

DATE: May 23, 2016

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 10: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the California Resource Connections, Inc. to extend the timeline for the San Gabriel River Signage Improvements (RMC12002).

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributary Program

PROJECT TYPE: Development

JURISDICTION: City of Azusa

PROJECT MANAGER: Luz Quinnell

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt a resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the California Resource Connections, Inc. to extend the timeline for the San Gabriel River Signage Improvements (RMC12002) through September 30, 2016.

PROJECT'S DESCRIPTION: This grant will improve interpretive signage for consistency with the San Gabriel River Trail Signage Guidelines. Signage improvements will include areas along the San Gabriel River Trail from just south of the Azusa Rockery & Geology Park to the current trail end along State Highway 39 near the entrance to the Azusa River Wilderness Park. Improvements include: (1) placement of mileage reference signage to key locations and features along the trail; (2) redesign and replacement of insufficient interpretive signage in San Gabriel Canyon; (3) installation of a "staging area" name sign visible from State Highway 39; (4) alteration of existing informational signage at the Forest Gateway/SGR Trailhead Staging Area to improve visibility and user readability; (5) replacement of inconsistent way-finding signage; and (6) repair and/or replacement of damaged signage.

BACKGROUND: Currently, California Resource Connections (CRC) has completed Azusa Rockery & Geology Park which is an improved bicycle stops along the San Gabriel Bike Trail and also includes interpretive signage as part of the San Gabriel River Signage Improvement Project (RMC12002). CRC has also completed design and final printing of the interpretative signage for all the way-finding signs to connect visitors entering the trailhead located at Sierra Madre Avenue and Todd Avenue with the San Gabriel River Trail and the Azusa Rockery & Geology Park. Although installation of the interpretive signage has not been completed for the trailhead entrance, along the trailhead access road, at the Azusa Rockery & Geology Park and at the entrance to the San Gabriel River Trail given CRC is currently completing permitting with the City of Azusa to allow for these interpretive signage along the San Gabriel Bike Trail within the City's jurisdiction.

The San Gabriel River Trail Signage Improvements will complement the Azusa Rockery & Geology Park. The San Gabriel River Trail Signage Improvements will provide an expansion upon the Azusa Geological Park and improvements will be made past the park along the San Gabriel River Trail from Lario Park to the current trail-end in San Gabriel Canyon, as well as along the Todd Avenue access route from Sierra Madre Avenue to the San Gabriel River Trail

The Azusa Rockery & Geology Park links programmatically and physically via the San Gabriel River Trail to other nearby venues including the Azusa River Wilderness Park, Forest Gateway, and Lario Park. This segment of the San Gabriel River Trail currently has a variety of sign styles and inconsistencies with the adopted San Gabriel River Trail Signage Guidelines. The SGR Trail Signage Improvements allows for this segment of the bike trail uniformity and consistency with the San Gabriel River Trail Signage Guidelines.

Currently, the CRC is well underway in hiring a contract to complete installation of the wayfinding and interpretive signage along the San Gabriel River Trail between its current end in San Gabriel Canyon and just above Lario Park, as well as wayfinding and interpretive signage improvements along the Todd Avenue and within the Azusa Rockery & Geology Park. All remaining wayfinding and interpretive signage is anticipated for fabrication, installation, and grant closeout by September 30, 2016. Please see Exhibit A for the request to extend the timeline and the revised timeline.

FISCAL INFORMATION: This item has no fiscal impact and the total cost of development for the San Gabriel River Trail Signage Improvements will not exceed \$100,000 (RMC12002).

Although initial funding for this project is proposed to be allocated from Proposition 84, it may be necessary to amend the funding source in order to maximize the availability of cash from the sale of bond funds or to address the potential reversion of funds from the initial source. Therefore, the Executive Officer may designate any of the following funding sources for this project: California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) and/or the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), and/or the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: This grant was initially authorized by the RMC on January 28, 2013, as specified in Resolution 2013-01.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA RESOURCE CONNECTIONS, INC. TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS (RMC12002).

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

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Park Bond Act Proposition 40) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The Applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the grant is consistent with the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), which provides funds for the RMC grant program.

- 3. APPROVES a grant amendment to the California Resource Connections, Inc. to extend the timeline for the San Gabriel River Signage Improvements through September 30, 2016 (RMC12002).
- 4. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 23, 2016.

~ End of Resolution ~

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY on May 23, 2016.

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General