

**DATE:** July 25, 2016

**TO:** RMC Governing Board

**FROM:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Item 8: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1, Tier 1 and Tier 2 Grant Recommendations.

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**PROGRAM AREA:** All

**RECOMMENDATION:** The RMC authorize the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Proposition 1 Tier 1 and Tier 2 Grant Recommendations.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 28, 2016 the RMC approved grant program guidelines which provided for project applications to be submitted for funding consideration. The timeline shown below is a summary of the schedule for action on the grant program.

<b>Current Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
July 23, 27, 28 & 30, 2015	Public Workshops, Review of Grant Program Guidelines & Public Comments
July 10-August 14, 2015	Public Comment Period
August 14-22, 2015	Revisions to Guidelines
August 24, 2015	Submit Guidelines to Natural Resources- Final Review
September 28, 2015	RMC Board approval for Guidelines
October-December 2015	Assemble Project Review Teams and Develop Grant Agreement
September 28-December 16, 2015	Call for Projects Phase
December 16, 2015	Due Date of RMC Grant Proposals
January 4, 2016	NEW Due Date for RMC Grant Proposals
January 25, 2016	RMC Board approved review of 44 Grant applications
February - March 2016	Staff Review of Grant applications
March 2016	RMC Board: Prop. 1 Grant Program Update
April 2016	Notice to Grant Applicants of Project Status
May 23, 2016	Recommendations for Board Consideration-Tier 1 Projects
May 2016-July 2016	RMC Staff review Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects for funding recommendations

The process used by staff to review the grant proposals were to distribute the grant proposals to the lead Project Manager who scored each grant proposal with their team according to their Geographic Program Areas (according to the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines, Section 3.1, September 2015):

“To facilitate the comparison and aggregation of similar projects and assure that funds are available for a wide range of projects, these grant funds will be applied to three program areas that can be described in geographic terms:

1. Urban Lands

2. River/Tributary Parkways
3. Mountains, Hills, and Foothills

At the May 23<sup>rd</sup> RMC Board meeting, RMC Staff was directed to contact Tier 2 project applicants which were not being recommended for funding to determine which projects could be further vetted to determine a funding award. RMC Staff contacted a total of 10 applicants with scores below the 85 point threshold, which was the points necessary for a funding recommendation as a Tier 1 project. This point threshold was approved by the Board at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting in the report which stated:

“All grant proposals are being evaluated using the Project Evaluation Criteria (PEC), see attached Exhibit 1-Project Evaluation Criteria. This PEC has a total score of 133 for the Urban Land Program Area, a total score of 133 for the Rivers/Tributaries Program Area and 123 for the Mountains/Foothills Program Area. **In order to be considered a competitive grant proposal, RMC staff anticipate that grantees must obtain a target score of at least 85 or higher to be considered for funding.** Once all grant applications have been evaluated and scored, RMC Staff will provide the scoring breakdown of each application, as well as a recommendation for full or partial funding. (RMC Board Meeting, Item 8, March 23, 2016)

Following the direction by the RMC Board at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, RMC staff contacted Tier 1 and Tier 2 project applicants to determine if the project could receive funding and to receive project updates including:

- A. CEQA Compliance/ Partnership Agreements;
- B. Status of Site Control/Acquisition;
- C. Changes to the Budget or Timeline;
- D. Other significant factors that may have changed since grant submission on January 4, 2016.

Project applicants met with RMC Staff to address these items and provide any additional updates to determine if a project applicant could reach a score of 85 or above. Meetings were scheduled with Tier 1 applicants on June 15 and June 16 at the RMC Offices of El Encanto in Azusa:

1. Phil and Nell Soto Park, City of Pomona (\$2,000,000).
2. Bassett High School campus Green Infrastructure Project, Amigos de los Rios (\$652,520)
3. Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo & Peck Water Conservation, Amigos de los Rios (\$617,385)
4. West Coyote Hills Open Space Acquisition, City of Fullerton (\$2,000,000)
5. View Park and Recycled Water System, City of Signal Hill (\$2,000,000)
6. Planning for the Urban Orchard (South Gate), Trust for Public Land (\$845,000)
7. Slauson Wall Park Development (South LA), Trust for Public Land (\$1,000,000)
8. Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Conservation Center, Watershed Conservation Authority (\$891,200)
9. River Wilderness Park Arroyos Development, Watershed Conservation Authority (\$1,590,000)
10. San Gabriel River Wetland Restoration Development Project, San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority (\$541,384)
11. San Gabriel River Wetland Restoration Wilderness Park Restoration Project, City of Downey (\$1,660,000)

12. Watts Green Streets Phase II Water Quality Improvement & Urban Greening Infrastructure, Grant Housing EDC (\$750,000)

After meeting with these project applicants, it was determined that certain projects receive the following funding recommendations:

- **River Wilderness Park Arroyos Development, Watershed Conservation Authority.** Recommend that the project proponent seek additional matching funds since the funding request will not result in a completed project. Reduced funding amount to \$1,000,000 instead of the full \$1,590,000 request.
- **Phil and Nell Soto Park, City of Pomona.** Recommend that the project proponent seek additional matching funds from Proposition A, through the 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District. Recommend a partial grant amount of \$1,000,000 instead of the full \$2,000,000 being requested.
- **Watts Green Streets Phase II Water Quality Improvement & Urban Greening Infrastructure, Grant Housing EDC.** Recommend that the project proponent reduce the scope of the work to focus on key elements that can be completed with a reduced grant amount of \$450,000 instead of the full request of \$750,000.
- **City of Downey, the San Gabriel River and Wilderness Park Restoration Project** should be revised and re-submitted for a future grant round. The project elements did not fit adequately with the Proposition 1 criteria and funding would be used to address maintenance upgrades at the park. The water used for the park is potable water and did not result in a recycling water element or reduced dependence on imported water. Additionally, the proposed elements of fishing and did not seem to be compatible with long-term sustainable elements for a healthy ecosystem. Project applicant will be advised to revise their proposal and resubmit for an upcoming funding cycle or other funding opportunities available suitable to these recreational elements. No funding recommendation for this project at this time.

Meetings were also scheduled with Tier 2 applicants on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the RMC Offices of El Encanto in Azusa:

13. Municipal Urban Storm Water Treatment (MUST), City of Long Beach (\$2,000,000)
14. Walnut Creek Nature Park Restoration Project, City of Baldwin Park (\$723,100)
15. Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve Canyon Park Watershed Restoration Project, City of Monrovia (\$942,640)
16. Lynwood Park Infiltration, Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Project, City of Lynwood (\$1,692,575)
17. Cal State Fullerton Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure Improvement Project, Cal State Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corporation (\$1,000,000)
18. Colorado Lagoon Urban Buffer Enhancement and Access Planning, Friends of Colorado Lagoon (\$253,000)
19. Recycled Water Campus San Gabriel River Parkway, Water Replenishment District (\$2,000,000)
20. Long Range Water Conservation and Parks Plan, City of Cudahy (\$293,000)
21. Recycled Water Development Project, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (\$1,000,000)

22. Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project, County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Works (268,500)

After meeting with these project applicants, it was determined that four (4) of these projects should be considered for full or partial funding:

- **Cal State Fullerton Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure Improvement Project.** The project demonstrates a strong commitment to Proposition 1 goals and principles and seeks to create an extensive system of urban creeks and greenways within the campus. The project will have significant impact on the adjacent Fullerton Creek and beyond. Funding recommendation for the \$1,000,000 grant request which will complete the project being proposed.
- **Recycled Water Campus San Gabriel River Parkway, Water Replenishment District.** The project is part of the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP) which is fully funded and will be ready for groundbreaking estimated sometime in October 2016. The project will create 20-30 jobs for both construction and operations, exhibits a strong commitment to the Proposition 1 goals of reducing our dependence on imported water. In addition, the community outreach components were very strong and the design is reflective of that outreach. Partial funding recommendation in the amount of \$1,000,000 of the \$2,000,000 being requested.
- **Water Conservation and Parks Plan: City of Cudahy.** This planning grant has a strong Environmental Justice element, consistent with the RMC's goals and mission. City is proposing the inclusion of a Water Infrastructure Master Plan, RMC staff will encourage the inclusion of a "Water Element" as part of the city's general plan, and changes to the timeline for completion within one (1) year. This project is considered a high impact planning grant. Funding recommendation for the \$293,000 grant request which will complete this Water Conservation and Parks Plan.
- **Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works.** This proposal has a significant water diversion element which will result in a quantifiable water savings component, modeled after similar efforts in the City and County of Los Angeles. Water conservation achieved and stormwater volumes captured, treated, and infiltrated will also reduce dependence on imported water supplies. It is estimated that the proposed 30 parkway basins will capture and infiltrate approximately 9 Acre feet of water/Year (AFY) and conserve approximately 1AFY. The project also has a strong "neighborhood level" community element, which will result in critical public/private partnerships. There is also a 100% match by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works in the amount of \$268,500. Funding recommendation for the grant in the amount of \$268,500 which will complete the 30 parkway basins.

For full details including project descriptions, funding recommendations, scores, and additional notes regarding each of these projects, please see attached Exhibit A: Prop 1 Grant Summary. This list includes Tier 1 and Tier 2 Projects. Any other projects that are not being recommended for funding at this time are labeled Tier 3 and will not be considered for funding at this time.

Please see the attached exhibits associated with this staff report: Exhibit A: Proposition 1 Grant Summary, Exhibit B: Project Evaluation Criteria, Exhibit C: Proposition 1 Grant Program Map, and Exhibit D: Project Review Teams.

The RMC will be funding these grant projects from the \$30 million allocation that was made to the Conservancy directly from Chapter 6, Proposition 1 for competitive grants for multi-benefit ecosystem, watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities (Section 79731(f)).

RMC Project Managers aimed at prioritizing projects that meet the very specific Project Eligibility criteria identified in the grant program guidelines as follows (Section 2.7, RMC Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines, page 8):

- Grant funds may be used for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources
- Land acquisition costs may include appraisals, land improvements, relocation costs, title reports, surveying, and escrow. Land must be acquired from willing sellers and at fair market value.
- Direct expenses include project-specific management costs such as CEQA/NEPA compliance, permitting, direct project administration and management.
- Projects that have lower overhead or no overhead costs will be deemed more competitive. The RMC may cap indirect and overhead costs at 10-15% of the total project cost.
- Proposition 1 funding has limited funding available for preparation of planning documents, such as watershed plan updates, CEQA compliance documents and other planning documents. (79735(d): Up to 10 percent of the funds available pursuant to this section may be allocated for project planning).

**FISCAL INFORMATION:** The total amount being requested for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects is \$17,798,989. RMC staff is recommending an amount of \$14,908,989. This amount represents approximately half of the \$30 million made available in a direct allocation to the RMC from the Proposition 1 Water Bond. The remaining balance will be used for a future competitive grant process sometime in early 2017.

RMC Resolution 2016-05 approved review of forty four grant applications submitted for the Rivers and Mountains conservancy Proposition 1 Grant Program.

A full list of the projects that met the Tier 1 criteria is attached as Exhibit A: Proposition 1 Grant Summary and Exhibit B: Proposition 1 Grant Program Map.

Funding for these projects will be allocated from the following Proposition 1 allocations, under statute:

79731 (f): San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) and section 79735 (a) of the funds authorized by Section 79730, one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for projects to protect and enhance an urban creek, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 7048, and its tributaries pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 79508....

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:** The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 32614.5:

- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.
- (b) Grants to nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of real property or interests in real property shall be subject to all of the following conditions:
  - (1) The purchase price of any interest in land acquired by the nonprofit organization may not exceed fair market value as established by an appraisal approved by the conservancy.
  - (2) The conservancy approves the terms under which the interest in land is acquired.
  - (3) The interest in land acquired pursuant to a grant from the conservancy may not be used as security for any debt incurred by the nonprofit organization unless the conservancy approves the transaction.
  - (4) The transfer of land acquired pursuant to a grant shall be subject to the approval of the conservancy and the execution of an agreement between the conservancy and the transferee sufficient to protect the interests of the state.
  - (5) The state shall have a right of entry and power of termination in and over all interests in real property acquired with state funds, which may be exercised if any essential term or condition of the grant is violated.
  - (6) If the existence of the nonprofit organization is terminated for any reason, title to all interest in real property acquired with state funds shall immediately vest in the state, except that, prior to that termination, another public agency or nonprofit organization may receive title to all or a portion of that interest in real property, by recording its acceptance of title, together with the conservancy's approval, in writing.
- (c) Any deed or other instrument of conveyance whereby real property is acquired by a nonprofit organization pursuant to this section shall be recorded and shall set forth the executor interest or right of entry on the part of the state.

RMC Resolution 2015-19 approved guidelines consistent with the Proposition 1 bond language; RMC Resolution 2016-05 approved review of forty four grant applications submitted for the Rivers and Mountains conservancy Proposition 1 Grant Program.



Exhibit A: Proposition 1 Grant Summary

Application ID	Project Name	Applicant	Program Area	City / Unincorporated Neighborhood Name	Project Type (Planning, Development, Acquisition, etc.)	Funding Request	Recommended Funding Request	Matching Funds	Original Description	Total Score	Revised Score	Status	Additional Comments
31	San Gabriel River Wetland Restoration Development Project/Discovery Center	San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority	Rivers/ Tributaries	South El Monte	Development/Open Space/ Watershed Improvements	\$ 541,384.00	\$ 541,384.00	\$5,200,000.00	The San Gabriel River Wetland Restoration Development Project/Discovery Center is a multi-disciplinary endeavour that will enhance a unique site where watershed, ecosystems and cultural history exist in highly urbanized environment.	104.1	No Change	Tier 1	The proposed grant is well developed and site appropriate with comprehensive water quality and water conservation elements. Strong concept of habitat restoration; one of the highest scorers. Project would take full advantage of its water conservation elements as it seeks other funding sources.
33	Slauson Wall Park Development Project	Trust for Public Land	Urban	Los Angeles	Development	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	Development of a 4-acre former industrial site in South Los Angeles into the Slauson Wall Park using sustainable design principles. Project will help transform the site into a living dynamic part of the community that collects and cleans stormwater, improves air quality, and restores natural habitat while providing recreation opportunities for local residents. Located in South LA between Los Angeles and Wall Streets just south of Slauson Ave in a disadvantaged community.	101.4	No Change	Tier 1	The proposed grant is well developed and has secured \$5 million dollars in matching funds. This project has a nexus between the RMC Proposition 1 objectives and the proposed tasks/elements for water quality and water conservation elements. The Grantee has capacity to complete the project. The overall project meets the RMC Prop 1 objectives to create open space and improve recreational opportunities within a disadvantaged and park poor community. The project is also ready for implementation and has included a long-term maintenance plan.
8	Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Conservation Center	Watershed Conservation Authority	Rivers/ Tributaries	City of Industry/Unincorporated	Development/Open Space/ Watershed Improvements	\$ 891,200.00	\$ 891,200.00	\$0.00	The Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Conservation Project is a residential home which will be re-imagined as a climate adaptive landscape and water capture residential demonstration garden with educational/interpretive opportunities and recreational space.	97	No Change	Tier 1	The project will provide public access to a new area along the San Gabriel River and transform a cultural neighborhood icon into a resilient Water Resource Center for the benefit of local disadvantaged communities and to catalyze change to climate adaptive home landscape. One important value of this project is as a model for future conservation projects within the San Gabriel River watershed. The RMC is recommending the WCA seek matching funds from private, public and local municipalities in order to complete the project.
29	River Wilderness Park Arroyos Development	Watershed Conservation Authority	Rivers/ Tributaries	City of Azusa	Development/Open Space/ Watershed Improvements	\$ 1,590,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$977,000.00	River Wilderness Park: Arroyos Development is the creation of two functioning arroyos to re-establish degraded historical ephemeral streambeds	96.2	No Change	Tier 1	The proposed grant is well developed and site appropriate with comprehensive water quality and water conservation elements. The grant will restore and enhance the headwaters of the San Gabriel River. The project merits funding since long-term restoration and maintenance are included. And, since meeting with the Grantee, Staff recommends partial funding, because: (1) Grantee needs to secure additional matching funds in order to complete the project and (2) until these matching funds are secured the project cannot be fully completed. The RMC is recommending the WCA seek matching funds from private, public and local municipalities in order to complete the project.
17	Los Cerritos Wetlands Acquisition of the Bryant Properties	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Rivers/ Tributaries	Long Beach and Seal Beach	Acquisition	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$0.00	The LCWA is seeking grants funds to acquire one of the last remaining contiguous privately owned coastal wetlands known as the Bryant Properties. These properties are approximately 16.54 acres and are located in the City of Long Beach, comprised of two separate parcels, the West Parcel is located south of 2nd Street/Westminster Avenue and the East Parcel is located east of the San Gabriel River and adjacent to Zedler Marsh.	94.2	No Change	Tier 1	The community and local governments support the acquisition of the high-acreage of protected land within the San Gabriel River watershed making this project a regionally significant investment in this watershed and a good risk for durability and significance of benefits. Excellent project with important water quality elements. Project merits funding since long-term restoration and maintenance are included.
1	Bassett High School Campus Green Infrastructure Project	Amigos de Los Rios	Urban	La Puente	Planning/Development/Watershed Improvement	\$ 652,520.00	\$ 652,520.00	\$4,400.00	Proposed infrastructure retrofits will reduce water use at Bassett School Campus in La Puente by systematic turf grass reduction, planting over 1,125 native/drought tolerant trees and shrubs, enhance biodiversity and provide absorption of polluted stormwater runoff.	94	No Change	Tier 1	The proposed grant is well developed and site appropriate with comprehensive water quality and water conservation elements. A clear project that addresses a high priority need for the San Gabriel Valley. Provides for open space for a disadvantaged and park poor community. The project is ready for implementation and provides for long-term planning and maintenance of the property.
24	Phil and Nell Soto Park	City of Pomona	Urban	Pomona	Development	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$20,000.00	Development of a new recreational passive community park that incorporates the City's history and features amenities including walking trails, butterfly and bird habitat, and bioswale systems.	93.5	No Change	Tier 1	The overall project meets the RMC Prop 1 objectives to create open space and improve recreational opportunities within a disadvantaged community. The project is also ready for implementation and the City has included a long-term maintenance plan. The RMC is recommending the City seek matching funds LA County or other private or public sources.
10	Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo & Peck Water Conservation	Amigos de Los Rios	Rivers/ Tributaries	Arcadia	Planning/Development	\$ 617,385.00	\$ 617,385.00	\$99,300.00	Enhance biodiversity, water quality, stormwater & urban runoff management along Rio Hondo Emerald Necklace and within Peck Park by adding green infrastructure elements along the San Gabriel River Parkway.	91.13	No Change	Tier 1	The project provides clear objectives and goals with a clear understanding of the water issues, habitat, open space, and watershed elements. In addition, this project has a nexus between the RMC Proposition 1 objectives and the proposed tasks/elements for water quality and water conservation elements. The Grantee has capacity to complete the project.

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25	Planning for the Urban Orchard Development	Trust for Public Land	Rivers/ Tributaries	South Gate	Planning	\$ 845,000.00	\$ 845,000.00	\$330,000.00	Feasibility study to explore daylighting the section of the Bandini Channel that runs through the site. Construction drawings including an orchard, picnic area, interpretive elements, native plants, and walking and bike paths. Transformation of 30 acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and th LA River into new critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over 1 mile of new riverfront walking and biking paths.	89.85	No Change	Tier 1	Strong regional support for a new park which will benefit a disadvantaged and park poor community. Trust for Public Lands developed a comprehensive grant application. TPL has the capacity to implement the project and partner with several entities for the long-term maintenance of the project.
43	Watts GreenStreets Phase II Project: Water Quality Improvement & Urban Greening Infrastructure	Grant Housing Economic Development Corporation	Urban	Los Angeles	Development	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$0.00	Grant HEDC will implement the Watts Greenstreets Phase II Project, which consists of water quality, water conservation, watershed protection, and urban greening infrastructure elements previously identified in the RMC funded grant Watts Greenstreets. Project includes green alleys, native and drought resistant landscaping, tree planting, permeable paving, distributed rain capture management system, informational signage, and enhancing the historic Watts Towers.	89.05	No Change	Tier 1	The community and government support combined with water quality and water conservation elements make this project a regionally significant investment and a good risk for durability and significance of benefits. Project merits funding since long-term restoration and maintenance are included. The overall project meets the RMC Prop 1 objectives to create open space and improve recreational opportunities within a disadvantaged community. And, since meeting with the Grantee, Staff recommends partial funding because; (1) site control and approvals needed for the historic Watts Tower and (2) the Grantee's capacity to expedite and complete the project within the timeline and tasklist.
18	Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Rivers/ Tributaries	Long Beach and Seal Beach	Planning	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$500,000.00	The LCWA recently adopted the Final Conceptual Restoration Plan (CRP) in August 2015 with the next step being environmental review of the CRP. The LCWA is seeking grants funds to complete the environmental review of the CRP which is required to satisfy CEQA and NEPA. Environmental review of the CRP's three proposed alternatives or a hybrid alternative may result in joint Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement.	87.4	No Change	Tier 1	The community and government support combined with the high-acreage of protected land in the San Gabriel River watershed make this project a regionally significant investment in this watershed and a good risk for durability and significance of benefits. Excellent project with important water quality elements. Project merits funding since long-term restoration and maintenance are included.
44	West Coyote Hills Open Space Acquisition	City of Fullerton	Urban	Fullerton	Acquisition	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$0.00	Acquisition of "Neighborhood 1" of West Coyote Hills. Funding would assist in purchasing 10.4 acres of open space, adjacent to Robert Ward Nature Preserve. This acquisition provides the opportunity to preserve important urban space and contribute to additional natural lands, maintain a wildlife corridor and restore and sustain important habitat and biological species. City must secure additional funds for acquisition.	82	85	Tier 1	The community and government support combined with the high-acreage of protected land makes this project a regionally significant investment in this watershed and a good risk for durability and significance of benefits. Funding this project will halt future subdivision and development. The overall project meets the RMC Prop 1 objectives to create and protect natural habitats for open space. And, since meeting with the Grantee, the grant was recommended for commitment of the full funds until the Grantee has secured additional matching funds to complete the acquisition of "Neighborhood 1". The Grantee was awarded additional points since it demonstrated key elements that enhanced an already strong application.
35	View Park and Recycled Water System	City of Signal Hill	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Signal Hill	Development/Watershed Improvement	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$400,000.00	Wildlife corridor project in Signal Hill that will establish a new 1.86 acre park and the associated construction of a recycled water system. The project will reclaim a municipally owned industrial site and provide a recycled water system to serve the proposed park as well as retrofit three existing parks and the Promontory Home Owner's Association common landscaped areas, connect an urban trail system, prevent runoff pollution from contaminating the LA And SG Rivers and save approx. 40 acre feet of potable water.	81.2	87	Tier 1	The proposed grant is well developed and site appropriate with comprehensive water quality and water conservation elements. Project provides recycled water to proposed new park. Recycled waterline serves beyond park and the project is ready for implementation. The overall project meets the RMC Prop 1 objectives to reduce dependency on imported water supply, create open space and improve recreational opportunities. And, since meeting with the Grantee, the grant was recommended for full funding because, (1) site control and (2) permits and construction approvals are complete and the Grantee has the capacity to expedite and complete the project within the timeline and tasklist. The Grantee was awarded additional points since it demonstrated key elements that enhanced an already strong application.

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5	CSUF Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure Improvement Project	Cal State Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corporation	Urban	Fullerton	Planning/Development	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$2,416,449.00	Low Impact and Green Infrastructure Improvement Project is a 10 year site improvement plan for the 240 acre CSU, Fullerton campus designed to capture or treat all water onsite while transforming the overall landscape into an urban creek and park with plants reflecting the local ecology and riparian theme. Project began in Nov. 2015 when turf removal began and designs were created to address erosion control using MWD acceptable turf alternatives.	82.13	85	Tier 2	The overall project meets the RMC Prop 1 objectives to reduce dependency on imported water supply, create greenways, and improve water quality within Fullerton Creek. And, since meeting with the Grantee, Staff recommends full funding because, (1) the project seeks to create an extensive system of greenways within the campus and along Fullerton Creek, (2) the project has secured over 100% matching funds, (3) CEQA is complete, (4) site control and permit approvals are complete and (5) the project can be completed within the timeline and tasklist. In addition, CSUF overall goal is to ensure the entire campus maintains its runoff onsite and thus improving water quality within the watershed. The Grantee has successfully engaged the community, students and professors to create stewards for the long-term maintenance and management of this project. The Grantee was awarded additional points since it demonstrated key elements that enhanced an already strong application.
27	Recycled Water Campus San Gabriel River Parkway	Water Replenishment District	Rivers/ Tributaries	Pico Rivera	Open Space/Watershed Improvement	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	The project will create park-like open space and educational facilities with public amenities and demonstrate innovative low impact development and stormwater capture features in a river corridor setting.	81.9	85	Tier 2	The overall project meets the RMC Prop 1 objectives to reduce dependency on imported water supply, increase water storage capacity, creates greenways, and improves water quality for the San Gabriel River Watershed. And, since meeting with the Grantee, Staff recommends partial funding because, (1) the project has secured over 100% matching funds, (2) CEQA is complete, (3) site control, (4) permit approvals are complete and the project is ready for implementation and tentative start date for construction by October 2016. In addition, the project will create 20-30 jobs for both construction and operations. And the Grantee has the capacity to expedite and complete the project within the timeline and tasklist. The Grantee was awarded additional points since it demonstrated key elements that enhanced an already strong application.
23	Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Urban	Various Areas within Unincorporated LA County	Planning/Development	\$ 268,500.00	\$ 268,500.00	\$268,500.00	Partnership with the River Project to design and construct 30 parkway basins within the uninc. LA County. Project locations will be DAC of West Whittier, Florence, E.LA, West Puente Valley, rowland heights, and E. Rancho Dominguez. Basins contain native drought tolerant vegetation and rock reinforced slopes to prevent erosion. The goal of this BMP is to allow for the treatment of urban runoff and for infiltration.	78.42	85	Tier 2	The overall project meets the RMC Prop 1 objectives to improve water quality by providing significant water diversion which will retain water and further infiltrate thus allowing for water-savings. And, since meeting with the Grantee, Staff recommends funding because, (1) the project has secured 100% matching funds, (2) CEQA is complete, (3) water-savings elements, (4) provides a resilient partnership with disadvantaged communities, The River Project and LA County Public Works and (5) the project is ready for implementation with a tentative start date for construction by early 2017. The Grantee has the capacity to expedite and complete the project within the timeline and tasklist. In addition, the Grantee was awarded additional points since it demonstrated key elements that enhanced an already strong application.
16	Long Range Water Conservation and Parks Plan	City of Cudahy	Urban	City of Cudahy	Planning	\$ 293,000.00	\$ 293,000.00	\$0.00	The City seeks to develop a Long range Water Conservation and Park Plan to establish a blueprint that will identify and create an inventory of water efficiency, conservation, runoff, filtration, infiltration and other problems and solutions. Sites will include pocket parks along the LA River	76.5	85	Tier 2	Since meeting with the Grantee, the project was recommended for funding because, (1) the planning document will be developed to include a robust environmental justice element and (2) the Grantee is proposing a Water Infrastructure Master Plan for incorporation into the "Water Element" for the City's General Plan Update. The Grantee has the capacity to expedite and complete the project within the timeline and tasklist. In addition, the Grantee was awarded additional points since it demonstrated key elements that enhanced an already strong application.
					<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 17,798,989.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,908,989.00</b>						

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30	San Gabriel River and Wilderness Park Restoration Project	City of Downey	Urban	Downey	Urban	\$ 1,660,000.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00	Restoration of 2.5 acres of wetland habitat at two existing ponds at Wilderness Park, adjacent to the San Gabriel River. Project will improve the ponds by installing a naturalized hardened shoreline and a new aeration system, and replacing invasive plant species with natives.	89.4	No Change	Tier 1	After meeting with the Grantee and evaluating the project, Staff recommends not funding this grant because; (1) the project did not meet the criteria for the RMC Prop 1 Priorities, (2) did not achieve at least four or more objectives from the Proposition 1, Chapter 6 Objectives, (3) the project did not promote and implement the State Plans and RMC Environmental Justice Policy, and (4) the project is not a multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. A proposed project must be consistent with Proposition 1 bond language, RMC Common Ground and the California Water Action Plan. Additionally, the proposed elements, fishing and active restoration are not compatible long-term sustainable elements for a healthy ecosystem. And the project is defined as a long-term maintenance project that will require potable water and has no water-savings elements. The Grantee was advised to revise the proposal and re-submit for the next funding cycle.
21	Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve Canyon Park Watershed Restoration Project	City of Monrovia	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Monrovia	Open Space/Watershed Improvement	\$ 942,640.00	\$0.00	\$61,492.00	Remove invasive species to remediate water loss within Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve.	82.2	No Change	Tier 2	After meeting with the Grantee and evaluating the project, Staff recommends not funding this grant because; (1) the project did not meet the criteria for the RMC Prop 1 Priorities, (2) did not achieve at least four or more objectives from the Proposition 1, Chapter 6 Objectives, (3) the project did not promote and implement the State Plans and RMC Environmental Justice Policy, and (4) the project is not a multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. A proposed project must be consistent with Proposition 1 bond language, RMC Common Ground and the California Water Action Plan. The Grantee was advised to revise the proposal and re-submit for the next funding cycle.
28	Recycled Water Development Project-LA County Parks and Recreation	County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation	Rivers/ Tributaries	S. El Monte	Development	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Proposed recycled water development project will include the design and development of approximately 2,500 linear feet of recycled water lines to enable access to the local recycled water supply for irrigation purposes and develop a wetland feature at the new San Gabriel River Discovery Center.	81	No Change	Tier 2	After meeting with the Grantee and evaluating the project, Staff recommends not funding this grant because; (1) the project did not meet the criteria for the RMC Prop 1 Priorities, (2) did not achieve at least four or more objectives from the Proposition 1, Chapter 6 Objectives, (3) the project did not promote and implement the State Plans and RMC Environmental Justice Policy, and (4) the project is not a multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. A proposed project must be consistent with Proposition 1 bond language, RMC Common Ground and the California Water Action Plan. The Grantee was advised to revise the proposal and re-submit for the next funding cycle.
	Lynwood Park Infiltration, Restoration, and Water Quality Improvement Project	City of Lynwood	Urban	Lynwood	Planning/Development	\$ 1,692,575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Replacement of asphalt with permeable pavers, preparation of space for planting of native plants and shrubs, and establishment of bioswale at the parking lot median to capture stormwater. Goal is to decrease impermeable surfaces and runoff, and enhance opportunities for stormwater infiltration management. Located at Lynwood Park, adjacent to youth center and middle school.	79.75	No Change	Tier 2	After meeting with the Grantee and evaluating the project, Staff recommends not funding this grant because; (1) the project did not meet the criteria for the RMC Prop 1 Priorities, (2) did not achieve at least four or more objectives from the Proposition 1, Chapter 6 Objectives, (3) the project did not promote and implement the State Plans and RMC Environmental Justice Policy, and (4) the project is not a multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. A proposed project must be consistent with Proposition 1 bond language, RMC Common Ground and the California Water Action Plan. The Grantee was advised to revise the proposal and re-submit for the next funding cycle.
37	Walnut Creek Nature Park Restoration Project	City of Baldwin Park	Urban	Baldwin Park	Development/Watershed Improvement	\$ 723,100.00	\$0.00		The Walnut Creek Restoration Project will provide critical updates to the park and support regional connectivity to the SG River Bike Path and Emerald Necklace. City officials launched Phase 1 in Feb. 2015. Phase 2 will launch in Fall 2016. Updates to irrigation, landscaping, make the entrance to the park ADA compliant, repair the security gate, complete trails with PCC and trail markers, widen curb, install new entrance, picnic tables and nature play equipment, solar lighting and parking lot improvements.	79.6	No Change	Tier 2	After meeting with the Grantee and evaluating the project, Staff recommends not funding this grant because; (1) the project did not meet the criteria for the RMC Prop 1 Priorities, (2) did not achieve at least four or more objectives from the Proposition 1, Chapter 6 Objectives, (3) the project did not promote and implement the State Plans and RMC Environmental Justice Policy, and (4) the project is not a multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. A proposed project must be consistent with Proposition 1 bond language, RMC Common Ground and the California Water Action Plan. The Grantee was advised to revise the proposal and re-submit for the next funding cycle.

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4	Colorado Lagoon Urban Buffer Enhancement And Access Planning Project	Friends of Colorado Lagoon	Urban	Long Beach	Planning/Watershed Improvement	\$ 253,000.00	\$0.00	\$155,000.00	Enhance the educational and recreational opportunities at Colorado Lagoon through two specific initiatives. First, enhance functionality and aesthetics of the beach garden adjacent to the Colorado Lagoon beach front and playground. Second, identify opportunities for interpretation and public access, with a focus on the planned open channel and the neighboring Greenbelt restoration projects.	72.3	No Change	Tier 2	After meeting with the Grantee and evaluating the project, Staff recommends not funding this grant because; (1) the project did not meet the criteria for the RMC Prop 1 Priorities, (2) did not achieve at least four or more objectives from the Proposition 1, Chapter 6 Objectives, (3) the project did not promote and implement the State Plans and RMC Environmental Justice Policy, and (4) the project is not a multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. A proposed project must be consistent with Proposition 1 bond language, RMC Common Ground and the California Water Action Plan. The Grantee was advised to revise the proposal and re-submit for the next funding cycle.
22	Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (MUST)	City of Long Beach	Rivers/ Tributaries	Long Beach	Planning/Watershed Improvement	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$214,827.00	The City of Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment Facility would treat diverted non-stormwater runoff that would otherwise discharge into the LA River and facilitate the following: Improve public open space by improving water quality supply, provide a new source of recycled water to replace potable water used to irrigate parks, restore wetlands habitat.	67.8	No Change	Tier 2	After meeting with the Grantee and evaluating the project, Staff recommends not funding this grant because; (1) the project did not meet the criteria for the RMC Prop 1 Priorities, (2) did not achieve at least four or more objectives from the Proposition 1, Chapter 6 Objectives, (3) the project did not promote and implement the State Plans and RMC Environmental Justice Policy, and (4) the project is not a multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. A proposed project must be consistent with Proposition 1 bond language, RMC Common Ground and the California Water Action Plan. The Grantee was advised to revise the proposal and re-submit for the next funding cycle.
11	Emerald Necklace San Gabriel River Greenway Grant	Amigos de Los Rios	Rivers/ Tributaries	El Monte	Planning	\$ 645,095.00		\$71,400.00	Adding green infrastructure elements bioswales and infiltration areas along an Emerald Necklace segment at the SG Trail between Live Oak and Thienes Avenue. Multi-objective water quality project will improve watershed health, habitat and trails along the Emerald Necklace's San Gabriel River. Remove invasive plants and restore biodiversity by re-planting 2100 native and drought tolerant trees and shrubs suited to multi year droughts.	89.38		Tier 3	This grant received 89.38-points but after evaluating the project elements, Staff recommends not funding this grant because; (1) the project did not meet the criteria for the RMC Prop 1 Priorities, (2) did not achieve at least four or more objectives from the Proposition 1, Chapter 6 Objectives, (3) the project did not promote and implement the State Plans and RMC Environmental Justice Policy, and (4) the project is not a multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. A proposed project must be consistent with Proposition 1 bond language, RMC Common Ground and the California Water Action Plan. The Grantee was advised to revise the proposal and re-submit for the next funding cycle.
19	Lower LA River Greenway Development Tool	Watershed Conservation Authority	Rivers/ Tributaries	Lower Los Angeles River	Planning	\$ 500,000.00		\$184,500.00	This project proposes an online suite of tools including open data website mapping and data sharing tool and performance metric oriented dashboards to capture the Lower LA River's comprehensive planning efforts while encouraging civic engagement through the online platform. This project would facilitate the creation of an online civic engagement tool to make data more easily accessible, sharable, and meaningful to municipalities, non-profits, organizations and the general public.	84.8		Tier 3	This grant received nearly the necessary 85-points but Staff recommends not funding this grant given the WCA already received funding for a similar project under Prop 84 funding at the March 21, 2016 RMC Board Meeting.
42	Water Wise Magic Development Project	County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation	Urban	Los Angeles	Planning	\$ 1,000,000.00		\$1,500,000.00	Water Wise Magic Development Project will include the design and development of a naturalized biofiltration pond, a filtered reflecting pool, entry fountain, and interpretive signage at County of LA Dept. of Parks and Recreation Earvin Magic Johnson Park.	82.9		Tier 3	This grant received nearly the necessary 85-points but Staff recommends not funding this grant because; (1) the project did not meet the criteria for the RMC Prop 1 Priorities, (2) did not achieve at least four or more objectives from the Proposition 1, Chapter 6 Objectives, (3) the project did not promote and implement the State Plans and RMC Environmental Justice Policy, and (4) the project is not a multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. A proposed project must be consistent with Proposition 1 bond language, RMC Common Ground and the California Water Action Plan. The Grantee was advised to revise the proposal and re-submit for the next funding cycle.
15	Lee Owens Park Acquisition and Development	City of Whittier	Urban	City of Whittier	Acquisition	\$ 1,974,500.00		\$900,250.00	Acquisition, planning and development of the proposed Lee Owens Park for the capture and treatment of storm water.	78.25		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process

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26	Rainbow Canyon Ranch Acquisition & Concept Planning	Watershed Conservation Authority	Rivers/ Tributaries	City of Azusa	Acquisition	\$ 1,900,000.00		\$20,642.00	Expanding the River Wilderness Park by ±13 acres the Rainbow Canyon Ranch property acquisition will facilitate riparian restoration and river parkway development of an equestrian ranch located in the City of Azusa.	78		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process and the Grantee does not have a willing seller
36	Vincent Lugo Park Stormwater Infiltration & Trail Restoration Project	City of San Gabriel	Urban	City of San Gabriel	Development/Watershed Improvement	\$ 841,829.00		\$93,536.00	The San Gabriel Vincent Lugo Park project will reconstruct its parking lot with permeable pavers for storm water infiltration, improvement and construction of an accessible and permeable recreational trail along the top of the Alhambra Wash.	76.4		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
13	Hollencrest Middle School Campus Green Infrastructure Project	Amigos de Los Rios	Urban	West Covina	Planning/Development	\$ 478,170.00		\$52,000.00	Proposed green infrastructure retrofits at Hollencrest Middle School in underserved West Covina. Project will reduce water use on campus by systematic turf grass reduction, plating over 1,200 native, drought tolerant trees and shrubs in mulched planters suited to region's climate to survive drought, enhance biodiversity and absorb contaminated storm water and runoff. Creation of bioswales, infiltration planters, and permeable surfaces to collect, capture, and infiltrate storm water from campus and surrounding streets as it enters campus through parking lot, driveways and fields.	76		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
14	John Anson Ford Park Water Preservation & Restoration Project	City of Bell Gardens	Urban	Bell Gardens	Development	\$ 1,000,000.00		\$0.00	Replace the existing irrigation piping system on the eastern half of the City's John Anson Ford Park to manage and conserve water. The current piping system leaks and results in water waste and damage to landscape. New irrigation system will significantly enhance water conservation efforts.	75.3		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
12	Hellman Park Restoration and Water Quality Improvement	City of Whittier	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Whittier	Planning/Development	\$ 1,000,000.00		\$372,376.00	Project develops water quality improvements to reduce sediment discharge at the Hellman Park Trailhead the most used trailhead by recreationists in the Puente Hills Preserve. Scope includes improving the drainage infrastructure at the base of the Trailhead's main trail, the Peppergrass Trail, to better capture storm water runoff and recontour the public trail.	74.6		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
34	Sustainable Development of Trabuco Butterfly Garden	City of Bellflower	Rivers/ Tributaries	City of Bellflower	Development/Open Space/Watershed Improvement	\$ 850,000.00		\$730,000.00	The proposed project is for the development of the Trabuco Butterfly Garden. The project will convert the existing asphalt into a sustainable open space and include pedestrian walkways and bikeways that will connect with the Riverview Park Trails and the San Gabriel River Bike Trail.	74.33		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
6	Development of Compton Creek Overlook Park	City of Compton	Rivers/ Tributaries	City of Compton	Planning/Development/Open Space/ Watershed Improvements	\$ 411,000.00		\$163,000.00	Final planning and construction of a passive recreational park adjacent to Compton Creek on city-owned parcel.	73		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
9	El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project	City of Long Beach	Urban	Long Beach	Development	\$ 1,754,000.00		\$1,000,000.00	Restoration of the El Dorado Park West Duck Pond to improve water quality and restore habitat to the existing manmade pond. The Project will result in a newly developed wetland that provides a cleaner and more native habitat for present wildlife, cleans storm water collected in the pond, and allows the City to use the water for El Dorado park West irrigation, conserving water and reducing operating costs. The rehabilitation of the existing parking lot will also improve water quality by providing a swale to collect and clean runoff.	68		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
39	Water Quality Improvement and Development of a Class 1 Bikeway along a segment of the Coyote Creek Flood Channel, part of the OC Loop Regional Route	County of Orange, OC Parks	Rivers/ Tributaries	Irvine	Planning/ Development	\$ 3,000,000.00		\$650,000.00	The OC Loop is a planned alternative transportation corridor comprised of 66 miles of regional recreational/commuter cycling and pedestrian routes that provide seamless connections and an opportunity for people to bike, walk, and connect to some of California's most scenic beaches and inland reaches.	66.8		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process

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40	Water Quality Improvement Irrigated with Air Conditioners	City of Lakewood	Urban	Lakewood	Urban	\$ 310,000.00		\$35,000.00	Proposed 34,412 sq foot location will be a test site of current/future water irrigation technologies, including drip irrigation, subsurface irrigation, and rain barrels. One of the test projects will be working with Miracle Oasis technology to capture condensation that is emitted from seven air conditioning condensers onsite creating up to 200 gallons per day of water to be applied as irrigation for the demonstration garden.	65.75		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
2	Brethren Hillcrest Homes Water Conservation and Drought Tolerance Project	Brethren Hillcrest Homes	Urban	La Verne	Development/Open Space/Watershed Improvement	\$ 694,800.00		\$146,000.00	Reduce annual landscape water use by 5 million gallons, replace portions of a failing urban forest, create community gathering places, and retain and reuse rain water.	57.1		Ineligible	The project is located in a private community with no public access
38	Washington Boulevard Water Quality Improvement Project	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Urban	Alhambra	Planning/Development	\$ 1,000,000.00		\$1,000,000.00	Project located in Southeast LA County and will improve water quality in the stormwater runoff flowing to Coyote Creek in the San Gabriel river Watershed. Green Street project proposes to divert, capture and infiltrate dry and wet weather urban runoff from both surface flows and existing storm drains into underground infiltration units which will be installed along 1250 linear feet within the road right of way.	56.8		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
41	Water Recycling and Conservation Project	City of Los Alamitos	Urban	Los Alamitos	Planning/Water Conservation	\$ 2,000,000.00		\$250,000.00	Extensive multi phase Recycled Water Project that will enable city to use reclaimed water from up to two sources in place of potable water for irrigation purposes. The project will install purple pipe throughout town so the existing irrigation system at multiple school sites, parks and medians can be switched to using the recycled water instead of potable water. Existing irrigation systems will be retrofit to be able to work with the purple pipe and produce optimal irrigation using recycled water.	52.9		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
32	SCE Biophilic Restoration of the Urban Landscape	Southern California Edison	Rivers/ Tributaries	Rosemead	Development	\$ 1,000,000.00		\$0.00	Low impact development and green infrastructure improvement project, known as SCE Biophilic Restoration of the Urban landscape. Project will create new natural habitat for monarch butterflies, birds, and other local wildlife	51.5		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
7	Downtown Glendora Storm Water Quality Improvement Project	City of Glendora	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Glendora	Development	\$ 2,650,900.00		\$54,100.00	As a member of the Upper San Gabriel River Enhanced Watershed Management Plan Group, the City of Glendora developed conceptual projects to clean up storm water runoff and recharge ground water. The Downtown Properties Storm Water Quality Improvement Project is the first project for implementation for compliance of the permit.	51		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
3	CLEAN Southeast Los Angeles Water Monitoring, Clean Up, and Conservation Three Year Project Plan	California Latino Environmental Advocacy Network	Rivers/ Tributaries	Southeast Los Angeles	Planning	\$ 269,800.00		\$0.00	This Planning grant would establish a collaborative effort in Southeast Los Angeles to conduct water monitoring and research of the Lower Los Angeles River. Seek to hire two scientist to help with the research and to develop recommendations. Eventually, hiring 20 youth from Southeast Los Angeles.	33		Tier 3	Project scored below the 85-points cutoff after review process
				<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED</b>		<b>\$49,350,398.00</b>							



## Exhibit B: Project Evaluation Criteria

Project:

Program Area:

Criteria

Criteria	Urban Land	Rivers / Tributaries	Mountains / Hills	Score
<b>1. Restore River Parkways</b>				
1.1. The project is identified in an existing or proposed trail plan (e.g. Master Bikeway Path Plan) or connects communities to major existing or planned trails or open space.	5	5	5	
1.2. Restore River Parkway, Section 79732 (a)(3) California River Parkways Act of 2004.	1	1	1	
1.3. Project is on land that is an underutilized public or private holding. Underutilized properties include blighted vacant lots or inaccessible public lands.	1	1	1	
1.4. The project is within ¼ mile or 10 minutes walking distance of a residential area and/or public transportation and includes multilingual wayfinding signage.	1	1	1	
1.5. The project includes improvements to a pedestrian, equestrian and/or bicycle connection to an existing trail, trail system, community facility, recreation area or school.	1	1	1	
1.6. The project would accommodate a new trail into an inaccessible area.	1	1	1	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>2. Educational/ Interpretive Signage</b>				
2.1. Educational/Interpretive and/or informational elements are included.	1	1	1	
2.2. *Signage or educational/interpretive message includes the natural history, cultural history, and watershed stewardship. (not included in criteria)	1	1	1	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>2. Habitat and Restoration Resource Values</b>				
3.1. 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. – <b>OR</b> –	5	5	5	
3.2. The project preserves threatened natural habitat and protects native floral and faunal biodiversity that may be lost to a planned development.–				
<b>OR</b> –				
3.3. The project preserves and/or enhances existing natural habitat and protects native flora and fauna biodiversity.				
3.4. The project includes an evaluation of the suitability, strategy, and success measures for the site's habitat preservation, creation, and/or enhancement.	1	2	1	
3.5. The project supports substantial in-stream or native riparian habitat and/or supports substantial upland native vegetative cover.	1	2	1	
3.6. The project supports unique and/or irreplaceable ecological systems, i.e., coastal salt marsh, vernal pool, monarch breeding, migratory watering area.	1	2	1	
3.7. 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.	1	2	1	
3.8. The project provides for contiguous open space and is adjacent to publicly owned space or private land protected under a conservation easement or similar perpetual restriction. The project includes habitat that provides a buffer between protected or proposed protected areas and incompatible uses.	1	2	1	
3.9. The project will be managed in such a manner as to provide maximum long term habitat protection and has an established long-term maintenance plan.	1	2	1	
3.10. The project enhances wetland and subtidal habitats to restore ecosystem function and provide multi-beneficial flood protection and resilient shorelines.	1	2	1	
3.11. The project is on the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Regional Strategy project list.	1	2	1	

3.12. The project design is resilient and adaptable to climate change. In addition, the project is compliant with the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) and subsequent policy and program implementation in order to meet the State's Climate Change Adaptation and Greenhouse Gas Reductions.	1	2	1	
3.13. The scope of habitat restoration does not negatively impact the health of already existing natural habitat on site or adjacent to the site.	1	2	1	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>4. Matching Funds</b>				
4.1. Project sponsor will contribute 100% or more matching funds (does not include in-kind services; can be other grants/gifts or private and local funding); OR	7	7	7	
4.2. Project sponsor will contribute 50% or more matching funds (does not include in-kind services; can be other grants/gifts or private and local funding); OR	5	5	5	
4.3. Contribution of matching funds will count towards completion of the entire project being submitted for funding	3	3	3	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>5. Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities</b>				
5.1. Cal-Enviro Screen standards- <a href="http://oehha.ca.gov/ej/ces2.html">http://oehha.ca.gov/ej/ces2.html</a> Up to 15 bonus points will be awarded to proposed projects that primarily benefit communities with high pollution burdens and/or high population characteristic scores, based on CalEnviroScreen maps. If your project area is not included in the Cal-Enviro maps, then include in the project narrative, the data and analysis utilized for evaluating the pollution burden and it is also the best available science. 5 points = CalEnviro Screen score of 61% -70% (on any of the 3 maps) 10 points = CalEnviroScreen Score of 71% -80% (on any of the 3 maps); 15 points = CalEnviroScreen score of 81% or higher (on any of the 3 maps)	15	15	15	
5.2. The project creates a sense of community through educational outreach, community activities, and programs.	2	1	1	
5.3. The project concept and designs are a result of direct community input held through community meetings within the vicinity of where project is located, and occurred no earlier than January 2013.	3	3	3	
5.4. The project will serve an area that has a significant percentage of residents living with chronic diseases (examples: diabetes, obesity, asthma) please visit <a href="http://oehha.ca.gov/ej/ces2.html">http://oehha.ca.gov/ej/ces2.html</a> .	2	1	1	
5.5. The project contains signage elements that promote physical activity and "healthy living" practices such as mileage markers, walking trails and other physical activities.	2	1	1	
5.6. 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. As defined by subdivision (a) of Section 79505, please visit <a href="http://oehha.ca.gov/ej/ces2.html">hppt://oehha.ca.gov/ej/ces2.html</a> .	5	5	5	
5.7. The project design and/or location provides relief from the negative impacts of urban density such as incompatible land uses and unregulated industrial impacts.	2	1	1	
5.8. The project provides physical linkages to open space (Passive and recreational) from a disadvantaged and/or park-poor neighborhood.	2	1	1	
5.9. The project conforms to the RMC Environmental Justice Policy per Section 2.4	5	5	5	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	
<b>6. Multi-benefit and multi-jurisdictional</b>				
6.1. This project is a multi-benefit and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection project in accordance with statewide priorities. Multi-benefit = Achieves more than one water related element. Ex: water recycling AND trail use, water infrastructure AND sustainability, etc. Multi-jurisdictional = Partnership with more than one city, or includes more than one watershed, or is a partnership between one or more counties.	3	3	3	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	

**7.0 Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value**

7.1. The project is clearly defined and includes an objective, mission and purpose.	1	1	1	
7.2. This 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. 3 letters or more must be submitted for point.	1	1	1	
7.3. The project promotes and implements the California Water Action Plan objectives which include reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure.	1	1	1	
7.4 Projects will use the California Conservation Corps for project implementation (whole or partial) or look to hire youth through certified Youth Employment Program in coordination with the State/County or qualified non-governmental organization (NGO).	5	5	5	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	

**8. Stewardship and Management Plan Value**

8.1. The project includes an adopted guidelines, strategic plan, etc. for active stakeholder/partner participation that includes the 20-25 year period of the project after completion (includes identification of stakeholder/partner groups).	1	1	1	
8.2. 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.	1	1	1	
8.3. The project identifies funding for a specified list of activities, that an organization (i.e. professional contractor, local non-profit, or community volunteer group) with relevant expertise, that will provide appropriate future stewardship and adaptive management to ensure the sustainability of the project.	1	1	1	
8.4. Applicant has organizational capacity and has 10+ years of maintaining and operating projects of similar size and scope.	1	1	1	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	

**9. Water Sustainability/Water Storage/Water Infrastructure**

9.1. The project includes 3 or more of the following elements to address climate change: 1) Sustainable site planning and land use compatibility 2) Safeguarding water and water efficiency, 3) Energy efficiency and renewable energy, 4) Conservation of materials and resources, and 5) Indoor environmental quality.	5	5	5	
9.2. The project incorporates more than 50% recycled content product hardscape elements (benches, signage, light fixtures, gates, fences, etc.,)	1	1	1	
9.3. The project maintains a more than a 75% native plant palette.	1	1	1	
9.4. The project Maintains and improve flood protection through natural and non-structural systems and ecosystem restoration.	1	1	1	
9.5. Establish riverfront greenways to cleanse water, hold floodwaters and extend open space.	1	1	1	
9.6. Optimize water resources by improving the quality of surface and ground water and enhance ground water recharge, to reduce dependence on imported water.	1	1	1	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	

**10. Urban Land Value**

10.1 The project contributes to the removal of a nuisance property/use from the community.	2	1	1	
10.2 The project provides relief from high urban density defined as 150% or more of county median population density	2	1	1	
10.3 The project contributes to an existing or proposed park, natural area, corridor, or greenway in an urbanized area.	2	1	1	
10.4 The project involves joint-use of a site (e.g. a school yard, is a public park during off-school hours).	2	1	1	
14.9. The project is sited in an area with more than 120% of the median county percent under age 18.	2	1	1	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	

<b>11. Water Resource and Quality Value</b>				
11.1. The project provides a new opportunity for substantial water conservation and/or water quality improvements	5	5	5	
11.2. The project contains or improves groundwater supply and/or recharge capabilities.	5	5	5	
11.3. Project includes treatment of storm water runoff.	4	4	4	
11.4. The project includes a groundwater improvement element that exceeds the recommended elements of the Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001.	1	1	1	
11.5. The project utilizes recycled water.	1	1	1	
11.6. The project utilizes cisterns or similar devices to collect and recycle rainwater on site. Project includes water conservation measures.	1	1	1	
11.7. 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.	3	3	3	3
11.8. 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.	2	2	2	X
11.9. 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.	1	1	1	X
11.10 The project is part of a Watershed Management Plan or Enhanced Watershed Management Plan within Greater LA County	2	2	2	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>TOTAL Score</b>				
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>123</b>	

# SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

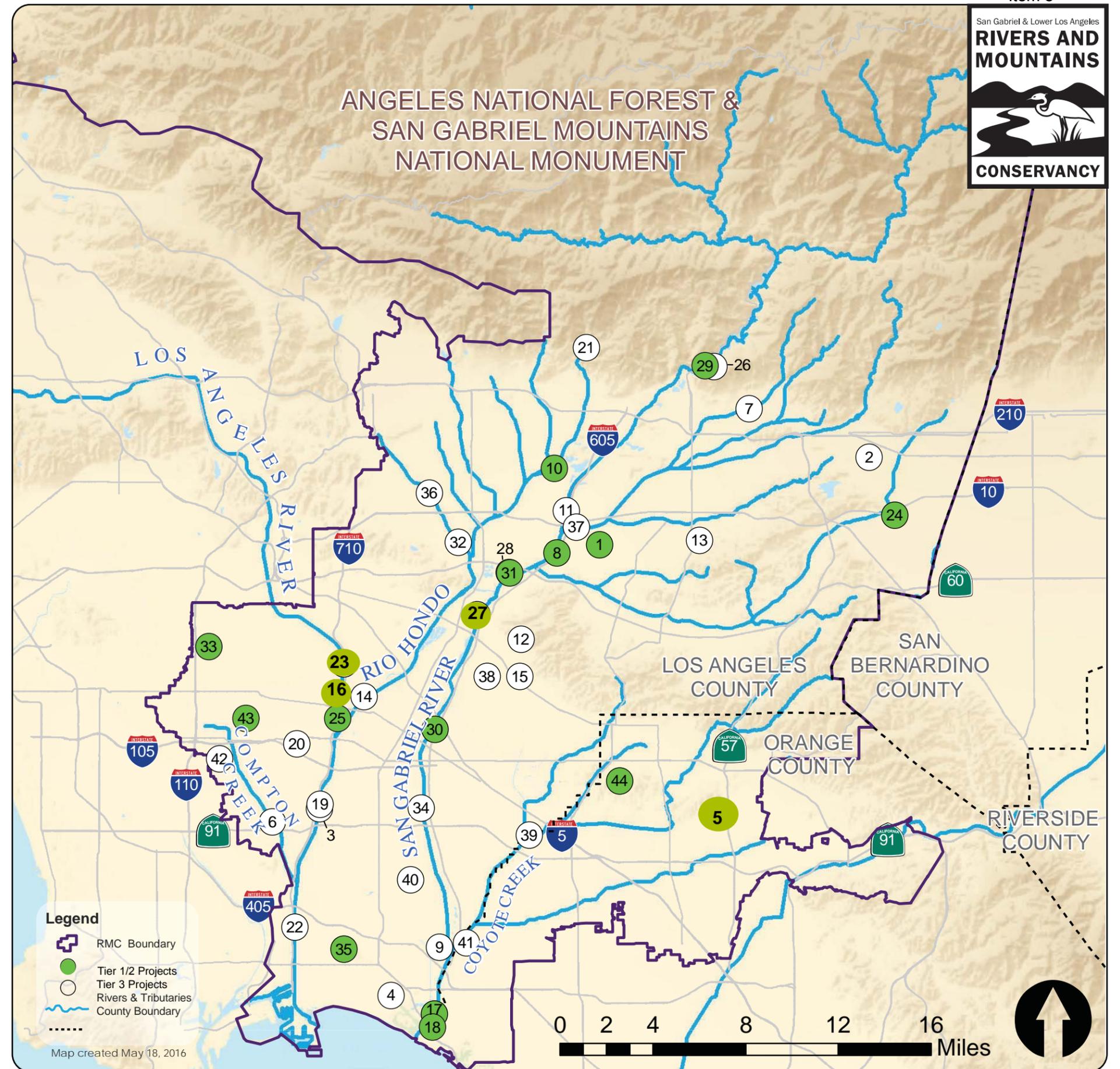
Proposition 1 Grant Program:

Tier 1 and 2 Funding Recommendation: \$ 14,908,989

#	PROJECT NAME	FUNDING REQUEST
1	Bassett High school Campus Green Infrastructure Project	\$ 652,520
2	Brethren Hillcrest Homes Water Conservation and Drought Tolerance Project	\$ 694,800
3	CLEAN Southeast Los Angeles Water Monitoring, Clean Up, and Conservation Three Year Project Plan	\$ 269,800
4	Colorado Lagoon Urban Buffer Enhancement And Access Planning Project	\$ 253,000
5	CSUF Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure Improvement Project	\$ 1,000,000
6	Development of Compton Creek Overlook Park	\$ 411,000
7	Downtown Glendora Storm Water Quality Improvement Project	\$ 2,650,900
8	Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Conservation Center	\$ 891,200
9	El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project	\$ 1,754,000
10	Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo & Peck Water Conservation	\$ 617,385
11	Emerald Necklace San Gabriel River Greenway Grant	\$ 645,095
12	Hellman Park Restoration and Water Quality Improvement	\$ 1,000,000
13	Hollencrest Middle School Campus Green Infrastructure Project	\$ 478,170
14	John Anson ford Park Water Preservation & Restoration Project	\$ 1,000,000
15	Lee Owens Park Acquisition and Development	\$ 1,974,500
16	Long Range Water Conservation and Parks Plan	\$ 293,000
17	Los Cerritos Wetlands Acquisition of the Bryant Properties	\$ 1,000,000
18	Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project	\$ 350,000
19	Lower LA River Greenway Development Tool	\$ 500,000
20	Lynwood Park Infiltration, Restoration, and Water Quality Improvement Project	\$ 1,692,575
21	Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve Canyon Park Watershed Restoration Project	\$ 942,640
22	Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (MUST)	\$ 2,000,000
23	Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project	\$ 268,500
24	Phil and Nell Soto Park	\$ 2,000,000
25	Planning for the Urban Orchard Development	\$ 845,000
26	Rainbow Canyon Ranch Acquisition & Concept Planning	\$ 1,900,000
27	Recycled Water Campus San Gabriel River (Parkway)	\$ 2,000,000
28	Recycled Water Development Project	\$ 1,000,000
29	River Wilderness Park Arroyos Development	\$ 1,590,000
30	San Gabriel River and Wilderness Park Restoration Project	\$ 1,660,000
31	San Gabriel River Wetland Restoration Development Project/Discovery Center	\$ 541,384
32	SCE Biophilic Restoration of the Urban Landscape	\$ 1,000,000
33	Slauson Wall Park Development Project	\$ 1,000,000
34	Sustainable Development of Trabuco Butterfly Garden	\$ 850,000
35	View Park and Recycled Water System	\$ 2,000,000
36	Vincent Lugo Park Stormwater Infiltration & Trail Restoration Project	\$ 841,829
37	Walnut Creek Nature Park Restoration Project	\$ 723,100
38	Washington Boulevard Water Quality Improvement Project	\$ 1,000,000
39	Water Quality improvement and development of a Class 1 Bikeway along a segment of the Coyote Creek Flood Channel, part of the OC Loop regional route	\$ 3,000,000
40	Water Quality Improvement Irrigated with Air Conditioners	\$ 310,000
41	Water Recycling and Conservation Project	\$ 2,000,000
42	Water Wise Magic Development Project	\$ 1,000,000
43	Watts GreenStreets Phase II Project: Water Quality Improvement & Urban Greening Infrastructure	\$ 750,000
44	West Coyote Hills Open Space Acquisition	\$ 2,000,000
<b>Total Requested:</b>		<b>\$ 49,350,398</b>

## Exhibit C: Proposition 1 Grant Program Map

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### Exhibit D- RMC Prop. 1 Evaluation Teams

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>TEAM ASSIGNED TO JOSE: LUZ: MARYBETH</b>	<b>ATTENDED TRAINING SESSION</b>
<b>Jose Gardea</b>			
Meredith McCarthy	Heal the Bay	JOSE	<b>X</b>
Frank O'Brien	Harbor Watts EDC	JOSE	<b>X</b>
Alina Bokde	Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust	JOSE	<b>X</b>
Larry Kaplan	Consultant	JOSE	<b>X</b>
<b>Luz Quinnell</b>			
Elizabeth Lambe	Los Cerritos Wetlands Trust for Long Beach and Seal Beach	LUZ	<b>X</b>
Christine Whitcraft	CSULB	LUZ	<b>X</b>
Andrea Gullo	Puente Hills Habitat Authority	LUZ	<b>X</b>
Grace Chan	The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	LUZ	<b>X</b>
<b>Marybeth Vergara</b>			
Raphael Mazor	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	MARYBETH	<b>X</b>
Pauline Louie	Urban Waters LA River Watershed Ambassador	MARYBETH	<b>X</b>
Shona Ganguly	Nature Conservancy	MARYBETH	<b>X</b>
Rob Romanek	WCA	MARYBETH	<b>x</b>



July 25, 2016 – Item 8

RESOLUTION 2016-13

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 1 (2015) TIER 1 AND TIER 2 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

*Therefore be it resolved that* the RMC hereby:

- 1 FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
- 2 FINDS that the Proposition 1 RMC Grant Program is consistent with the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (“Proposition 1”), which provides funds for the RMC grant program.
- 3 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 4 ADOPTS the staff report dated July 25, 2016.
- 5 AUTHORIZES approving the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Grant Program (2015) Tier 1 and Tier 2 grant recommendations and authorizing grant distributions totaling \$14,908,989.

~ 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 July 25, 2016.

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Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST:

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Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General