dedicated funding been secured for maintenance of this project?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (explain funding amounts, sources, and uses):
Describe how you will train project management and/or maintenance staff:		
Has the local jurisdiction/operational entity adopted landscape standards/protocols for native plants?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (describe):
Please describe how the project will be monitored after it is built:		

14. **Funding information:**

Amount Requested:

Is your funding request for the full amount necessary to complete this project? No Yes

Acquisition Projects:

Element	RMC Request	Matching Funds	Total Cost
Appraisal, Title, EA, CEQA			0
Purchase Price			0
Closing Costs			0
Total	0	0	0

Development/Restoration:

Element	RMC Request	Matching Funds	Total Cost
Design			\$0.00
CEQA/Permits			\$0.00
Project Mgmt/Admin			\$0.00
Insert Major Construction Elements			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
Contingency			\$0.00
Establishment			\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Matching Funds:

Source	Status	Amount
	<select one>	
	<select one>	

15. **Assuming that RMC grant funds may be awarded in Spring of 2008 what is the expected timeline for this project?** *Insert project elements and corresponding date as specified in item 12.*

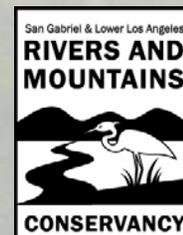
Element	Start Date	Completion Date

16. **Applicant Information**

Name of Applicant		
Title		
Name of Agency		
Address		
Telephone No.	Tel. Extension	
Email		

Name of Person authorized to execute agreements, if different:

Name		
Title		
Name of Agency		
Address		
Telephone No.	Tel. Extension	
Email		



Application Procedures, Step 2

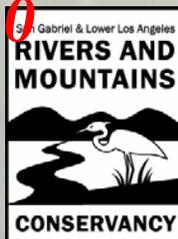
- Tier 1 projects will be identified by RMC on or before January 18, 2008.
- These will be projects that are considered by staff to have the characteristics that will meet our program objectives and are immediately ready for implementation.
- Tier 1 selected applicants will be invited to submit a Step 2 Application – one original and five copies (application to be posted by Nov. 1) including a Project Description comprised of:
 - A complete description of the project including how the project addresses RMCs policies,
 - Statement of need for the proposed project, using Green Visions toolkit
 - Description of audience and geographic area served,
 - Description of final product,
 - A monitoring and assessment plan
 - A habitat management plan if applicable.

Grant Program Policies & Evaluation Criteria

Broad objectives for the RMC are articulated in *Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea (Common Ground)* and the *Open Space Plan Phase II Final Report (Phase II Final Report)*.

The grant guidelines describe in detail RMCs overall policies and project evaluation criteria for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources consistent with the statute creating the RMC.

CRITERIA SHOWN IN BLUE IS ASSIGNED 5 POINTS, 10 POINTS IN RED



ACCESS

- **The RMC considers access to parks within $\frac{1}{4}$ miles or 10 minute walk to be a primary objective**
- **Further, access to all members of our communities must be consistent with the physical and/or cultural needs of our communities**

ACCESS

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Access Value

1.1 The project extends or provides a new point of access to the San Gabriel, Coyote Lario or LA River Bike Paths – OR

1.2 The project creates a new access to a regional trail, recreational opportunity, or natural area.

1.3 The project includes a directional signage program that enhances public access.

1.4 The project is within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile or 10 minutes walking distance of a residential area

1.5 The project site is within 10 minutes and/or $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from public transportation

ACCESS

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Access Value (continued)

1.6 The project provides access for the public, meeting the minimum guidelines established by the Access Board.

1.7 Project is on land that is an underutilized public or private holding.

CULTURAL OR HISTORICAL RESOURCE



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Historical themes such as Native American, Spanish/Mexican and American settlement, Social History, Places and Architectural History may be part of or influence the design of your project

CULTURAL/HISTORICAL PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

2. Cultural or Historical Resource Value

2.1 The project contains a registered archaeological, cultural, or historical resource.

2.2 The project contains an archaeological, cultural, or historical resource of significance (but not registered).

2.3 The project contains an archaeological, cultural, or historic resource that is damaged.

EDUCATIONAL/INTERPRETIVE

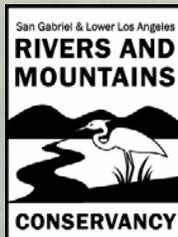


EDUCATIONAL/INTERPRETIVE

POLICY

- **Addresses the educational and interpretive elements to be included in each project:**
- **These elements include goals and objectives for the educational/interpretive plan,**
- **Educational/Interpretive signs that include natural history, cultural history and watershed stewardship messages**

(See Grant Program Guide Page 27)



EDUCATIONAL/INTERPRETIVE PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

3. Educational/ Interpretive Value

3.1 Educational/Interpretive and/or informational elements are included.

3.2 There are identified goals and objectives for the educational/interpretive elements.

3.3 Signage or educational/interpretive message includes the natural history, cultural history, and watershed stewardship.

3.4 Signage is accessible for most users.

3.5 Signage is culturally and linguistically appropriate.

HABITAT

Belding's Savannah Sparrow



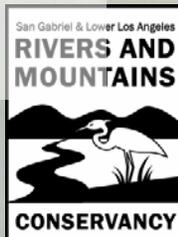
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HABITAT

POLICY

- **RMCs Goals: create, enhance, preserve, protect, and restore important terrestrial, avian, and aquatic habitats in the watersheds and to preserve or establish habitat linkages and/or corridors.**
- **Projects must address the benefits for native habitat diversity, species biodiversity, and target species richness if:**
 1. **creation of new natural habitat (that did not formerly exist on site) is within the scope of the project.**
 2. **enhancement of existing natural habitat is within the scope of the project.**
 3. **preservation of existing natural habitat is within the scope of the project.**

See Grant Guidelines APPENDIX C for Definitions



HABITAT

POLICY

- Habitat alterations or other similar disturbances must be considered and addressed
- If the project negatively impacts existing habitat as part of the enhancement or restoration, a strategy to mitigate adverse impacts must be identified.
- All necessary permits must be obtained for projects that include major habitat modifications
- Projects applicant will provide a Project Management Plan

HABITAT PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

4. Habitat Value

4.1 The project results in new habitat and increases at least one of the following: terrestrial, avian, or aquatic habitats or creates new linkages or corridors. – OR –

4.2 The project preserves threatened natural habitat and protects native floral and faunal biodiversity that may be lost to a planned urban development. – OR –

4.3 The project preserves, creates, and/or enhances significant natural wetlands habitat.

HABITAT PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

4. Habitat Value (continued)

4.4 The project preserves existing natural habitat and protects native floral and faunal biodiversity.

4.5 The project enhances degraded natural habitat that already exists on site and potentially increases native floral and faunal biodiversity

4.6 The project includes an evaluation of the suitability, strategy, and success measures for the site's habitat preservation, creation, and/or enhancement.

HABITAT PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

4. Habitat Value (continued)

4.7 The project preserves/creates habitat diversity, biodiversity, and transitional ecotones.

4.8 The project supports substantial in-stream or native riparian habitat.

4.9 The project supports substantial upland native vegetative cover

HABITAT PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

4. Habitat Value (continued)

4.10 The project includes habitat that supports or may support either a special status species, or a candidate for special status species per federal, state, local, or California Native Plant Society designations.

4.11 The project will protect at least ten Target Species based on Green Visions Biological Assessment.

4.12 The project supports unique and/or irreplaceable ecological systems, i.e., vernal pool, monarch breeding, migratory watering area, etc..

HABITAT PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

4. Habitat Value (continued)

4.13 The project is located within a county-designated ecologically sensitive watershed area, i.e., Significant Ecological Area, Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP), or other agency reviewed plan area.

4.14 The project protects watershed processes enhances or supports downstream habitat.

4.15 The project contains or connects to an identified, protected habitat linkage or movement corridor for wildlife as identified by the South Coast Wildlands Plan or Green Visions.

HABITAT PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

4. Habitat Value (continued)

4.16 The project includes habitat that provides a buffer between protected or proposed protected areas and incompatible uses (e.g. wildland/urban interface).

4.17 The project is adjacent to publicly owned open space or private land protected under a conservation easement or similar perpetual restriction.

4.18 The project is designed to avoid negative wildland/urban neighborhood interactions, i.e., use of pesticides, etc. (please explain)

4.19 The project will be managed in such a manner as to provide maximum long term habitat protection (please explain)

MATCHING FUNDS

5. Matching Funds

5.1 **Project sponsor will contribute 100% or more matching funds (does not include in kind services but can be other grants/gifts)**

5.2 Project sponsor will contribute 50% or more matching funds (as above)

PUBLIC HEALTH



PUBLIC HEALTH

The RMC believes that access to open space, parks, and trails promote healthy lifestyles and provide opportunities for regular physical activity that is crucial to preventing obesity

PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

6. Public Health Value

6.1 The project contains elements which will encourage low impact physical activity such as walking, hiking, biking, exercising.

6.2 The project will serve an area that has a significant percentage of residents living with obesity and/or asthma.

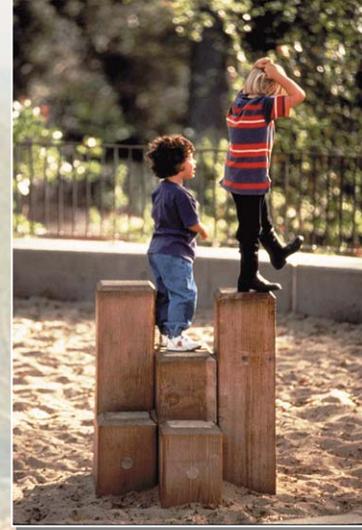
6.3 The project contains signage elements that promote physical activity and “healthy living” practices.

6.4 The project addresses public safety issues within the neighborhood.

6.5 The project provides opportunities for human respite.

6.6 The project creates a sense of community through educational outreach or community activities (i.e. public art, community events).

RECREATION



RECREATION

The RMC is committed to improving the quality of life for the communities in which we work. Recreational opportunities facilitate social interactions, as well as improve moods, reduce stress and enhance a sense of wellness.

RECREATION PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

7. Recreational Resource Value

7.1 **Creates new low impact recreational opportunities**

7.2 The project contains a suitable area for a recreational staging facility or use area (e.g. picnic area, gathering space, useable open space, or campground).

7.3 This project will support new passive recreation uses such as picnic and interpretive areas, physical exercise, ancillary to primary value of an existing municipal park.

7.4 The project directly serves a community a disadvantaged or park poor area as defined in 1.1.

7.5 The project design provides relief from urban density as defined in 1.6.

RESTORATION VALUE

- The benefits for native habitat diversity, species diversity, and target species richness must be addressed if the restoration of natural habitat is within the scope of the project
- A strategy to mitigate adverse impacts or quantifying the success must be identified
- Applicant must provide a Project Management Plan for protection and management of restored habitat

RESTORATION RESOURCE PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

10. Restoration Resource Value

10.1 The project includes an evaluation of the suitability of the project site for 'true' habitat restoration and provides a reasonable strategy outlining the restoration effort. ('True' habitat restoration – returning a site back to its historic natural condition including hydrology, topography, and plant communities.)

10.2 The project contains a quantifiable plan for evaluating the long term success of any habitat restoration efforts.

10.3 The scope of habitat restoration does not negatively impact the health of already existing natural habitat on site or adjacent to the site.

SCENIC RESOURCE



SCENIC RESOURCES

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Create or enhance vistas to natural, architectural or cultural resources
- Use of local indigenous plants as visual screens within urban settings

12. Scenic Resource Value

12.1 The project would create or enhance vistas to natural, architectural, or cultural resources.

12.2 The project will utilize local indigenous plants as visual screens within urban settings.

STAKEHOLDERS



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POLICY

- Addresses stakeholder involvement in the project from concept to completion:
- This includes who the stakeholders are for the project,
- How these stakeholders are utilized in the project,
- Collaboration with stakeholders who are already active at or near the site
- See Grant Program Guide Page 26

STAKEHOLDERS PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

10. Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value

10.1 The project has a detailed plan that shows how active stakeholder/partner communication will be accomplished during all phases of the project.

10.2 The stakeholder/partner groups are defined (focus, community meetings, technical, etc).

10.3 The project is significant to one or more local citizen groups or non-governmental organizations as evidenced by a letter of support from the

organization's governing body.

10.4 The project includes youth employment elements.

STEWARDSHIP

*Volunteers with the Los Cerritos
Wetlands Stewards*



STEWARDSHIP

POLICY

Stewardship is a critical component of a successful project and due to the often difficult budgetary constraints faced by project applicants it is mandatory that each RMC funded project have a long term sustainable management plan in place.

1. Each project will have active stakeholder participation in the long-term management of the facility/site.
2. A post-restoration habitat maintenance plan must accompany habitat restoration plans.
3. Committed involvement by qualified community groups in future habitat stewardship is highly encouraged.

STEWARDSHIP PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

11. Stewardship & Management Plan Value

11.1 The project includes a plan for active stakeholder/partner participation that includes the 20-25 year period of the project after completion (includes identification of stakeholder/partner groups).

11.2 The project includes a landscape maintenance manual containing details regarding logistics of weed management, trail maintenance, trash management, unauthorized uses, and a habitat establishment monitoring program.

STEWARDSHIP PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

11. Stewardship & Management Plan Value (continued)

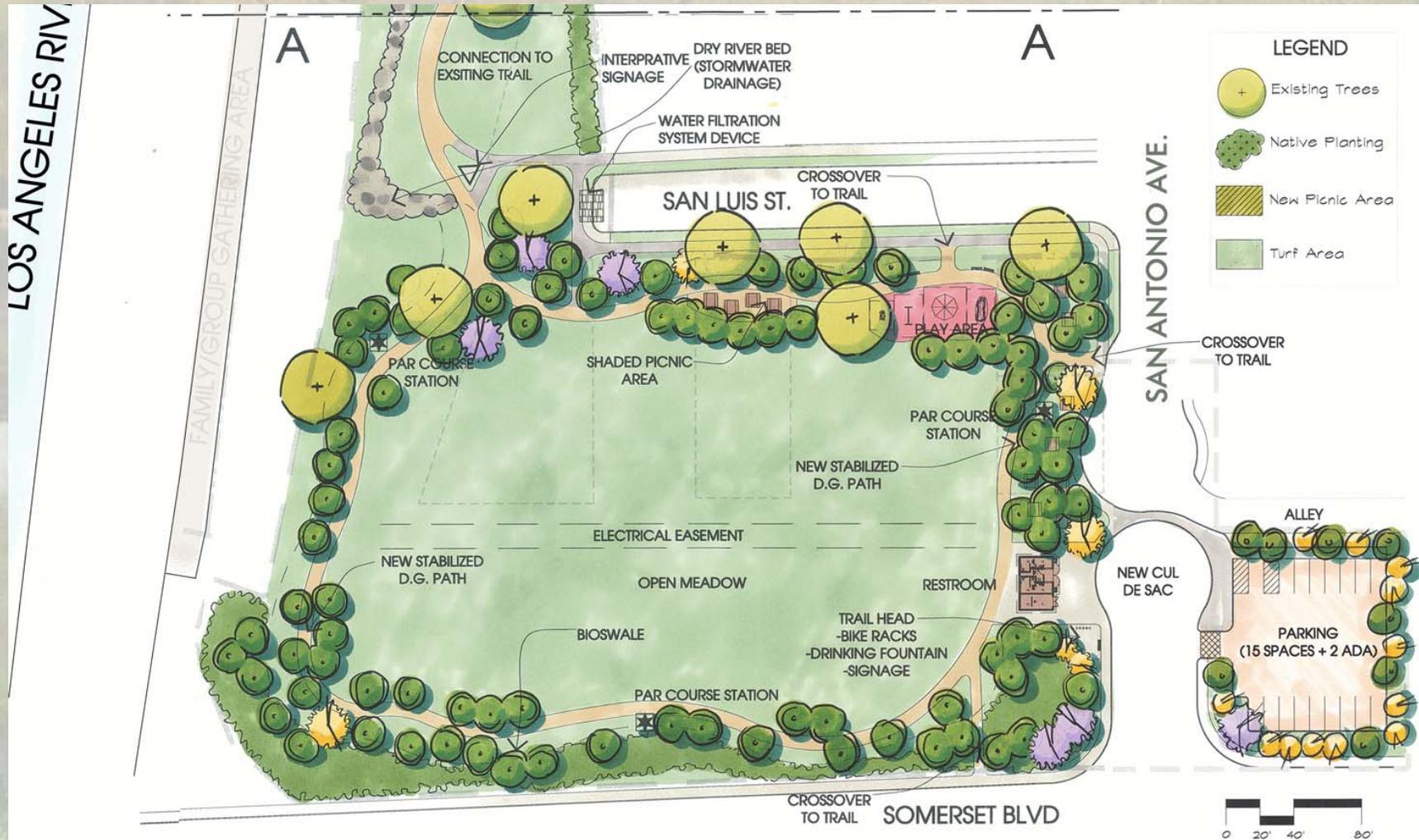
11.3 The project identifies funding for an organization that will provide appropriate future stewardship and adaptive management to ensure the sustainability of the project.

11.4 There is a support letter(s) or agreement with the organization identified in 14.3

11.5 The management plan includes management and monitoring of water quality.

SUSTAINABILITY

Ralph C. Dills Park – Concept Drawing

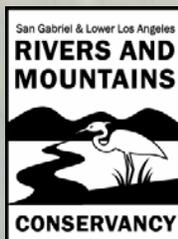


SUSTAINABILITY

POLICY

- Addresses global climate change and sustainable practices
- These practices include resource conservation and recycling
- Use of sustainable materials
- Establish/promote multi-use transit opportunities

For details see Grant Program Guide,
APPENDIX A - Policies



SUSTAINABILITY VALUE PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

12. Sustainability Value

12.1 The project includes 3 or more of the following LEED* elements to address climate change:

- a) Sustainable site planning,
- b) Safeguarding water and water efficiency,
- c) Energy efficiency and renewable energy,
- d) Conservation of materials and resources, and
- e) Indoor environmental quality.

SUSTAINABILITY VALUE PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

12. Sustainability Value (continued)

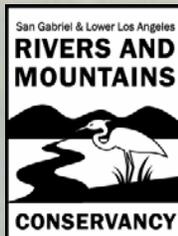
12.2 Projects with buildings/structures larger than 1,000 gross square feet incorporate some or all of the following LEED* elements:

- a) Sustainable site planning,
- b) Safeguarding water and water efficiency,
- c) Energy efficiency and renewable energy,
- d) Conservation of materials and resources, and
- e) Indoor environmental quality.

12.3 Projects with buildings/structures larger than 10,000 gross square feet achieve or exceed Silver Level of LEED* Certification.

***LEED/US Green Building Council Standards**

<http://www.usgbc.org>



SUSTAINABILITY VALUE PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

12. Sustainability Value (continued)

12.4 Project includes innovative best management practices, i.e., dark-sky lighting to reduce light pollution at night.

12.5 The project incorporates more than 50% recycled content product hardscape elements (benches, signage, light fixtures, gates, fences, etc).

12.6 The project contains a more than a 75% native plant palette.

TRAILS/MULTI-USE TRAILS

*Rio Hondo Spreading Basin
Bike Path*



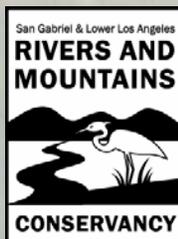
TRAILS/MULTI-USE TRAILS

POLICY

Addresses providing access to and creation of trails:

- This includes designing trails for multiple uses, utilizing sustainable design and construction,
- Amenities that provide access for the use of a trail or resource,
- “Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind” is planning resource available on our website at:
<http://www.rmc.ca.gov/grants/resources.html>

See Grant Program Guide Page 28



TRAILS/MULTI-USE TRAILS PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

13. Trail/Bikeway Resource Value

13.1 The project is identified in an existing or proposed Trail plan or connects communities to major existing or planned trails or open space

13.2 The project will provide urban walkways that connect the community with existing open space

13.3 The project includes improvements to a pedestrian, equestrian, and/or bicycle connection to an existing trail, trail system, community facility, recreation area or school

TRAILS/MULTI-USE TRAILS PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

13. Trail/Bikeway Resource Value (continued)

13.5 The project would accommodate a new trail into an inaccessible area.

13.6 The project would provide a scenic buffer for an existing or planned trail

URBAN LANDS



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RMCs supports urban parks, open space, and trails, which are critical elements to a diverse community's infrastructure. This "green" infrastructure particularly in urban areas provides much needed opportunities for recreation and community areas for residents to enjoy nature.

URBAN LANDS

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

14. Urban Land Value

14.1 Creates new park space in a disadvantaged or park poor community defined as a census tract with a population that has more than 30% youth and less than 80% of the state's annual median income and/or having less than 2 acres/0.8 hectares of open space per 1,000 residents.

14.2 The project provides linkages to open space from a disadvantaged and/or park-poor community as defined above.

14.3 The project is located in a disadvantaged and/or under-served or park-poor community as defined above.

14.4 The project site contributes to the cleanup of a brownfield and/or previously impacted site.

14.5 The project contributes to the removal of a nuisance property/use from the community.

URBAN LANDS

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

14. Urban Lands (continued)

14.6 The project provides relief from high urban density defined as 150% or more of county median population density.

14.7 The project contributes to an existing or proposed park, natural area, corridor, or greenway in an urbanized area.

14.8 The project involves joint-use of a site (e.g. a school yard, is a public park during off-school hours).

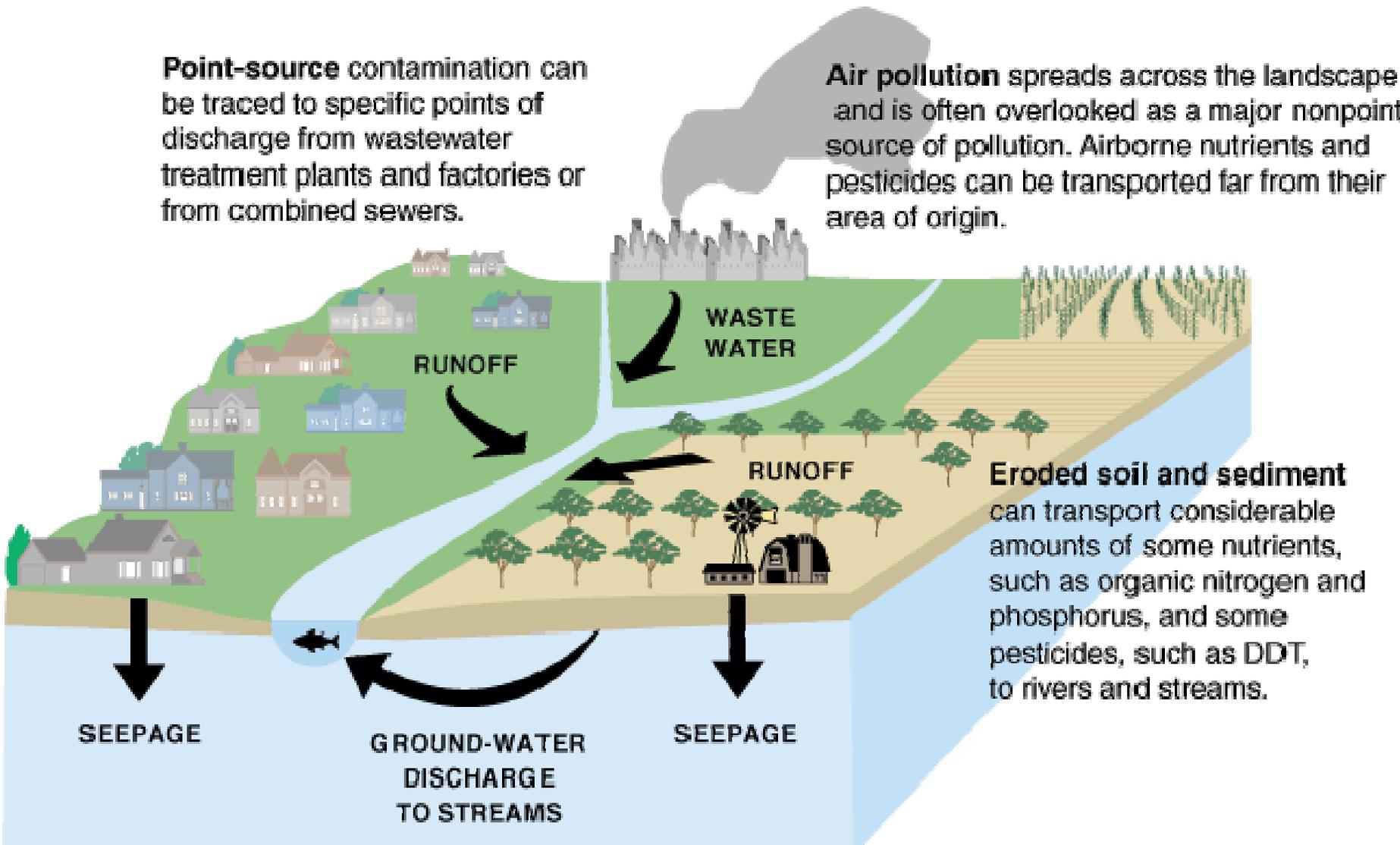
14.9 The project is sited in an area with more than 120% of the median county percent under age 18.

14.10 The project will serve an area with a significant percentage of people living at or below 80% AMI (area median income).

WATER RESOURCE

Point-source contamination can be traced to specific points of discharge from wastewater treatment plants and factories or from combined sewers.

Air pollution spreads across the landscape and is often overlooked as a major nonpoint source of pollution. Airborne nutrients and pesticides can be transported far from their area of origin.



Eroded soil and sediment can transport considerable amounts of some nutrients, such as organic nitrogen and phosphorus, and some pesticides, such as DDT, to rivers and streams.

WATER RESOURCE

- Site grading, bio swales, and/or porous materials
- BMPs must be utilized to control excessive erosion while vegetation becomes established.
- Vector control
- Efficient irrigation design
- Flood management

WATER RESOURCE VALUE PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

15. Water Resource and Quality Value

15.1 The project provides a new opportunity for substantial water conservation and/or water quality improvements

15.2 The project contains or improves groundwater supply and/or recharge capabilities.

15.3 Project includes treatment of storm water runoff.

15.4 The project includes a groundwater improvement element that exceeds the recommended elements of the Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001.

15.5 The project utilizes recycled water.

WATER RESOURCE VALUE PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

15. Water Resource and Quality Value (continued)

15.6 The project utilizes cisterns or similar devices to collect and recycle rainwater on site.

15.7 Project achieves a measurable reduction in potable water usage, compared to conventional projects.

15.8 Project includes water conservation measures.

WATER RESOURCE VALUE PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

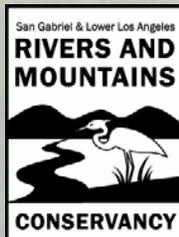
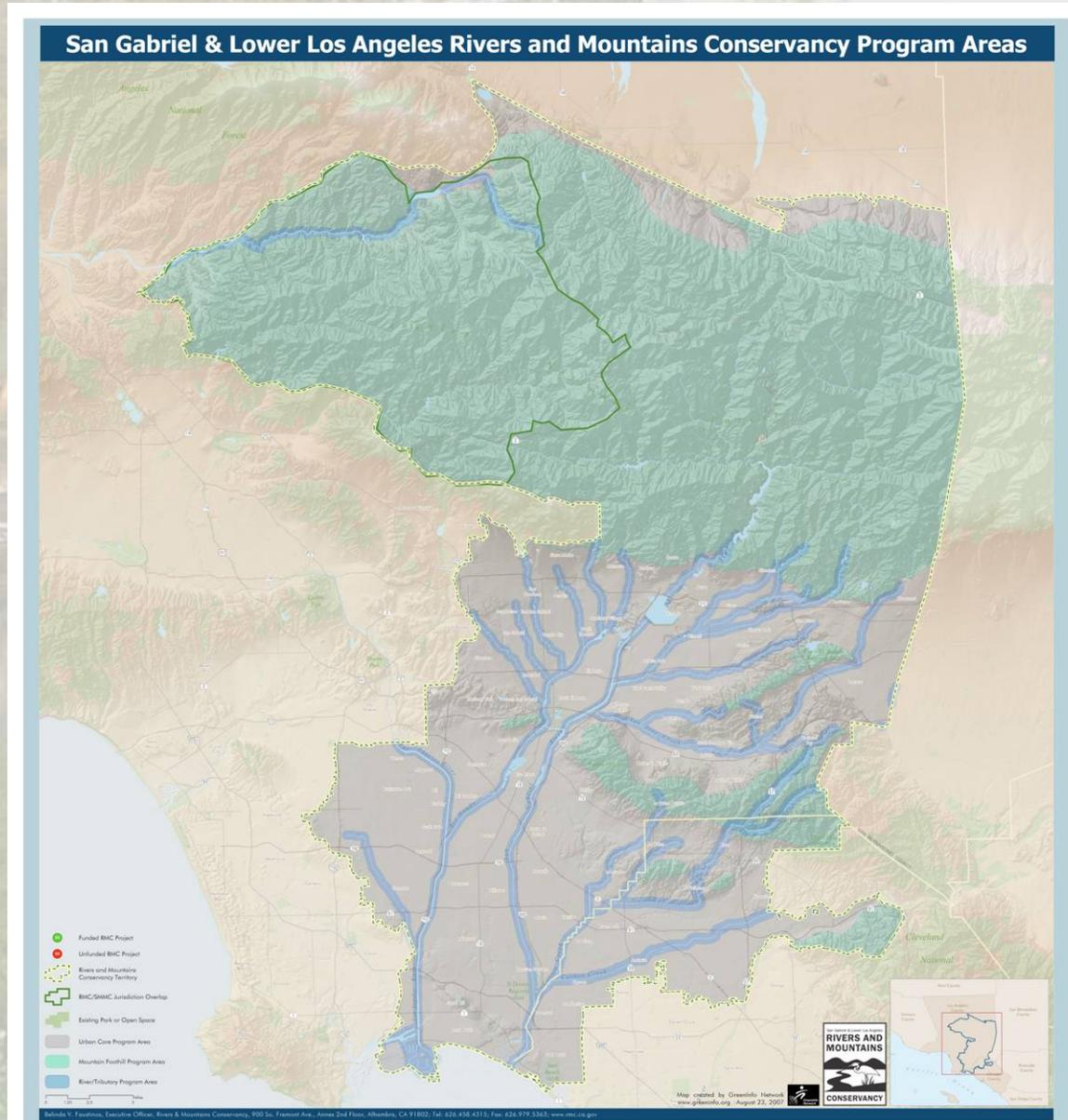
15. Water Resource and Quality Value (continued)

15.9 The project includes a water quality element consistent with the description of a “small or neighborhood project” as described in the Greater Los Angeles Region IRWM Plan.

15.10 The project includes a water quality element consistent with the description of a “medium or sub watershed project” as described in the Greater Los Angeles Region IRWM Plan.

15.11 The project includes a water quality element consistent with the description of a “large or multi sub watershed project” as described in the Greater Los Angeles Region IRWM Plan.

OVERVIEW PROGRAM AREAS



RIVERS/TRIBUTRIES

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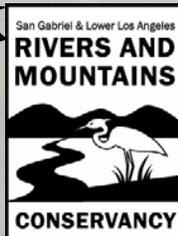
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Area: SG River, Lower LA River, Major

Tributaries: Rio Hondo, Walnut Creek, San Jose
Creek, Coyote Creek & Compton Creek

Green Visions Toolkit: Hydrology, Historical
Wetlands, Demographics, Target Species, Park
Service Areas



URBAN LANDS

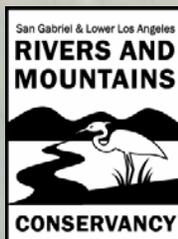
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Area: Urban lands in San Gabriel Valley, Gateway Cities and OC Cities which are not along Rivers/Tributaries or in the Mountains, Hills, Foothills

Green Visions Toolkit: Demographics, Park Service Areas, Target Species



Mountains, Hills Foothills

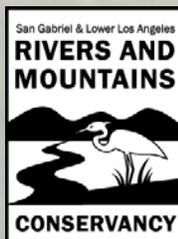
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Area: San Gabriel Mountains, SG Foothills, Puente Chino Hills, San Jose Hills, Coyote Hills, Montebello Hills, Signal Hill

Green Visions Toolkit: Target Species, Wildlife Corridors, Recreational Trails, Staging Areas



GRANT GUIDELINES

These requirements apply to Step 1 Applicants

Eligible Applicants

- **Cities**
- **Counties**
- **Districts**
- **Local Agencies**
- **Joint Powers Agencies**
- **State Agencies**
- **Federal Agencies**
- **Nonprofit organizations (existing under Section 501(c) 3 of the IRS Code). Status does not need to be approved at the time of application, but must be approved at the time of award.**

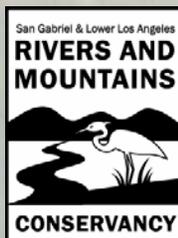
IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

These conditions apply to all funded projects

Permissible Uses - Highlights

- Grant funds may be used for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources.
- Land must be acquired from willing sellers.
- Facilities development projects must demonstrate a strong relationship and value to natural resource stewardship or environmental education.
- Rehabilitation and restoration projects must be biologically and technically feasible.
- Planning and pre-project costs can be included, though shall not exceed 20 percent of total Grant Funds. (For complicated and extensive projects, this maximum may be increased to 25 percent on an exceptional basis. Please contact RMC with questions.)

Refer to details in Draft Grant Program Guide

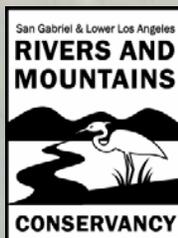


IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

These conditions apply to all funded projects

- **Uses Not Permitted – Highlights**
- **Operations and Maintenance related costs; however we encourage including landscape “establishment” in the project budget.**
- **Projects that are located on school properties and not open to the general public or designed solely for school students, unless part of a multi-use project which allows for access from the general public.**
- **Playground equipment and/or infrastructure such as swing sets and skate parks.**
- **Facilities that do not have an environmental education focus or theme, such as basketball courts, hockey courts, etc. Multi-use projects may include these elements, but this program will not fund planning or development of such facilities.**

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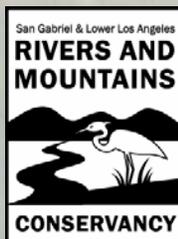
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

These conditions apply to all funded projects

Highlights

- **Grants shall be paid on a reimbursement basis.**
- **Projects should have an education element and habitat component.**
- **Projects that have multiple benefits will be considered more competitive.**
- **All information contained in the grant applications is confidential until the grant awards are announced. After that time, all applications will become public information.**
- **Projects with one or more partners will be deemed more competitive**
- **Although matching funds or services are not required, priority shall be given to projects that include a commitment for a matching contribution. Matching funds may include prior project planning, operations and maintenance, volunteer support, and ongoing monitoring and assessment. Contributions may be in the form of money, property, or services and must be verifiable.**

Refer to details in Draft Grant Program Guide



DEFINITIONS

Definitions of terms used in our program, refer to the Grant Program Guide, Appendix C

Page iv, RMC Draft Grant Program Guide 2007:

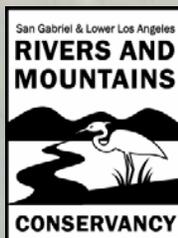
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Definitions derived from guiding document for RMC:

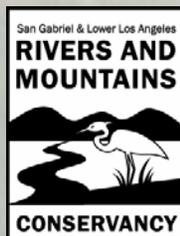
Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea

http://www.rmc.ca.gov/plans/common_ground.html

and, through assistance of the RMC's Habitat and Science Panel



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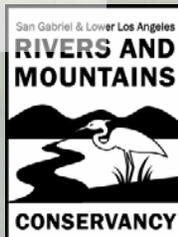
• Types of Signs

1. Signs posted during construction (required for specific situations)

For Projects funded with Bond Act funds in excess of \$750,000 and/or those Project in areas of high visibility (such as near a major thoroughfare) a sign is required during construction. Recommended minimum size of sign: 4 feet x 8 feet

2. Signs Posted Upon Completion (required for all Projects)

- All Grantees are required to post a sign at the Project site. The sign must be available for the final inspection of the Project. All signs must include the universal logo (see information on the logo below).
- There is no minimum or maximum size for the sign (other than the minimum size for the logo) as long as the sign contains the required wording (see below).



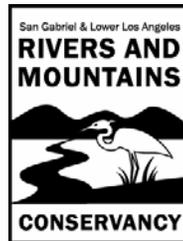
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- **Language for Sign**

All signs will contain the minimum language below:

[Project Name]

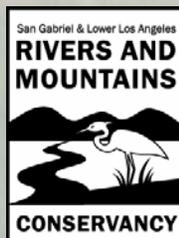
Another Project to Improve California
Funded by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy



***California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe
Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond
Act of 2002 (Or other Bond as appropriate)***

**Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources
Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor**

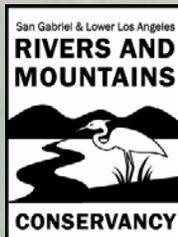
The name of the local agency or other governing body may also be added. The sign may also include the names (and/or logos) of other partners, organizations, individuals and elected representatives as deemed appropriate by those involved in the Project.



SIGNAGE

- **Universal Logo**

All signs will contain the RMC logo. The logo will be on a template, available on line at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov>.



Moving from Tier 1 to Funding Recommendation

- RMC staff will review and rank Tier 1 applicants in accordance with how well they score in the project evaluation criteria
- RMC staff will also analyze whether the project is in a potential target area
- RMC staff will then rank projects within Program Areas
- RMC staff will make a funding recommendation to the RMC Board that may be all or a part of the original request.

Moving from Tier 2 to Tier 1

- No later than March 2008 the RMC will approve “Target Areas”
- RMC staff will provide technical assistance to Tier 2 Project applicants that are in “Target Areas”
- The purpose of the technical assistance is to insure that the project is consistent with the priority policies for the applicable Program Area

TARGET AREAS

WHY THIS APPROACH?

- Funding parity for all three geographic program areas
- Projects that do not have a proponent do not get addressed in normal competitive process
- Projects that address quantifiable objectives have been difficult to identify; Green Visions Tools will meet that gap

TARGET AREAS

HOW IT IS PROPOSED TO WORK

- Staff will plot all project submissions
- Using Green Visions analytical tools staff will identify “target areas.”
- RMC staff will provide assistance to potential project applicants to increase the number of projects that may be submitted in subsequent funding rounds.
- These project assistance activities may include: identifying community leaders, capacity building, identifying available parcel(s), or facilitating project partnerships. It is proposed that the allocation of staff resources for project assistance will give priority to projects which will add NEW acreage for open space, develop NEW areas for recreational and educational uses, or will result in NEW habitat opportunities for restoration projects or preserves “threatened” habitat.

TARGET AREAS

CRITERIA

1. **Urban Land**—Census tracts within project service areas that meet the disadvantaged community criteria of a population with more than 30 percent youth and less than 80 percent of the state's median annual income.
2. **River/Tributary Parkways**—Projects which include riparian habitat/wetland restoration and extend or enhance recreational trail corridors.
3. **Mountains, Hills, and Foothills**—Property acquisition that is necessary to maintain critical wildlife corridors and/or have at least ten target species on site (as identified by Green Visions).

Subsequent Grant Rounds

- Annual call for projects (new & updates) until all funds are encumbered
- Re-submit Step 1 Application
- Similar process to identify Tier 1 & 2 Projects
- Applicants are strongly urged to use Green Visions Toolkit to identify competitive projects

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Green Visions Toolkit Information

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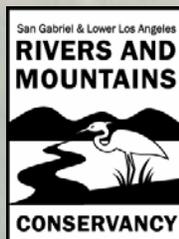
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- Step 1 Applications are due November 21, 2007
- All applications must be submitted by mail to:
Post Office Box 7127
Alhambra, Ca 91803-1460
NO HAND DELIVERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!
- Questions: grants@rmc.ca.gov
- All Grant Application Information:

www.rmc.ca.gov
- January 18, 2008-Notice of status recommendation