

DATE: May 23, 2016

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 9: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant to the Aquarium of the Pacific for the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvement Project (RMC15115).

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributary Program

PROJECT TYPE: Development

JURISDICTION: City of Long Beach

PROJECT MANAGER: Luz Quinnell

RECOMMENDATION: That the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) authorize a grant in the amount of \$358,600 to the Aquarium of the Pacific for the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvement Project with a performance period from June 1, 2016 through June 1, 2017 (RMC15115).

Project:	Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvement Project (RMC 15115)	
Applicant:	Aquarium of the Pacific	
Program area:	Rivers and Tributaries	
Amount requested:	\$358,600	
Amount recommended for funding:	\$358,600	
PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY	Project Score	Total Possible Points
1. Access Value	10	10
2. Cultural or Historic Resource Value	0	3
3. Educational / Interpretive Value	5	5
4. Habitat Value	15	21
5. Matching Funds	5	10
6. Public Health Value	10	12
7. Recreational Resource Value	10	13
8. Restoration Resource Value	0	3
9. Scenic Resource Value	2	2
10. Stakeholders / Partners Resource Value	4	4
11. Stewardship and Management Plan Value	5	5
12. Sustainability Value	3	6
13. Trails / Multi-use Trails	5	5
14. Urban Land Value	15	23
15. Water Resource and Quality Value	9	15
<u>TOTAL POINTS</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>137</u>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Aquarium of the Pacific (Aquarium) proposes improvements to the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom, these improvements will include improvements to the methods by which information is delivered including additions of digital displays, enriching the aesthetic qualities of the area, making connections to the new Butterfly Garden and Steelhead Exhibit, redesigning interpretative signage, and upgrading and expanding the capacity of the Watershed Classroom.

BACKGROUND: The Aquarium submitted a grant proposal to the RMC for their proposed Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvement Project which will expand and improve engaging opportunities for the Aquarium's nearly 1.6 million annual visitors, please see Exhibit A for the complete grant proposal. The Aquarium proposes improvements to their existing Watershed Exhibit and Classroom which includes installing new digital exhibits which will be dynamic and have a greater appeal to younger visitors. The improvements will also include a more inviting and comfortable space and lend more opportunities for engagement and learning. An upgraded classroom will allow the Aquarium to serve a greater number of people while also enhancing the effectiveness of the Aquarium's educational programs.

The Aquarium in consultation with Kevin Wattier, retired general manager of the Long Beach Water Department will design, fabricate, and install enhancements to the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom. The design for the upgrades and additional exhibit components will begin this summer and with installation and completion by spring 2017.

The newly enhanced Watershed Exhibit and Classroom will provide a comprehensive platform where visitors can gain a greater understanding of the importance of watershed health and the impacts of water use on their local communities and native species. The overall goal of the exhibit is to build broad awareness and understanding of the water challenges in our region and create willingness in our visitors to make and sustain necessary changes in their daily lives for long-term water conservation. The improvements to the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom and to achieve the stated goal above, the project elements will include the following:

1. **Update existing interpretive signage and add new watershed signage and exhibits**
All text will be updated to reflect the latest information for the new interpretive signage, several outdated interpretive signage will be removed, and one or more will be moved to reinforce the storyline along the visitor path. Additionally, digital signage will be included in order to capture more visitors who rely on digital delivery. The Aquarium proposes to add monitors and interactives modules with one monitor illustrating near real-time data, such as the California Drought Monitor and a second monitor will be added to illustrate a short (90 second) pre-recorded video describing southern California's water, where it comes from, prospects for the future, and how to bring demand into alignment with decreasing supply.
2. **Enhance and expand the capacity of the Watershed Classroom**
The Watershed Classroom is used extensively for school programs, adult education classes, teacher workshops, trainings for VolunTEENs and staff, ocean and conservation-themed regional and national forums, and various other meetings for community groups and Aquarium partners. More than 33,500 students, teachers, and community members have been educated in the space since it opened in 2008.

Because the Watershed classroom is used so broadly and the average audience continues to grow, the physical capacity of the building and the existing technical equipment are reaching their limits. The upgrades will enhance the overall quality of the learning experience in the classroom, increasing visibility and acoustics of presentations from all areas in the room. To be as cost effective as possible without altering the structure of the building, the layout of the room will be changed to expand the seating capacity, from 40 to 50.

3. Enhance the aesthetics of the Watershed Area

The Aquarium proposes to make the entire Watershed Exhibit area an even more inviting and comfortable space to allow visitors with more opportunities to engage and educate. Since the watershed exhibit was created, the Aquarium has added a butterfly garden to the area that is popular with visitors. In addition, the *Southern California Steelhead Story* Exhibit (Steelhead Exhibit) was opened in May 2014 and nearly every visitor to this area engages with both the Watershed Exhibit and the Steelhead Exhibit. The Aquarium proposes to include improved and additional signage making the environmental connections between the two exhibits more compelling. The Steelhead Exhibit was installed with several large trees which made the entire watershed area much more inviting, and as a result, it now attracts many more visitors. In addition, the Aquarium would enhance the ambience even further by adding two additional mature trees, a crushed granite pathway leading to two park benches in the corner of the area just south of the of the Watershed Exhibit, and a connecting path between the Watershed Exhibit and Steelhead Exhibit.

URGENCY CRITERIA: The Urgency Criteria as adopted on January 22, 2007 requires approval if one or more of the following is satisfied:

1. A delay in recommending the action will result in loss of a matching funds opportunity.
2. A delay in recommending the action will result in a lost opportunity for projects which are already part of a RMC programmatic objective.
3. A delay in recommending the action will result in a lost opportunity to apply for other funds to promote RMCs' programmatic and policy objectives.

This grant proposal meets the urgency criteria given a delay in funding will result in a lost opportunity for the Aquarium which is already a part of a RMC programmatic objective; in addition, a delay in funding would also result in the Aquarium loss of matching funds totaling \$118,000. The Aquarium will provide a total of \$118,000 in matching funds and more importantly the Aquarium has the necessary expertise and technical staff to complete the project within budget and in a timely manner. In addition, the grant proposal scored a total of 98 points, further indicating the grant proposal exceeds the RMC's guiding principles based on its goals, objectives, timeline, and ability to complete the project. The grant proposal is ready for implementation given the design and constructions documents are 50% complete and development of the project would begin immediately after the grant is authorized, please see Exhibits B and C: Budget, Tasklist and Timeline.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The funding for this project will utilize Proposition 84 grant funds. The Aquarium of the Pacific is requesting a total grant amount not to exceed \$358,600 for the improvements to the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom. The total cost for this grant proposal is \$476,600 with total matching funds from the Aquarium of the Pacific in the amount of \$118,000.

See the attached, Exhibit A: Grant Proposal, Exhibit B: Budget; Exhibit C: Tasklist and Timeline, and Exhibit D: Draft Project Design.

Funding for this project will be allocated from the following Proposition 84 allocations.

75050. The sum of nine hundred twenty eight million dollars (\$928,000,000) shall be available for the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water, and other natural resources in accordance with the following schedule:...(g) The sum of seventy two million dollars (\$72,000,000) shall be available for projects within the watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers according to the following schedule: (1) \$36,000,000 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600).....

75060. The sum of five hundred forty million dollars (\$540,000,000) shall be available for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state, in accordance with the following schedule:.... (3) To the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.....\$15,000,000.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:

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

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

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

- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

Section 32614.5:

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

(b) Grants to nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of real property or interests in real property shall be subject to all of the following conditions:

(1) The purchase price of any interest in land acquired by the nonprofit organization may not exceed fair market value as established by an appraisal approved by the conservancy.

(2) The conservancy approves the terms under which the interest in land is acquired.

(3) The interest in land acquired pursuant to a grant from the conservancy may not be used as security for any debt incurred by the nonprofit organization unless the conservancy approves the transaction.

(4) The transfer of land acquired pursuant to a grant shall be subject to the approval of the conservancy and the execution of an agreement between the conservancy and the transferee sufficient to protect the interests of the state.

(5) The state shall have a right of entry and power of termination in and over all interests in real property acquired with state funds, which may be exercised if any essential term or condition of the grant is violated.

(6) If the existence of the nonprofit organization is terminated for any reason, title to all interest in real property acquired with state funds shall immediately vest in the state, except that, prior to that termination, another public agency or nonprofit organization may receive title to all or a portion of that interest in real property, by recording its acceptance of title, together with the conservancy's approval, in writing.

(c) Any deed or other instrument of conveyance whereby real property is acquired by a nonprofit organization pursuant to this section shall be recorded and shall set forth the executory interest or right of entry on the part of the state.

Staff recommends funding in the amount of \$358,600 to the Aquarium of the Pacific for the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvement, since it exceeds the RMC's guiding principles based on its goals, objectives, timeline, and ability to complete the project.

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Exhibit A: Grant Proposal

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Complete Project Description

The Aquarium of the Pacific (Aquarium) proposes to enhance its Watershed Exhibit and Classroom, a project originally funded by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) in 2003 and 2007. Enhancing the entire watershed area at the Aquarium will include updating information, redesigning signage and the methods of information delivery to include digital displays, enriching the aesthetic qualities of the area, making connections to the new Butterfly Garden and Steelhead Exhibit, and upgrading and expanding the capacity of the Watershed Classroom.

The proposed Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvement Project (project) will expand opportunities for better engagement with the Aquarium's nearly 1.6 million annual visitors, including thousands of disadvantaged youth. The new digital exhibits will be dynamic and timely and have greater appeal to younger visitors. A more inviting and comfortable space will increase visitors' "stay time" and lend more opportunities for engagement and learning. An upgraded classroom will allow the Aquarium to serve a greater number of people while also enhancing the effectiveness of our various educational programs offered in that space.

Statement of Need

With earlier funding from the RMC (2003 and 2007), the Aquarium developed and installed the existing Watershed Exhibit, comprised of a large interactive watershed table and signage describing the major water issues confronting Southern California at that time. RMC support was instrumental in conceptualizing the Watershed Classroom, Long Beach's first LEED Platinum building, and the gathering place for Aquarium classes on Southern California's waters, both freshwater and sea water. The classroom and the contiguous exhibit have been a vitally important part of the Aquarium's educational programming, both formal and informal, ever since. Over the past seven years, on average 1.5 million people visited the exhibit every year and countless students, teachers, and community members participated in classes both in person and remotely.

The need for public education about our water and the roles of watersheds is perhaps more important than ever. Much of the success of regional efforts to manage water stems from management at the watershed level. Watersheds connect human activities on land to the underlying groundwater and to the ocean. Watersheds are integrators and conveyors of water and a variety of materials, both natural and anthropogenic, to the groundwater and to the ocean. One of the challenges for the future is to capture more of the water that falls on watersheds and prevent run-off into the ocean either by storing it in reservoirs or by transferring it to the groundwater. Another challenge is to capture debris before it reaches the ocean. Since litter and debris is primarily a human behavioral problem, awareness will play a major role in managing it. Booms and other engineering devices are important, but can accomplish only so much.

After the watershed exhibit and informational signage were developed, the situation with water in southern California, and indeed in all of California, has become extremely dire. California is entering the fifth consecutive year of a prolonged drought. Forecasts are that the entire southwest will become drier, and predictions of reduced water imports from both Northern California and the Colorado River - that now account for 70 percent of all the water used in the region - threaten our way of life. Living with the "new water normal" will be a challenge, but one that can be met. An educated public will be key in understanding the need for change and in creating willingness to make and sustain those changes.

Support from the RMC positioned the Aquarium to be a leader in informal public education about southern California's water issues for more than a decade. We now seek your support so we can continue to engage the public in major challenges and opportunities we face in an uncertain water future.

Description of Audience and Geographic Area Served

The Aquarium is currently the fourth-most attended aquarium in the nation with 1.6 million annual visitors. As one of Southern California's most popular cultural and informal science facilities, the Aquarium continues to serve a diverse audience, representative of the surrounding region. In 2015, 72.5 percent of our visitors were from Southern California (including 34.5 percent from Los Angeles County and 10.5 percent from Orange County), 52 percent had a household income of \$60,000 or less, and 61 percent identified themselves as Hispanic, Asian, African American, or other ethnicities.

The Aquarium is in the Prop 1 Urban Target Project Area and serves the populations of that designation. Specifically, the Aquarium serves the most disadvantaged students in the Long Beach region with our highest school attendance coming from the zip codes 90805 and 90813 (see attached map showing school attendance by zip code). The areas of Long Beach with high pollution burdens, high population characteristics, and high total CalEnviroScreen Scores are 90805, 90810, 90813, and 90806 (see attached map).

In order to ensure access to all segments of our community, the Aquarium offers free and reduced-price evening events, discounts for active military and WIC recipients, and vouchers at local libraries. Free admission and education programs are provided to approximately 30,000 Title I underserved students from throughout the greater Los Angeles (five county) area every year. Schools qualify for free admission when 40 percent or more of the student population qualifies for Free and Reduced Price Meals.

Description of Goals and Objectives

In consultation with Kevin Wattier, retired general manager of the Long Beach Water Department, the Aquarium will design, fabricate, and install enhancements to the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom, a permanent outdoor exhibit and associated indoor classroom space. Design for the upgrades and additional exhibit components will begin in summer 2016 with installation completed by spring 2017. The newly enhanced exhibit will provide a comprehensive platform where visitors can gain a greater understanding of the importance of watershed health and the impacts of water use on local communities and native species.

The overall goal of the exhibit is to build broad awareness and understanding of the water challenges in our region and create willingness in our visitors to make and sustain necessary changes in their daily lives for long-term water conservation. To achieve this goal, the exhibit and related programming will consist of several objectives:

- ◆ Update existing signage and add new signage and exhibit components at the Watershed Exhibit
- ◆ Enhance and expand the capacity of the Watershed Classroom
- ◆ Enhance the aesthetics of the surrounding Watershed area

1. Update existing signage and add new watershed signage and exhibits

All text will be updated to reflect the latest information and new signage will be created. Several new signs will be added, several will be removed, and one or more will be moved to reinforce the storyline along the visitor path.

We will also enhance the ways in which the messages are delivered to capture more visitors who rely on digital delivery to get their information. We will do this by adding monitors and interactives. One monitor will be added to allow us to show data and information in near real-time, such as the California Drought Monitor. A second monitor will be added to show a short (90 second) pre-recorded video describing southern California's water, where it comes from, prospects for the future, and how to bring demand into alignment with decreasing supply. The video will be updated at least annually and more frequently if necessary to remain current and relevant.

Perhaps the greatest opportunity for urban areas in southern California to conserve water is the conversion of traditional lawns to native, drought-tolerant vegetation. Through Kevin Wattier's leadership, Long Beach set the example for the State, yet residents have still converted only about 3 percent of its lawns. The Aquarium proposes adding an important new interactive exhibit that will demonstrate the water savings associated with lawn conversion. By demonstrating the beauty of drought tolerant landscaping, and making the concept less onerous, the visitor will be able to see the advantages of making the change. The Aquarium will approach this in the following ways.

- ◆ Beautify the current Watershed area, which is already landscaped with California Native vegetation, indigenous to the local area.
- ◆ Create a small seating area (as further described in section 3).
- ◆ Create an interactive exhibit: one section will have a conventional lawn, the other California Native vegetation. Each will allow the visitor to water the landscaping and determine the dramatic difference in the amounts of water needed to keep both healthy and attractive over the course of a year.

2. Enhance and expand the capacity of the Watershed Classroom

The Watershed Classroom is used extensively for school programs, adult education classes, teacher workshops, trainings for VolunTEENs and staff, ocean and conservation-themed regional and national forums, and various other meetings for community groups and Aquarium partners. More than 33,500 students, teachers, and community members have been educated in the space since it opened in 2008. Because the Watershed classroom is used so broadly and the average audience continues to grow, the physical capacity of the building and the existing technical equipment are reaching their limits.

The upgrades will enhance the overall quality of the learning experience in the classroom, increasing visibility and acoustics of presentations from all areas in the room. To be as cost effective as possible without altering the structure of the building, the layout of the room will be changed to expand the seating capacity, from 40 to 50.

3. Enhance the aesthetics of the Watershed Area

We want to make the entire area even more inviting and comfortable so people will stay in the area longer and provide us with more opportunities to engage and educate them.

Since the watershed exhibit was created, the Aquarium has added a butterfly garden to the area that is popular with visitors. We will add signage about milkweed and Monarch butterflies to this section.

The *Southern California Steelhead Story* Exhibit (Steelhead Exhibit) was opened in May 2014, next to the Watershed Exhibit. Nearly every visitor to this area engages with both the Watershed Exhibit and the Steelhead Exhibit. The connections between the watershed and the steelhead are clear scientifically, but not necessarily to the public. Southern steelhead are anadromous fish in the salmonid family that spend part of their life cycle in the ocean and part in the upper reaches of rivers. This highly adapted species is acclimated to the seasonally dry streams and warmer water temperatures found in Southern California. However, impacts from dams and water diversions, urban development, habitat degradation and loss, and the introduction of invasive species have decimated steelhead populations. The National Marine Fisheries Service listed southern steelhead as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act in 1997. We will add signage making the environmental connections between the two exhibits more compelling.

When the Steelhead Exhibit was installed, several large trees were also added, which made the entire watershed area much more inviting, and as a result, it now attracts many more visitors. We would like to enhance the ambience even further by adding two additional mature trees, a crushed granite pathway leading to two park benches in the corner of the area just south of the Watershed Exhibit, and a connecting path between the Watershed Exhibit and Steelhead Exhibit.

Monitoring and Assessment Plan

The Monitoring and Assessment Plan will provide a monitoring program that will measure how well the Aquarium is meeting its goals and objectives to fulfill its responsibility to implement the process of the proposed project. In addition to the Aquarium's resources, Kevin Wattier, retired general manager of the Long Beach Water Department, will assess and monitor the progress of the project during major milestone completions.

In addition, an external evaluator will conduct a summative exhibit evaluation to measure the extent to which the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom improvements and enhancements achieved its target goals for visitor experience and learning. Structured pre and post interviews will be conducted with visitors, and the evaluator will complete quantitative and qualitative analysis and reporting.

Organizational Capacity

Opened to the public in 1998, the Aquarium of the Pacific has become the key voice and storyteller for the Pacific Ocean, with a mission to *instill a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems*. Beyond our world-class animal exhibits, the Aquarium offers programs for people of all ages, from hands-on activities for children to an annual series of lectures by leading scientists for adults. Through these programs and a variety of engaging multimedia experiences, the Aquarium provides opportunities to delve deeper into the ocean while making complex scientific topics relevant and accessible to the diverse population of Southern California. The Aquarium is also involved in numerous conservation efforts that take the needs of both people and nature into account, including sustainable seafood, urban ocean planning, climate change, water resources, ocean exploration, and more. All of these activities serve our vision to create an aquarium dedicated to conserving and building natural capital (nature and nature's services) by building social capital (the interactions between and among peoples).

Over the past several years, the Aquarium's development team has focused specifically on generating new support for the Aquarium's various education and conservation initiatives as demand continues to grow for our programs. Our efforts have resulted in more than twenty new corporate and foundation

funders and many new and promising relationships, and we continue to dedicate resources to expanding our network and sources of support.

Regarding this proposed project, once completed, the exhibit enhancements will be part of the Aquarium's permanent collection. The costs associated with maintaining the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom will be incorporated into the annual operating budget of the Aquarium.

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CalEnviroScreen Analysis of City of Long Beach

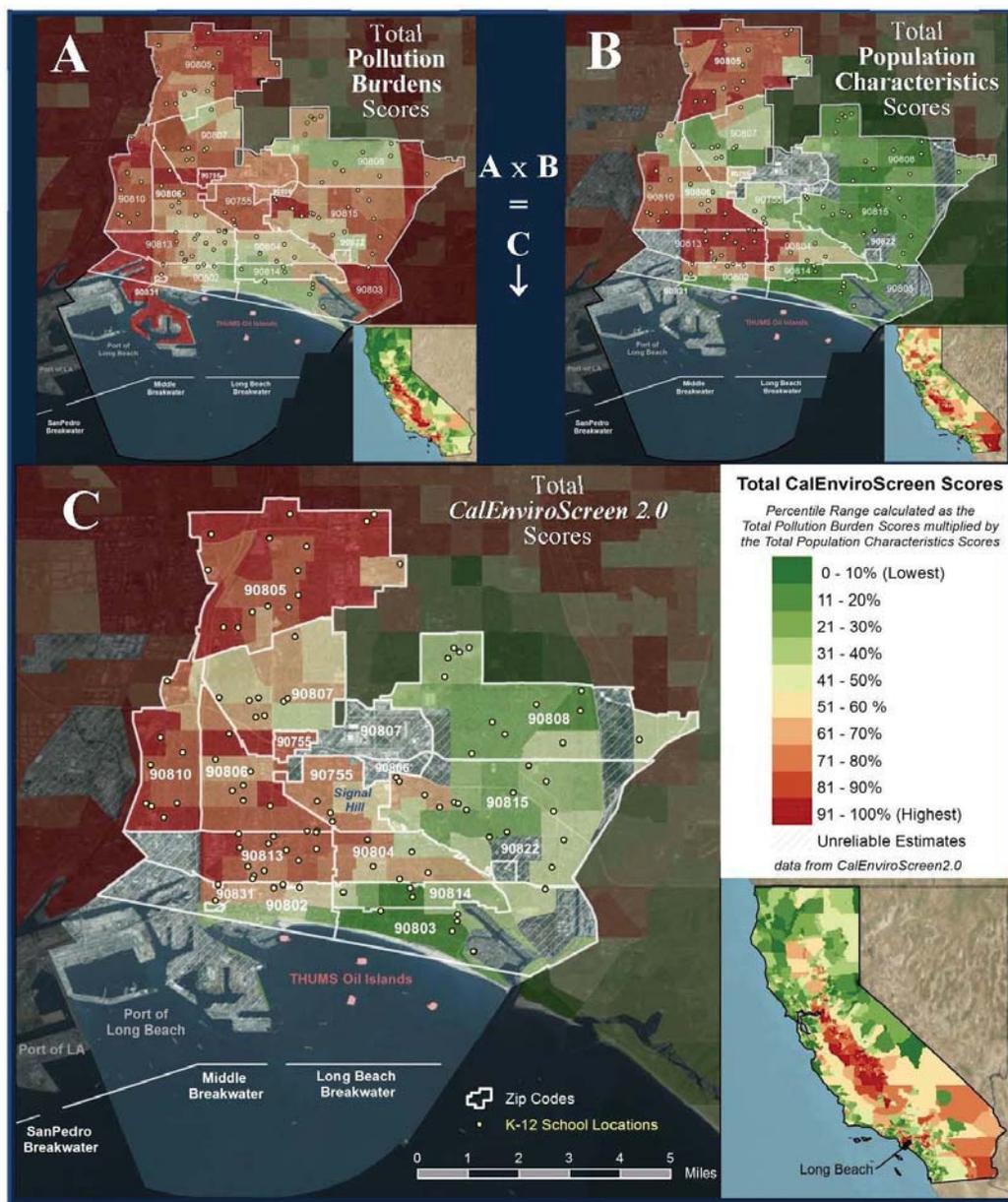


Figure. CalEnviroScreen 2.0 scores for census tracts across California. (A) Total Pollution Burden Scores, based on the average percentiles of 7 Exposure Indicators (Ozone concentrations, Particulate Matter $\leq 2.5\mu m^3$, Diesel PM, emissions, Pesticide use, Toxic Releases, Traffic Density, and Drinking Water Contaminants) and 5 Environmental Effects Indicators (Cleanup sites, Groundwater Threats, Hazardous Waste, Impaired Water Bodies, and Solid Waste). (B) Total Population Characteristics Scores, based on the average percentiles of 3 Sensitive Population Indicators (High Risk Age Groups, Asthma, and Low Birth Weights) and 4 Socioeconomic Factor Indicators (High School Education, Linguistic Isolation, Poverty, and Unemployment). (C) Total CalEnviroScreen Scores, based on the percentile range of the Total Pollution Burden Scores multiplied by the Total Population Scores. Note: the above maps are based on data from CalEnviroScreen 2.0 (OEHHA 2014)

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School Attendance to the Aquarium by City of Long Beach Zip Code in 2012

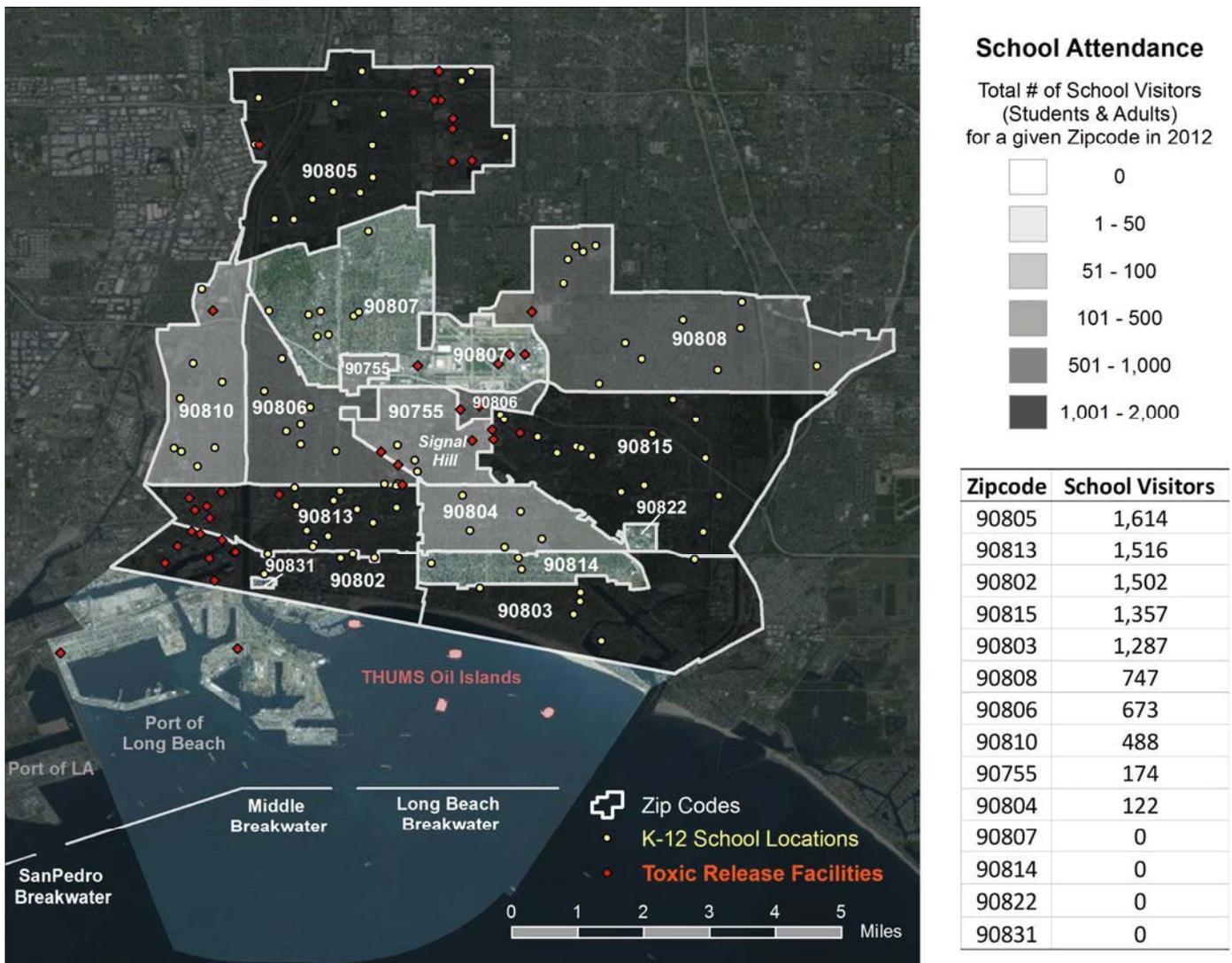


Exhibit B: Budget

Grantee: Aquarium of the Pacific

Project Name: Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvement Project

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RMC Total Budget Request: \$358,600

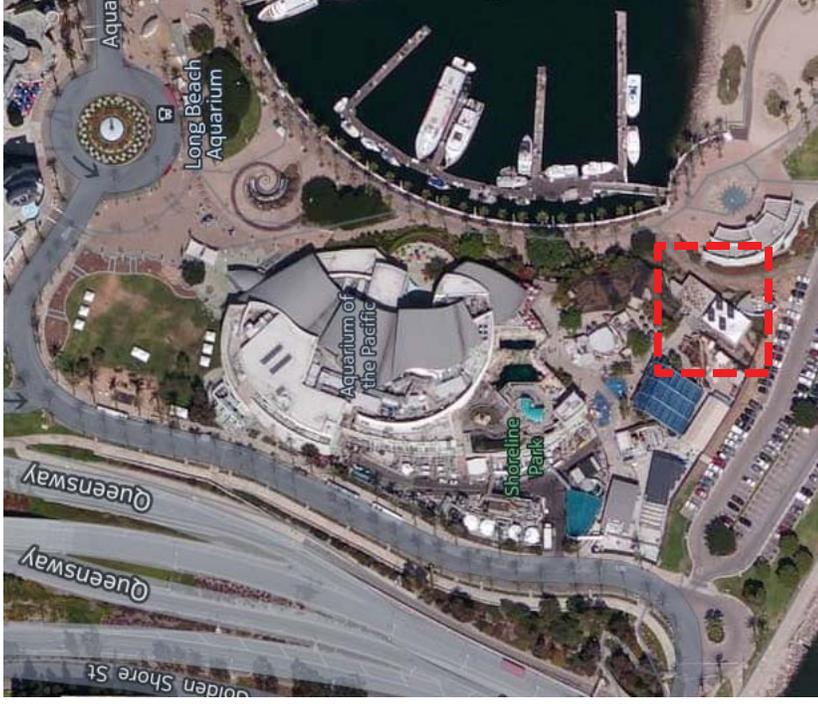
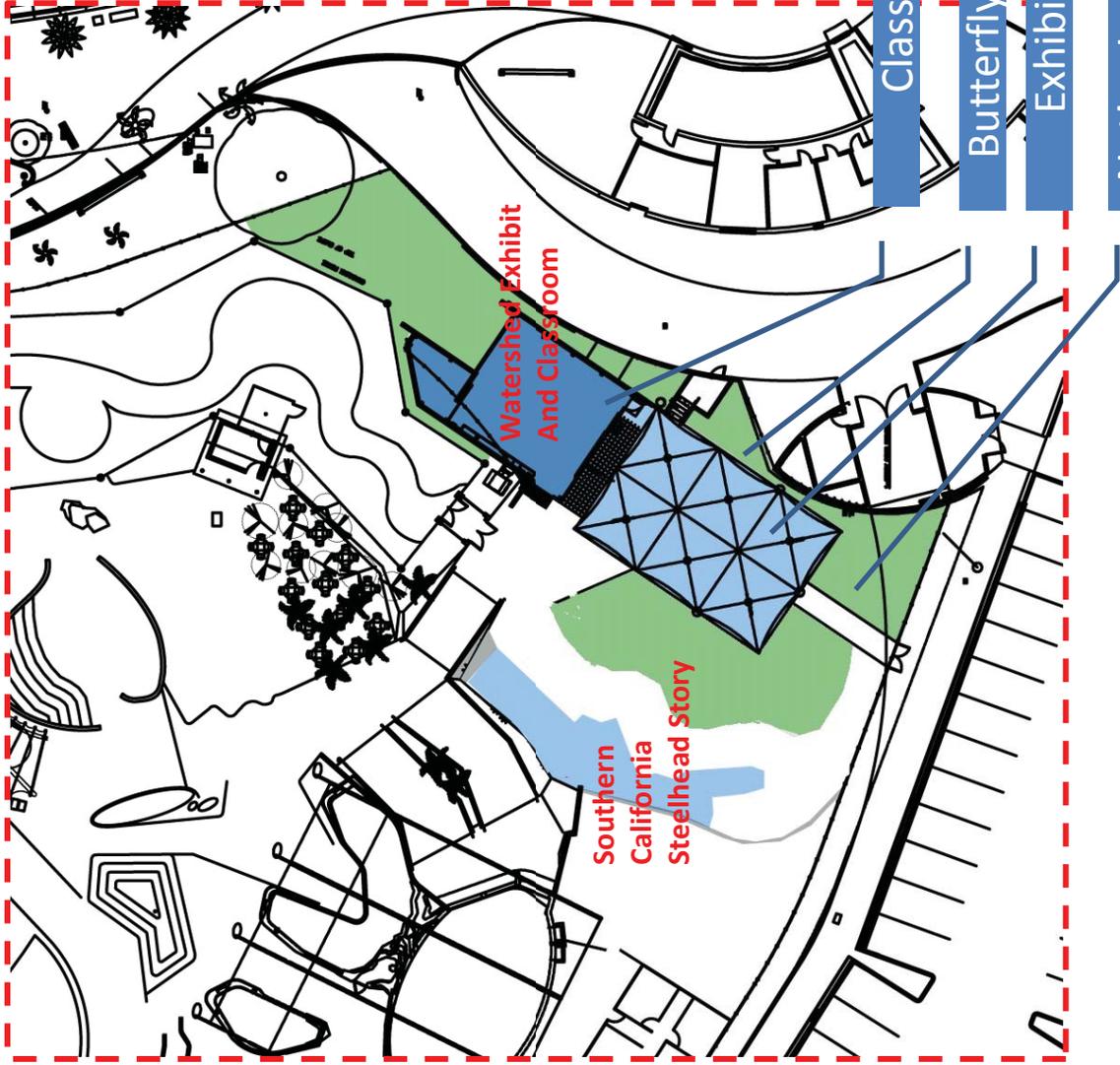
No.	Work Plan Task Number and Name	Cost Per Task	RMC Budget	Matching Funds (Aquarium of the Pacific)	In-Kind Funds (Aquarium of the Pacific)
1	Task #1: Exhibit Design Fees	75,000	50,000	25,000	-
2	Task #2: Exhibit Build				
3	2a. Science technical consultants	2,000	-	2,000	-
4	2b. Exhibit script and content	5,000	-	-	5,000
5	2c. AV content	17,000	5,000	5,000	7,000
6	2d. Interactive exhibits	120,000	100,000	20,000	-
7	2e. Monitors and stands	30,000	22,000	8,000	-
8	2f. Exhibit signage	50,000	50,000	-	-
9	Task #3: Classroom Upgrades				
10	3a. AV system	50,000	35,000	15,000	-
11	3b. Acoustical and shading treatments	15,000	10,000	5,000	-
12	3d. Reconfiguration of room	15,000	15,000	-	-
13	Task #4: Landscape Enhancements				
14	4a. Signage	4,000	3,000	1,000	-
15	4b. Landscaping costs	25,000	15,000	10,000	-
16	4c. Furniture	5,000	5,000	-	-
17	Task #5: Signage for Prop 1	1,000	1,000	-	-
18	Task #6: Evaluations	15,000	15,000	-	-
19	Task #7: Project Management	15,000	-	-	15,000
20	CONTINGENCY (10%)	32,600	32,600	-	-
	TOTAL FUNDED	\$ 476,600	\$ 358,600	\$ 91,000	\$ 27,000

Exhibit D: Draft Project Design

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Site Plan

Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvement Project



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RESOLUTION 2016-10

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC FOR THE WATERSHED EXHIBIT AND CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RMC15115).

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

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

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

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

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. AUTHORIZES a grant in the amount of \$358,600 to the Aquarium of the Pacific for the Watershed Exhibit and Classroom Improvement Project with a performance period from June 1, 2016 through June 1, 2017 (RMC15115).
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