

**RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY'S  
COMPLETED PROJECTS**

*As of May 31, 2007*

The projects are sorted alphabetically by project name. There are 38 completed projects.

## RIVER AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY PROJECTS COMPLETED THROUGH MAY 31, 2007

Project Name ..... **Aquarium of the Pacific Education Center Expansion**  
Applicant ..... Aquarium of the Pacific  
Project ID ..... RMC3257  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$390,000  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$390,000  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Development  
Program Area ..... Urban Core  
Region or COG..... Gateway

### Project Description

This project expanded the footprint of the Long Beach Aquarium to provide greater visual and physical connections to the Pier and to the harbor and port, and to provide greater physical space to expand and enrich the environmental programming.

This project is complete. The ""Rios de la Vida"" ceramic mosaic mural was designed, fabricated and installed on the fountain at the Aquarium entrance. Planning was conducted for the LEED certified education classroom and 2 watershed exhibits, one at the Aquarium and the other at the Pier Point Landing. Further work on the classroom and exhibits is underway and is being funded by RMC 3570, Long Beach Aquarium Watershed Exhibit Expansion Project.

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Project Name ..... **Aquarium of the Pacific Educational Programs**  
Applicant ..... Aquarium of the Pacific  
Project ID ..... RMC3256  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$12,000  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$12,000  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Interpretation  
Program Area ..... Urban Core  
Region or COG..... Gateway

### Project Description

This small grant supplemented funding from other organizations for a workshop entitled "Creating a Sustainable Coastal Community for the Long Beach of Tomorrow." During the ten-session, five-week program, children and experts worked as teams and used scenarios to explore alternative futures for Long Beach as a sustainable model coastal city and capture that vision in a physical model of what it could look like in 2025. It is expected to become a model for other coastal cities.

The project is complete and was closed August 2004. Services provided under the scope of work included watershed education materials for elementary school teachers.

Project Name ..... **Azusa Open Space and Access Plan**  
 Applicant ..... San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy  
 Project ID ..... RMC3286  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$86,400  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$86,400  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries  
 Region or COG..... San Gabriel  
 Project Description

This grant included portions of the activities associated with the development of an Azusa Canyon River Wilderness Park Master Plan and provided for coordination and administration of other river-related planning activities in the City of Azusa. This grant was originally awarded to the City of Azusa for the Azusa River Wilderness Park Master Plan (Project RMC3206); however, the city requested that it be rescinded, the funds be redirected to the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy, and that the grant be expanded to include projects outside the City of Azusa as well.

The project is complete. The consultant completed work on the strategic plan for the City of Azusa and its open space, and also completed research tasks with the city.

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Project Name ..... **Brownfield Study-San Gabriel Valley**  
 Grantee ..... San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments  
 Project ID ..... RMC3251  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$250,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$250,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries + Urban Core + Mountains  
 Region or COG..... San Gabriel  
 Project Description

Brownfields in the San Gabriel Valley COG area were identified for possible open space and economic development opportunities. Ranking of the sites for future development as open space uses was part of the scope of work.

A portion of the funding, \$80,059.07, has been returned to the RMC due to a smaller scope of work than originally anticipated; a smaller number of sites were found than anticipated. The project is complete

Project Name ..... **Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Appraisal)**  
 Applicant ..... City of Signal Hill  
 Project ID ..... RMC3305  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$20,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$20,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Mountains  
 Region or COG..... Gateway  
 Project Description

The Cha'wot Nature Preserve project proposes to acquire approximately 32-acres of hillside open space known as the North Flank, and presently owned by Signal Hill Petroleum. (Cha'wot Nature Preserve is named to commemorate the American Tongva Tribe that previously used the hill for signal fires.)

This small grant funded Geotechnical Studies, a step preliminary to appraisal.

The appraisal for the property is complete, and was conducted in 2006. The appraisal determined the highest and best uses based upon the constraints previously identified in the geotechnical study.

Related projects: RMC 3211, Geotechnical studies (complete) & RMC 3306, Acquisition (not yet funded). In February 2006 the City Council agreed to pursue acquisition of 11 acres, with four acres identified as the initial target of acquisition.

Project Name ..... **Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Geotechnical Studies)**  
 Applicant ..... City of Signal Hill  
 Project ID ..... RMC3211  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$20,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$20,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 RMC-Wide or Regional Projects.....  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Mountains  
 Region or COG..... Gateway  
 Project Description

The Cha'wot Nature Preserve project proposes to acquire approximately 32 acres of hillside open space known as the North Flank and presently owned by Signal Hill Petroleum. (Cha'wot Nature Preserve is named to commemorate the American Tongva Tribe that previously used the hill for signal fires.)

This small grant funded Geotechnical Studies, a step preliminary to appraisal. The geotechnical studies have been completed.

Related projects: Appraisal of the property, RMC3305 (complete) and Acquisition, RMC3306 (not yet funded). In February 2006 the City Council agreed to pursue acquisition of 11 acres, with four acres identified as the initial target of acquisition.

Project Name ..... **Children's Native Plant Garden**  
 Applicant ..... Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden  
 Project ID ..... RMC3217  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$55,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$55,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Urban Core  
 Region or COG..... San Gabriel  
 Project Description

This grant funded planning for a ¾-acre children's native plant garden for children ages 4-7 at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. The garden will highlight regionally significant indigenous communities and will incorporate interpretive exhibits on plant-animal interactions.

This planning project is complete. However, development of the Children's garden (not an RMC project) is on hold pending completion of a master plan for the greater Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden to evaluate infrastructure needs for future improvements.

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Project Name ..... **Claremont Hills Wilderness Park**  
 Applicant ..... City of Claremont  
 Project ID ..... RMC3202  
 Acreage Acquired..... 240  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$1,073,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$1,073,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Acquisition  
 Program Area ..... Mountains  
 Region or COG..... San Gabriel  
 Project Description

This grant funded acquisition of 240 acres in the Claremont foothills to augment the City of Claremont's Claremont Hills Wilderness Park. The project also included completion of the Wilderness Park trail loop and installation of interpretive signage highlighting the biological, cultural, and historical significance of the area.

The project has been completed, and the property is now owned by the City of Claremont and is part of the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park, which now totals 1,589 acres.

Project Name ..... **Development of Procedures for Project Funding Criteria**  
 Applicant ..... Watershed Conservation Authority  
 Project ID ..... RMC3565  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$30,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding..... \$60,000  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$90,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... RMC-Wide  
 Region or COG..... RMC-Wide  
 Project Description

This grant was given to the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) to enter into a professional services contract for development of FY 004/05 procedures for project funding criteria. The Dangermond Group was awarded the contract.

This work has been completed and, as a result, RMC funded more than 30 eligible capital outlay projects.

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Project Name ..... **Economic Value for Watershed Management Techniques Study**  
 Applicant ..... County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
 Project ID ..... RMC3212  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$50,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$50,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash..... \$151,300  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$151,300  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Mountains  
 Region or COG..... All  
 Project Description

This small grant funded development of a tool, in the form of a user-friendly spreadsheet model, to help make economic assessment of watershed improvement projects. The tool evaluates the monetary value derived from watershed improvement projects and enhancements, and determines a benefit/cost ratio for a project.

The project is complete. The tool will be available to a wide range of users and demonstrations can be made for a wide variety of stakeholders.

Project Name ..... **Edens Lost and Found: Emerald Necklace**  
Grantee ..... Media and Policy Center Foundation of California  
Project ID ..... RMC3587  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 General Funding..... \$74,500  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$74,500  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Interpretation  
Program Area ..... All  
Region or COG..... All  
Project Description

"Eden's Lost and Found" is a four-hour PBS series, showcasing extraordinary stories of environmental rebirth in four very different American cities. This project's aim was to produce a segment for the series on the Emerald Necklace and to create a Teacher's Curriculum for the video with Amigos de los Rios. The curriculum would utilize Amigos' community outreach, with the local schools and park programs as a companion to the film. Both of these products would utilize and enhance the interpretive themes and goals of the revitalized parks of the Emerald Necklace, emphasizing sustainable practices and choices.

This project is complete with the video on the Emerald Necklace and the teacher's curriculum delivered and on file. Amigos de Los Rios has begun utilizing the video in their outreach efforts, and the teacher's curriculum in the parks and schools within the Emerald Necklace. A related project is RMC3246, Educational Program on Urban Forestry and Creation of Sustainable Ecosystems. That project funded a segment of "Eden's Lost and Found" which focused on the RMC.

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Project Name ..... **Educational Program on Urban Forestry and Creation of Sustainable Ecosystems**  
Applicant ..... Media and Policy Center Foundation of California  
Project ID ..... RMC3249  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$100,000  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$100,000  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Interpretation  
Program Area ..... Mountains  
Region or COG..... RMC-Wide  
Project Description

"Eden's Lost and Found" is a four-hour PBS series, showcasing extraordinary stories of environmental rebirth in four very different American cities. This grant partially funded the series because the RMC will be one of the featured areas. "Eden's Lost and Found" is also an integrated media and coordinated grassroots educational project which highlights national and global issues and solutions, and demonstrates how communities can promote and participate in watershed sustainability. A separate outreach effort will support local Town Hall Meetings whose theme is sustainable ecosystems in approximately 12 sites. An interactive web site will provide a resource for viewers, including teachers, regarding sustainability concepts and the renewal of urban areas. A PBS Companion Book complements the broadcast. Additional video footage not used in the actual broadcast, will be converted into a video resource library.

The segments covering Chicago and Philadelphia aired in May 2006. The segments, on the Los Angeles area and Seattle were shown in January of 2007. More information is available at <http://www.pbs.org/opb/edenslostandfound/> and <http://edenslostandfound.org/>

Project Name ..... **El Dorado Regional Park Wetlands Feasibility Study**  
 Grantee ..... City of Long Beach  
 Project ID ..... RMC3208  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$100,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$100,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind ..... \$88,000  
 Matching Funds - Cash..... \$0  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$88,000  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries  
 Region or COG..... Gateway  
 Project Description

The project studied the feasibility of bringing the urban run-off flow of the San Gabriel River through El Dorado Regional Park, Nature Center and proposed wetlands - to make the park's lake and stream systems part of the San Gabriel River System in a 2.3-mile long riparian habitat. The partially developed northwest corner of the Regional Park would be developed as wetland to help remove pollutants, and natural riparian habitat would be restored along the stream. Picnics and events would be scaled back to prevent undue disturbance.

The study looked at El Dorado Park in four sections starting on the south end below the Nature Center and going north to the retail development on Carson Street. The study is clear that it is possible to create wetlands that could treat the water from the lakes as well as the captured run-off in the park. There is potential to terrace the current levee walls to create more riverine habitat. To complete the full set of ideas is around \$7 million; however the study also gives a phasing plan with potential projects that are in the \$2 million range. The City has completed the feasibility report and it is on file with the RMC.

Project Name ..... **Ferguson and Wildwood Pre-Acquisition Expenses**  
 Applicant ..... City of Glendora  
 Project ID ..... RMC3566  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$50,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$50,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash..... \$0  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Acquisition  
 Program Area ..... Mountains  
 Region or COG..... San Gabriel  
 Project Description

This grant paid for the appraisals and appraisal reviews enabling the City of Glendora and the City of San Dimas to seek funding for acquisition of properties totaling approximately 400 acres located in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills of Glendora. The Wildwood Canyon property consists of 5 parcels totaling 201 acres. The Ferguson property includes approximately 120 acres of privately owned property outside the Angeles National Forest and approximately 80 acres of privately owned property within the National Forest/Experimental Forest boundary.

The appraisals of Ferguson and Wildwood Canyons are complete. The state review of the appraisals for Wildwood and Ferguson are complete and supported. The work for this grant is now complete.

Project Name ..... **Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase I**  
Applicant ..... North East Trees  
Project ID ..... RMC3339  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$5,000  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$5,000  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Planning  
Program Area ..... Urban Core  
Region or COG..... Gateway  
Project Description

This is the first (phase I) of two grants to fund improvements to an existing alley used to access Graham Elementary by parents and school children. This small grant provided for the preparation of conceptual designs, base plan development, preliminary cost estimates and initial meetings with the Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Department of Public Works and School District stakeholders.

Phase I is complete. The second grant is RMC3340, Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase II. Work is proceeding on phase II.

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Project Name ..... **Historical Ecology of the RMC Territory**  
Grantee ..... Southern California Coastal Water Research Project  
Project ID ..... RMC3556  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 General Funding..... \$148,000  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$148,000  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Planning  
Program Area ..... All  
Region or COG..... All  
Project Description

This project had the following elements:

- 1) Define and prioritize historical research questions to meet restoration and management information needs,
- 2) Develop historical data archive and database,
- 3) Develop initial land use history map and timeline,
- 4) Digitize and georectify key historical data sets, and
- 5) Assess the relative value of different historical data sources to answer pressing environmental management questions.

Project completed 12/31/06. The report entitled “Historical ecology and landscape change of the San Gabriel River and floodplain.” Is posted at two locations:

The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project website at

[http://www.sccwrp.org/whatsnew/new\\_techreports.html](http://www.sccwrp.org/whatsnew/new_techreports.html)

and at the California State University Northridge Department of Geology website at

[http://www.csun.edu/csbs/departments/geography/programs/geographic\\_studies/historical\\_ecology.html](http://www.csun.edu/csbs/departments/geography/programs/geographic_studies/historical_ecology.html)

Note: : The report is a PDF file which requires Adobe Acrobat 8.0

Project Name ..... **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**  
 Grantee ..... Watershed Conservation Authority  
 Project ID ..... RMC3562  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 General Funding..... \$100,000  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$100,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind ..... \$250,000  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$250,000  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries  
 Region or COG..... All

**Project Description**

Proposition 50 authorized the Legislature to appropriate \$500 million for Integrated Regional Water Management projects. This project involved making preliminary findings regarding project opportunities and related criteria for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Region.

Work has been completed and final work product has been submitted. This document provided the framework for an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the RMC territory.

Project Name ..... **Long Canyon, Santa Clara River**  
 Grantee ..... Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority  
 Project ID ..... RMC3559  
 Acreage Acquired..... 330.46  
 Prop 40 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 General Funding..... \$100,000  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$100,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash..... \$343,485  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$343,485  
 Project Type ..... Acquisition  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries  
 Region or COG..... North Slope of the San Gabriel Mountains

**Project Description**

The Santa Clara River remains to a large extent unaltered and, because of this, much of the natural habitat is intact. This grant supplemented funding matching funds provided by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the acquisition of 330.46 acres of land in Long Canyon, comprised of 18 parcels located in the upper watershed. The parcels are on generally rugged terrain with high quality scrub habitat and riparian habitat along the creeks, and are of significant value for watershed protection, habitat protection and recreation purposes. Acquisition of these properties was critical in order to prevent development of the site and to preclude disruption of the wildlife corridor.

The MRCA has completed the acquisition of the property and will manage the property for conservation purposes.

Project Name ..... **Lynwood Nature Park**  
Grantee ..... City of Lynwood  
Project ID ..... RMC3266  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$5,000  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$5,000  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Development  
Program Area ..... Urban Core + River Parkway  
Region or COG..... Gateway

Project Description

The grant paid for Phase 1 Environmental Assessment (soils sampling). This was needed in order to complete the transfer of a 4-acre parcel – at no cost – from CalTrans to the city for the creation of Lynwood Nature Park. This emergency grant was necessary because neither CalTrans nor the city had budgeted funds and the parcel transfer had to take place before May 1, 2004.

This work is complete. The project was closed in May 2005. The Soils Report is in the RMC 3237 file as it also pertains to the South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration project.

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Project Name ..... **Oak Canyon Nature Center**  
Grantee ..... City of Anaheim  
Project ID ..... RMC3425  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$6,050  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$6,050  
Matching Funds - In Kind ..... \$3,000  
Matching Funds - Cash..... \$26,000  
Total Matching Funds..... \$29,000  
Project Type ..... Development  
Program Area ..... Mountains  
Region or COG..... Orange

Project Description

The nature center is a 58-acre natural park with a year-round stream in Walnut Creek, three adjoining canyons, and over four miles of hiking trails that traverse oak woodlands and coastal sage scrub. The project proposed improvements to the interpretive trail and nature center entryway and outdoor amphitheatre. The improvements to the Oak Canyon Nature Center were small but critical to implementing the Interpretive Plan for the park.

The grantee has completed the installation and submitted the final reports, photos and payment requests. This project is complete.

Project Name ..... **Olinda Historic Trail**  
Applicant ..... City of Brea  
Project ID ..... RMC3207  
Map Key No. ....  
Acreage to be Acquired .....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$98,050  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
Funding Sum ..... \$98,050  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Development  
Program Area ..... Mountains  
Region or COG..... Orange  
Project Description

Build a trail from the historic oil production area of the City of Brea up into the dedicated open space in the hillsides adjacent to Chino Hills State Park. The project will improve public access to open space, facilitate the growth of native plants and adapt existing oil company access roads for trail use.

The City has completed the 3 mile Olinda Trail with all amenities and signage.

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Project Name ..... **Olinda Historic Trail Phase II**  
Applicant ..... City of Brea  
Project ID ..... RMC3426  
Map Key No. ....  
Acreage to be Acquired .....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$45,000  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
Funding Sum ..... \$45,000  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Development  
Program Area ..... Mountains  
Region or COG..... Orange  
Project Description

The Olinda Historic Trail II is the extension of the Olinda Trail funded by the RMC, allowing for the City to create a loop trail that takes advantage of the conservation easement.

The extension of the Olinda Trail in Brea, Olinda Trail II is complete.

Project Name ..... **Orange County Open Space and Multi-purpose Opportunities**  
 Grantee ..... Orange County Division, League of Cities  
 Project ID ..... RMC3253  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$125,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$125,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries + Urban Core + Research/Education  
 Region or COG..... Orange  
 Project Description

The Orange County Division of the League of California Cities (OCD) assessed open space, habitat, low impact recreation, watershed improvements and educational uses in the Orange County area.

This grant funded identification by the OCD of high priority regional open space and recreational opportunities as well as brought together the Cities in Orange County within the RMC territory. The project is complete and the report is on file.

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Project Name ..... **Pacific Communities Project**  
 Grantee ..... City of Duarte  
 Project ID ..... RMC3429  
 Acreage Acquired..... 328.7  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$3,500,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$3,500,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind ..... \$30,000  
 Matching Funds - Cash..... \$3,500,000  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$3,530,000  
 Project Type ..... Acquisition  
 Program Area ..... Mountains  
 Region or COG..... San Gabriel  
 Project Description

This grant provided for acquisition of the Pacific Communities property, also known as the Duarte Foothills Reserve. It consists of 328.7 acres of undeveloped hillside property bordered to the north, west, and partially on the east by National Forest property. A matching acquisition grant of \$3,500,000 was provided by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

Acquisition was complete in December 2005. The San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy will operate the parcel as the permanent steward and be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the property as an open space and trail system.

Project Name ..... **Park Bond Project Management Services**  
 Grantee ..... Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority  
 Project ID ..... RMC3200  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$360,487  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$360,487  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 RMC-Wide or Regional Projects..... RMC-Wide  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... RMC-Wide  
 Region or COG..... RMC-Wide

**Project Description**

Project management services were provided for RMC grants for capital outlay projects. These services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant agreement, and close-out of projects.

All services have been completed.

Project Name ..... **Pio Pico State Historic Park**  
 Applicant ..... Friends of Pio Pico  
 Project ID ..... RMC3235  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$5,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$5,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 RMC-Wide or Regional Projects.....  
 Project Type ..... Interpretation  
 Program Area ..... Urban Core  
 Region or COG..... Gateway

**Project Description**

Prior to the award of this grant, the California Department of Parks and Recreation was replacing non-native vegetation with native plant species in preparation for the re-opening of Pio Pico State Park following three years of renovations. This grant funded the production of native plant and habitat educational materials that will inform visitors about the California native gardens at Pio Pico Park. New interpretive signs were placed throughout the native gardens. A brochure that features historical information, native garden and habitat education will serve as a self-guided tour through the garden.

The project is complete. The educational materials have been completed and reviewed by RMC.

Project Name ..... **Ralph C. Dills Project**  
Applicant ..... City of Paramount  
Project ID ..... RMC3561  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$72,435  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$72,435  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Development  
Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries  
Region or COG..... Gateway  
Project Description

This grant provided funds to cover the cost of environmental services and demolition activities associated with properties acquired for the purpose of expanding Ralph C. Dills Park. The demolition of structures was required to convert this property to park and open space purposes.

The project is complete. Related project is RMC3241, Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion

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Project Name ..... **Rancho Los Cerritos Landscape Restoration**  
Grantee ..... Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation  
Project ID ..... RMC3216  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$55,230  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$55,230  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
RMC-Wide or Regional Projects.....  
Project Type ..... Planning  
Program Area ..... Urban Core  
Region or COG..... Gateway  
Project Description

Rancho Los Cerritos, is a national, state and local historic landmark. This small grant provided funds for the development of plans for the historic restoration of a 33,350 square-foot arroyo, improvements to perimeter fencing, landscape and drainage, and renovation of a California native garden that was designed by noted landscape architect Ralph Cornell. The project also included the design of interpretive panels and brochures to enhance the public's understanding of native plants and the relationship between historic and diverse communities of the Rancho and the Los Angeles River.

This project is complete. Construction documents have been completed and the grantee has secured funds for implementation construction of the Visitor Education Center and would like to carry out improvements to the arroyo at the same time. Staff is in contact with the Foundation regarding the Arroyo Restoration project adjacent to the Visitor's Center.

Project Name ..... **Rio Hondo Watershed Plan**  
 Grantee ..... San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments  
 Project ID ..... RMC3271  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$37,455  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$37,455  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Mountains  
 Region or COG..... San Gabriel  
 Project Description

In 2002, the Regional Water Quality Control Board awarded Proposition 13 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control grants to develop four sub-watershed plans within the RMC area – for the Rio Hondo River; Upper San Gabriel, San Jose, and Walnut Creeks; Coyote and Carbon Creeks; and Compton Creek sub-watersheds. This grant funded a position to work on the Rio Hondo sub-watershed plan and coordinate RMC participation in other sub-watershed plans.

This project is complete and the final plan was accepted by the Regional Board.

The Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan contains an overview of existing conditions within the watershed, discusses how these conditions should shape the selection and design of watershed improvement strategies, and presents recommended projects and other solutions proposed by community stakeholders who developed the plan. The plan provides an organizing framework for community stakeholders working together to develop a healthy watershed within the densely developed urban environment of the San Gabriel Valley.

Project Name ..... **Riparian and Wetland Mapping**  
 Grantee ..... Southern California Coastal Water research Project  
 Project ID ..... RMC3557  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 General Funding..... \$104,000  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$104,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries + Research/Education  
 Region or COG..... All  
 Project Description

The purpose of this project was to generate comprehensive up-to-date digital maps of:

- 1) wetland habitats (including estuaries, streams, lake wetlands, depressional wetlands and vernal pools),
- 2) riparian vegetation community composition,
- 3) riparian geomorphic boundary and
- 4) flood control infrastructure for the RMC Territory.

Mapping was increased from 17 quadrants to 20, and is complete. The report and maps will be posted on the Cal State Northridge, Center for Geographic Studies Website, pending. Final billing has been submitted

Project Name ..... **San Gabriel River Environmental Graphic Design Services Program**  
 Grantee ..... County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
 Project ID ..... RMC3236  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$17,500  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$17,500  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 Project Type ..... Development  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries  
 Region or COG..... San Gabriel, Gateway, Orange  
 Project Description

This project is the design of graphic elements for signage and interpretive projects along the San Gabriel River. This is a supplement to the San Gabriel River Master Plan (SGRMP) to develop a graphic plan and to address the need for trail access and signage improvements. The complete signage and environmental graphic plan for the river includes the following components: Entry signs, Mile markers, Project signs, Wayfinding signs, and Interpretive signs. The project is complete.

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Project Name ..... **San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement**  
 Grantee ..... City of Seal Beach  
 Project ID ..... RMC3239  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$160,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$160,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 RMC-Wide or Regional Projects.....  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries  
 Region or COG..... Orange  
 Project Description

The City of Seal Beach is restoring the existing San Gabriel River Trail and the trailside facilities from the Marina Dr. to Pacific Coast Highway and is making upgrades to feature new visitor amenities. This grant funded the creation of a plan and construction drawing.

This project is complete. The City has some funding in place for development and is actively seeking more funds to complete the improvements.

Project Name ..... **San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Restoration Assessment**  
 Grantee ..... San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy  
 Project ID ..... RMC3247  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$86,895  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$86,895  
 Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
 Matching Funds - Cash.....  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
 RMC-Wide or Regional Projects.....  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Mountains  
 Region or COG..... San Gabriel  
 Project Description

The San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Assessment project is a collection of research and data with an analysis in the Upper San Gabriel River, Walnut Creek and San Jose Creek subwatersheds.

The final report is on file with the RMC and will be included as part of the current conditions of the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Management Plan.

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Project Name ..... **Seal Beach Open Space Opportunities**  
 Grantee ..... City of Seal Beach  
 Project ID ..... RMC3244  
 Acreage Acquired.....  
 Prop 40 General Funding..... \$100,000  
 Prop 50 General Funding.....  
 Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
 RMC Funding Sum ..... \$100,000  
 Matching Funds - In Kind ..... \$10,000  
 Matching Funds - Cash..... \$0  
 Total Matching Funds..... \$10,000  
 RMC-Wide or Regional Projects.....  
 Project Type ..... Planning  
 Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries  
 Region or COG..... Orange  
 Project Description

This small planning grant funded the investigation of potential open space opportunities within the City of Seal Beach and allowed for a master plan approach to future projects. The funding permitted a thorough investigation of open space opportunities, interested partners, property owner information, significance to regional trails, recreational opportunities, and habitat value.

The project is complete and the plan is on file. Opportunities for planning, partnership, and property acquisition were identified and allow the City to strategically plan its future open space needs and potential opportunities for RMC funding.

Project Name ..... **Sycamore Canyon Park Trail Development Project-**  
Diamond Bar  
Grantee ..... City of Diamond Bar  
Project ID ..... RMC3220  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$124,081  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$124,081  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash..... \$76,000  
Total Matching Funds..... \$76,000  
RMC-Wide or Regional Projects.....  
Project Type ..... Development  
Program Area ..... Urban Core + Mountains  
Region or COG..... San Gabriel  
Project Description

This project developed the first trail increment of the City’s five-site, city-wide trail system. Sycamore Canyon Park is an existing 50-acre city park that provides active recreation along with a previously undeveloped trail that begins at the existing parking lot near Golden Springs Drive and travels through undeveloped areas east toward Diamond Bar Boulevard. The trail follows an existing stream and four acres of walnut woodlands capable of supporting California Gnatcatcher and the Arroyo Toad. The proposal would result in a clearly defined path surfaced with decomposed granite and redwood headers.

This project, the first increment of the trail system, is complete. The trail opened on February 25, 2006.

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Project Name ..... **THINK RIVER!**  
Grantee ..... San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy  
Project ID ..... RMC3218  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$46,440  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$46,440  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
RMC-Wide or Regional Projects..... RMC-Wide  
Project Type ..... Interpretation  
Program Area ..... Research/Education  
Region or COG..... RMC-Wide  
Project Description

This small grant funded development of the Think River! project – an integrated watershed education program to provide educational opportunities for youth in the San Gabriel Valley regarding water quality, water supply and use, and habitat. The program consisted of four parts:

- 1) Creation of the Think River! Curriculum
- 2) High School Student Mentoring Program
- 3) Teacher Education Workshop
- 4) Youth Watershed Conference.

This project is complete. The final version of the Think River! curriculum is on file.

Project Name ..... **Watershed Education in Multi-lingual Communities**  
Grantee ..... Regents of the University of California  
Project ID ..... RMC3219  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$32,094  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$32,094  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
Project Type ..... Interpretation  
Program Area ..... Mountains  
Region or COG..... All

Project Description

The University of California Cooperative Education and East Los Angeles College cooperated to develop a multilingual watershed interpretation and education curriculum for English-as-a-Second-Language students. Surveys were conducted with students using the program.

The grantee has implemented the curriculum with the East Los Angeles College ESL program. Reports have been submitted regarding students interest in environmental issues and behavioral changes.

The concept was submitted to L.A. Valley College and to University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) publications for free download.

The project is complete, and final billing was processed April 2007.

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Project Name ..... **Whittier Greenway Extension**  
Grantee ..... City of Whittier  
Project ID ..... RMC3245  
Acreage Acquired.....  
Prop 40 General Funding..... \$150,000  
Prop 50 General Funding.....  
Prop 50 Public Access Funding.....  
RMC Funding Sum ..... \$150,000  
Matching Funds - In Kind .....  
Matching Funds - Cash.....  
Total Matching Funds..... \$0  
RMC-Wide or Regional Projects.....  
Project Type ..... Planning  
Program Area ..... Rivers/Tributaries + Urban Core + Mountains  
Region or COG..... Gateway

Project Description

The Whittier Greenway is a linear park and multi-use trail along an abandoned 5.2-mile, Union Pacific rail corridor through the City of Whittier. The goal of this project was to study potential connections and develop feasible alternatives for a connection from the Greenway to Pio Pico State Historic Park and the San Gabriel River. Ten alternatives were evaluated. The preferred alternative would utilize a combination of city streets, rights-of-way, and a path through a park.

The project is complete. RMC staff continues to work with the city to identify funding for further work on this project. The City has contracted for the next phase, a connection from the San Gabriel River to Pio Pico State Historic Park.