

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy  
“Rivers and Mountains Conservancy” (RMC)  
will be held on  
**Monday, July 20, 2020**  
at 1:30 pm

**At the following locations:**

**Per Executive Order N-29-20, Paragraph 3, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020 and related to the State of Emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 virus, RMC board meetings will be temporarily conducted remotely via the below remote access information.**

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA ZOOM ADDRESS:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88592595115?pwd=cldBWWlvSGtlUm9XTWtuNW9NYmJhZz09>  
**Meeting ID: 885 9259 5115|Password: 494340 And by phone at 1-669-900-9128**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment

*Individuals wishing to comment must fill out a comment card at the meeting for the official record and will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak. Speaker time may be reduced depending on the number of speakers. Public comment will be limited to sixty (60) minutes.*

5. Approval of Minutes
6. Chair’s Report
7. Deputy Attorney General’s Report
8. **Executive Officer’s Report**
  - a. Legislative
  - b. Capital Outlay & Support Budget
  - c. Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary
  - d. Project and Liaison Activities
  - e. COVID-19 Updates

**Consent Calendar**

9. Consideration of a resolution approving a grant amendment to the City of Long Beach for the Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment Project
10. Consideration of a resolution approving a small grant to Nature for All for the San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP)

**Regular Calendar**

11. Project update from GLAAC Boy Scouts of America for the Trask Scout Reservation Water System Improvement and Enhancement Project (RMC 18006)
12. Consideration of a resolution to approve the Watershed Conservation Authority’s Final

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Annual Budget

13. Consideration of a resolution to approve an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Studio MLA for the Compton Creek Planning and Implementation Project (RMC19513)
14. Consideration of a resolution approving an RMC Proposition 1 and 68 Small Grants Program Draft Guidelines
15. Board Member comments
16. Announcement of next meeting date – Monday, September 21, 2020, @ 1:30 pm
17. Adjournment

*The RMC may hold a closed session on any public hearing item pursuant to Section 11126(c)(7)(A), Section 11126(e) and Section 11126.3(a) of the Government Code. For additional information concerning the meeting, please contact the RMC Executive Officer, Mark Stanley at (626) 815-1019 or visit the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy web page at [www.rmc.ca.gov](http://www.rmc.ca.gov).*

*Note: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Board Secretary at (626) 815-1019 at least 3 days prior to the meeting.*

**DATE:** July 20, 2020  
**TO:** Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Governing Board  
**FROM:** RMC Staff  
**THROUGH:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Item 8A: Legislative Report

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### Legislative Update

For full text and history of bills and initiatives, visit these web sites:

Federal Bills: <https://www.congress.gov>

State Bills: <http://www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

**Current as of 07/08/2020**

The following is the status of legislative bills that have been introduced in the current session by Senate and Assembly potentially of interest to the RMC and its respective Joint Powers Authorities. Bills can be tracked on the legislative website: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

### PARKS AND WATER

#### **AB 209 (Limón D) Parks: Outdoor Environmental Education: Grant Program**

**Introduced:** 1/14/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/13/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

**Summary:** This bill is a reintroduction of last year's AB 2534. As a reminder, this bill would require the Director of Parks and Recreation to establish the Outdoor Equity Grants Program to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental educational experiences at state parks and other public lands where outdoor environmental education programs take place. The bill would require the director to, among other things, give priority for funding to outdoor environmental education programs that primarily provide outreach to and serve pupils who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, foster youth, or pupils of limited English proficiency. To the extent that the skill sets of persons retained through the River Rangers Program include interpretative/naturalist aptitudes, the program envisioned in this bill may underwrite these positions.

The Governor's January Budget proposed \$20 million to underwrite the development and implementation of the provisions captured in this bill. However, given the state of economic affairs in California, this appropriation was struck in the May Revise.

#### **AB 352 (Garcia, Eduardo) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020**

**Introduced:** 2/4/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/14/2019, **Status:** Re-referred to Senate Environmental Quality Committee

**Summary:** Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance

of bonds in the amount of \$3,920,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a wildlife prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. The bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election. The bill would provide that its provisions are severable. In response to the failure of Proposition 3 (Water Bond) and the more recently filed Climate and Resources Bond with the Attorney General, Speaker Rendon has greenlighted members of Assembly leadership to draft and propose bonds for future deliberation and possible inclusion on the November 2020 ballot. AB 352 represents such a vehicle and AB 1298 (Mullin) is a companion/complimentary bond funding mechanism to address climate, fire, infrastructure and resource related priorities throughout the state. AB 1298 is a little more expansive in scope than AB 352 at this juncture and both contain provisions specific to the funding of the LA River. Also, both contain funding for urban park and resource related investments. **SB 45, Senator Ben Allen's Climate Bond still remains in the mix as well and Senate Natural Resources Chair Henry Stern appears to have elevated this as a personal priority.**

**AB 926 (O'Donnell D) Oil Revenue: Oil Trust Fund**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 3/18/2019, **Status:** Held on Senate Appropriations Suspense File

**Summary:** Current law requires the Controller to transfer certain oil revenue-related monies to the Oil Trust Fund. Current law requires the State Lands Commission to expend the money in the fund to finance the costs of well abandonment, pipeline removal, facility removal, remediation, and other costs associated with removal of oil and gas facilities from the Long Beach tidelands. Current law prohibits the total amount deposited in the fund from exceeding \$300,000,000 and requires all interest earned on money in the fund after the balance in the fund totals \$300,000,000 to be transferred to the General Fund. This bill would delete the provisions relating to the limit on the total amount deposited in the fund. By increasing the amount of money that may be deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

**AB 933 (Petrie-Norris D) Ecosystem Resilience: Watershed Protection: Watershed Coordinators**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 7/11/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Would authorize the Department of Conservation, to the extent funds are available, to establish and administer the Ecosystem Resilience Program to fund watershed coordinator positions, and other necessary costs, throughout the state for the purpose of achieving specified goals, including the goal to develop and implement watershed improvement plans, and other plans to enhance the natural functions of a watershed, aligned with multiple statewide and regional objectives across distinct bioregions. The bill would require the department to develop performance measures and accountability controls to track progress and outcomes of all watershed coordinator grants. The bill would require, on or before January 31, 2022, and every 3 years thereafter, the department to report those outcomes to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature.

**AB 1269 (Rubio, Blanca D) Park Property: City of El Monte: Pioneer Park**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 4/29/2019, **Status:** Senate Governance and Finance Committee hearing postponed

**Summary:** Would authorize the City of El Monte to dispose of all or a portion of Pioneer Park property acquired or developed with grant moneys per the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program Act, the Community Parklands Act of 1986, the California Wildlife,

Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act, and subject to the acquisition of property of equal or greater value, as approved by the Department of Parks and Recreation, at no cost to the state.

**AB 1298 (Mullin D) Climate Resiliency, Fire Risk Reduction, Recycling, Groundwater and Drinking Water Supply, Clean Beaches, and Jobs Infrastructure Bond Act of 2020**

**Introduced:** 2/22/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/22/2019, **Status:** Dead

**Summary:** Would enact the Climate Resiliency, Fire Risk Reduction, Recycling, Groundwater and Drinking Water Supply, Clean Beaches, and Jobs Infrastructure Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a climate resiliency, fire risk reduction, recycling, groundwater and drinking water supply, clean beaches, and jobs infrastructure program. The bill would require the bond act to be submitted to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election. In response to the failure of Proposition 3 (Water Bond) and the more recently filed Climate and Resources Bond with the Attorney General, Speaker Rendon has greenlighted members of Assembly leadership to draft and propose bonds for future deliberation and possible inclusion on the November 2020 ballot. AB 1298 represents such a vehicle and AB 352 (Garcia) is a companion/complimentary bond funding mechanism to address climate, fire, infrastructure and resource related priorities throughout the state. AB 1298 is a little more expansive in scope than AB 352 at this juncture and both contain provisions specific to the funding of the LA River. Also, both contain funding for urban park and resource related investments. Both AB 1298 and AB 352 stalled-out in deference to AB 3256, a new bond vehicle that represents a collaboration of the two authors advancing these separate measures. SB 45, a Senate Bond vehicle, remains alive but is on life support as economic conditions in the state are undermining momentum for a bond.

**AB 1549 (O'Donnell D) Wildlife: Deer: Santa Catalina Island: Report**

**Introduced:** 2/22/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 3/21/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to biennially report to the Legislature and Fish and Game Commission on the progress made toward restoration and maintenance of California's deer herds. This bill would require the department to develop by 1/2/2022, a report, in consultation with state agencies, local governments, federal agencies, NGO's, landowners, and scientific agencies to inform and coordinate management decisions regarding deer on Santa Catalina Island, including historic, current and future deer population on the island and assessment of their overall health.

**AB 1578 (Rivas, Luz D) School Pavement to Parks Grant Program**

**Introduced:** 2/22/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/30/2019, **Status:** Vetoed

**Summary:** Would establish the School Pavement to Parks Grant Program under the administration of the Natural Resources Agency for purposes of providing grants to applicant school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools maintaining schools in disadvantaged communities, as defined, or low-income communities, as defined, to convert portions of existing pavement at those schools to green space. The bill would require the agency to establish processes and procedures for administering the grant program, as specified. The bill would require a school district or county office of education that receives a request from a school in the school district or county office of education to participate in the grant program to inform the

school that it has received the request in a timely manner.

**AB 2000 (Kamlager D) Baldwin Hills Conservancy: Urban Watersheds Conservancy Expansion**

**Introduced:** 1/28/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/4/2020, **Status:** Suspended

**Summary:** The Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act, establishes until January 1, 2026, in the Natural Resources Agency, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, created with the purpose, among other purposes, to acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, as defined. This bill would expand the area covered by the conservancy to include southern Ballona Creek Watershed, as defined, and the Upper Dominguez Channel, as defined. The bill would rename the conservancy the Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy and would eliminate the 2026 sunset of the BHC.

**AB 2103 (O'Donnell D) San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy: Territory: Dominguez Channel Watershed and Santa Catalina Island**

**Introduced:** 2/6/2020, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Current law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the functions and duties of the conservancy with regard to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of specified areas of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located along the San Gabriel River and the lower Los Angeles River and tributaries along those rivers. Current law, for purposes of those provisions, defines "territory" to mean the territory of the conservancy that consists of those portions of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located within the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, as described. This bill would additionally include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island, as described, within that definition of territory, and would make various related changes to the boundaries of that territory. This bill represents a repeat attempt at expanding the boundaries of the RMC. Last year's AB 1694 stalled in the Senate Appropriations Committee and the author has made a concerted effort to partner with legislative colleagues in the joint authoring of this measure. Given the shift in focus and priority of the Legislature in light of recent events, authors were encourage to downsize bill portfolios. This bill was among the many casualties subject to leadership directives.

**AB 2021 (Chen R) State Park System: Chino Hills State Park: Expansion**

**Introduced:** 1/29/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/4/2020, **Status:** Suspended

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide all necessary assistance for the state's acquisition and acceptance of 3 specified parcels from willing sellers that are adjacent to the Chino Hills State Park. The bill would require the department to agree to accept and manage each parcel as it is acquired with specified funds as part of the Chino Hills State Park. This bill appears to mimic last year's SB 404 (Chang).

**AB 2519 (Wood D) Conservation Projects: Grants: Advance Payments**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 06/04/2020, **Status:** Referred to Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water

**Summary:** Current law requires the Natural Resources Agency, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Department of Water Resources, and the State Water Resources Control Board to administer

various grant programs relating to natural resources. This bill would require, to the extent not in conflict with any other law, the Natural Resources Agency, the conservancy, the department, and the board, when awarding grants for conservation projects, as defined, to provide an advance payment of up to 25% of the total grant award if requested by a grant recipient.

**AB 2611 (Santiago D) Conservancies: Lower Los Angeles River Working Group**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2020, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Current law required, by March 1, 2017, the Lower Los Angeles River Working Group to develop, through watershed-based planning methods, a revitalization plan that addresses the unique and diverse needs of the Lower Los Angeles River and the communities through which it passes, and that is consistent with, enhances, and may be incorporated into, the County of Los Angeles's Master Plan, and that includes watershed education programs. This bill would require the working group to, on or before January 1, 2022, update, through watershed-based planning methods, the above-described revitalization plan. This is a placeholder bill without specific intent to date.

**AB 3340 (O'Donnell D) San Gabriel River**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020, **Status:** Suspended

**Summary:** Current law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the functions and duties of the conservancy with regard to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of specified areas of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located along the San Gabriel River and the lower Los Angeles River and tributaries along those rivers. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation relating to the San Gabriel River. This is a placeholder bill that may be used to create a new San Gabriel River Program under the RMC.

**SB 226 (Nielsen R) Watershed Restoration: Wildfires: Grant Program**

**Introduced:** 2/7/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 7/3/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency to jointly develop and submit to the Legislature a plan for forest and water restoration investments for the drainages that supply specified reservoirs. This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the Natural Resources Agency to develop and implement a watershed restoration grant program for purposes of awarding grants to eligible counties to assist them with watershed restoration on watersheds that have been affected by wildfire. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to develop guidelines for the grant program. The bill would require an eligible county receiving funds pursuant to the grant program to submit an annual report to the agency regarding projects funded by the grant program.

**SB 367 (Hueso D) State Coastal Conservancy: Grants: Educational Projects and Programs**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 6/13/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

**Summary:** Existing law authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to fund and undertake plans and feasibility studies and to award grants to public agencies and nonprofits for these purposes. This bill would additionally authorize the conservancy to provide technical assistance, and award grants for that purpose. This bill would authorize the conservancy to undertake educational

projects and programs for adults and for pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 and to award grants to nonprofits, educational institutions, public agencies, etc. for educational projects and programs related to the preservation, protection, enhancement, maintenance, enjoyment of coastal resources and for onsite and distance learning facilities, activities, and instruction programs that support the delivery of science, history and social science. Would authorize conservancy to award grants for the construction and improvement of structures and facilities used for those projects and programs.

**SB 462 (Stern D) Community Colleges: Urban and Rural Forest and Woodlands Restoration and Fire Resiliency Workforce Program**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 6/13/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Requires the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, working in collaboration with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, to develop a forest and woodlands restoration workforce model curriculum and vocational program to be offered by community college districts commencing on or before July 31, 2021. Bill would require the curriculum to reflect regional needs, and to be developed by the Chancellor's Office in consultation with experts from designated governmental, academic, and nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated expertise in forest and woodland restoration and fire management.

**SB 474 (Stern D) Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 6/19/2020, **Status:** Re-referred to Assembly Local Government Committee

**Summary:** Formerly titled the California Wildfire Protection Act of 1990: Habitat Conservation Fund, this bill would establish the Wildlife Protection Subaccount in the Habitat Conservation Fund and would require the Controller, if an appropriation is made for this purpose in any fiscal year, to transfer \$30,000,000 from the General Fund to the subaccount, less any amount transferred from specified accounts and funds, to be expended by the board for the acquisition, enhancement, or restoration of wildlife habitat.

**SB 886 (Archuleta D) Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District: Establishment: Board of Directors**

**Introduced:** 1/23/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/18/2020, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the establishment of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District by petition or resolution submitted to the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission before January 1, 2020. Current law authorizes specified city councils, including the city council of the City of Montebello, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to appoint members to serve on the initial board of directors of the district. Under existing law, a violation of any rule, regulation, or ordinance adopted by the board of directors of a recreation and park district is a crime. This bill would extend the deadline to submit the petition or resolution establishing the district from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2023.

**SJR 14 (Archuleta D) Whittier Narrows Dam: Flood Protection Improvements: Federal Funding**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2020, **Status:** In Assembly, Held at Desk

**Summary:** This measure would urge the United States Congress to include and approve in its 2021 budget an appropriation of approximately \$385,000,000 to the United States of Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program to perform the critically needed construction and repair work on Whittier Narrows Dam to protect the citizens of southeastern Los Angeles County from catastrophic flooding.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

### **AB 65 (Petrie-Norris D) Coastal Protection: Climate Adaptation: Project Prioritization: Natural Infrastructure: Local General Plans**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018, **Last Amended Date:** 9/6/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

**Summary:** The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, approved by the voters at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary direct election as Proposition 68, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000,000 for the purpose of financing a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. The act authorizes, upon appropriation by the Legislature, \$40,000,000 of those bond funds for projects that assist coastal communities, including those reliant on commercial fisheries, with adaption to climate change, including projects that address ocean acidification, sea level rise, or habitat restoration and protection, among other things. Among other items, this bill would require the State Coastal Conservancy when it allocates any funding appropriated pursuant to the act, prioritize projects and project implementation that use natural infrastructure to help adapt to climate change. Hence, for possible collaborative projects between WCA and the State Coastal Conservancy subject to the \$40 million contained in Proposition 68 for the conservancy, projects must incorporate natural infrastructure such as earthen embankment and shoring, raised or elevated trail improvements so as to avoid sea level rise and inundation. This bill also includes a new, more robust, definition of “natural infrastructure.”

### **AB 293 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Greenhouse Gases: Offset Protocols**

**Introduced:** 1/28/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 4/2/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

**Summary:** Current law, until January 1, 2031, establishes the Compliance Offsets Protocol Task Force to provide guidance to the CA Air Resources Board in approving new offset protocols for a market-based compliance mechanism for the purposes of increasing offset projects with direct environmental benefits in the state while prioritizing disadvantaged communities, Native American or tribal lands, and rural and agricultural regions. This bill would require the task force to consider the development of additional offset protocols, including, but not limited to, protocols for the enhanced management or conservation of agricultural and natural lands, and for the enhancement and restoration of wetlands.

### **AB 552 (Stone D) Coastal Resources: Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 8/12/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Would establish the Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access for the purpose of funding specified activities intended to help the state prepare, plan, and implement actions to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change. The bill would create

the Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access Fund in the State Treasury, and would authorize the California Coastal Commission and specified state agencies to expend moneys in the fund, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act, to take actions, based upon the best scientific information, that are designed to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change, as prescribed.

**AB 839 (Mullin D) Climate Adaptation Strategy: Strategic Resiliency Framework: Resiliency through Adaptation, Economic Vitality, and Equity Account**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 6/26/2019, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Current law requires the Natural Resources Agency to update every 3 years the state's climate adaptation strategy, known as the Safeguarding California Plan, to identify vulnerabilities to climate change by sectors and priority actions needed to reduce the risks in those sectors. This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, on or before July 1, 2021, to review the plan and develop a strategic resiliency framework, as specified. The bill would require updates to the plan to include, among other things, a review of the progress made implementing past plans and an evaluation of each lead agency's lead adaptation efforts, as well as a detailed description of the framework developed by the secretary.

**AB 2441 (Rivas D) Climate Change: Safeguarding California Plan: Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/4/2020, **Status:** Failed Deadline

**Summary:** Existing law requires the Natural Resources Agency every 3 years to update the Safeguarding California Plan. As part of the update, current law requires the agency to coordinate with other state agencies to identify a lead agency or group of agencies to lead adaptation efforts in each sector. Current law requires state agencies to work to maximize specified objectives. This bill would include, as objectives to be maximized, building resilient communities by developing projects that incorporate, to the maximum extent feasible, cool surface materials and investing in communities to develop community-specific climate resilience plans and to establish community resilience centers to mitigate impacts of local climate risks. Bill would additionally require the Office of Emergency Services to coordinate with the State Department of Public Health in the review and update of the Adaption Planning Guide. Bill would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program to address extreme heat and to facilitate the implementation of regional and state climate change planning into projects through awarding of competitive grants to eligible entities. Strategic Growth Council would administer program and a fund would be established in the State Treasury and require the council, upon appropriation by the Legislature, expend moneys in the fund for implementation.

**AB 2619 (Stone D) Coastal Resources: Program for Climate Resilience, Adaptation, and Access**

**Introduced:** 2/20/2020, **Status:** Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 2 and June 3

**Summary:** Would establish the Program for Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access for the purpose of funding specified activities intended to help the state prepare, plan, and implement actions to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change. The bill would create the Coastal Resilience, Adaptation, and Access Fund in the State Treasury, and would authorize the California Coastal Commission and specified state agencies to expend moneys in the fund, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act, to take actions, based upon the best scientific information, that are designed to address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change, as prescribed.

**AB 3256 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/18/2020, **Status:** Hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 2 and June 3

**Summary:** Would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,980,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for an economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

**SB 45 (Allen D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Prevention, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020**

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018, **Last Amended Date:** 1/23/2020, **Status:** In Assembly waiting for committee assignment

**Summary:** Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. Would also restore fire damaged areas, reduce wildfire risk, create healthy forest and watersheds, reduce climate impacts on urban areas and vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, protect rivers, lakes, and streams, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife from climate impacts, improve climate resilience of agricultural lands, and protect coastal lands and resources. There is a specific category contained in the bond that is LA River specific. This is the Senate climate/resources bond vehicle that will serve as a compliment to AB 3256. This bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election.

**SB 576 (Umberg D) Coastal Resources: Climate Ready Program and Coastal Climate Change Adaptation, Infrastructure, and Readiness Program**

**Introduced:** 2/22/2019, **Last Amended Date:** 9/6/2019, **Status:** Chaptered

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to address the impacts and potential impacts of climate change on resources within its jurisdiction, this includes undertaking projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address extreme weather events, sea level rise,

storm surge, and other coastal hazards that threaten coastal communities, infrastructure, and natural resources. Current law also authorizes the conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for these activities. This bill would recast these provisions as the Climate Ready Program to be administered by the conservancy as described above. Existing law also establishes the Ocean Protection Council. This bill would require the council, subject to the availability of funding, develop and implement a coastal climate adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program to recommend best practices and strategies to improve the climate change resiliency of the state's coastal communities, infrastructure, and habitat and collaborate with certain entities and scientists to facilitate information sharing regarding coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness, including providing information to the Office of Planning and Research to be considered for inclusion into a certain clearinghouse for climate adaptation information.

**SB 1296 (Durazo D) Natural Resources: the Nature and Parks Career Pathway and Community Resiliency Act of 2020**

**Introduced:** 2/21/2020, **Last Amended Date:** 5/21/2020, **Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing on 6/8/20

**Summary:** Current law establishes various environmental and economic policies and programs. This bill, upon appropriations by the Legislature, would establish the Nature and Parks Career Pathway and Community Resiliency Act of 2020, which would require state conservancies, and the Wildlife Conservation Board to establish independent grant programs focusing on disadvantaged youth to underwrite climate mitigation, adaptation, or resilience, natural disaster, and other climate emergency projects.

**DATE:** July 20, 2020  
**TO:** RMC Governing Board  
**FROM:** Salian Garcia, Staff Services Manager I  
**THROUGH:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Item 8B: Capital Outlay & Support Budget

**BACKGROUND:** This report includes information on the RMC's revenue and expenditures from local assistance, capital outlay, and Lower Los Angeles River-specific projects.

The Capital Outlay report contains information on the total capital outlay funds appropriated, encumbered and remaining from Propositions 1, 40, 50, 68, and 84. For a detailed report on each approved grant and associated fund level, please refer to agenda Item 8C Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary. This report reflects balances as of June 30, 2020.

	Bond	Appropriation	Encumbered / Expended	Approved Pending Encumbrance	Projects Pending Board Approval	Balance
Local Assistance & Capital Outlay (Urban/Lower LA River-specific)	Prop 1 [§79735(a)]	\$ 18,450,000	\$ 8,498,037	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,951,963
	Prop 68 - Prj/PM [§80100(a)(1)(B)]	\$ 25,196,345	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,196,345
	Prop 68 - SDAC [§80100(a)(1)(B)]	\$ 7,507,155	\$ 332,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,174,705
	Prop 68 - TA/CA [§80100(a)(1)(B)]	\$ 2,559,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,559,000
	Lower LA River Sub-Grant Program (Prop 1)	\$ 28,100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,100,000
	Sub Total	\$ 81,812,500	\$ 8,830,487	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,982,013
Local Assistance & Capital Outlay (Territory-wide/Other)	Prop 40	\$ 37,097,363	\$ 37,097,363	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Prop 50	\$ 17,604,909	\$ 17,604,909	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Prop 84	\$ 36,000,000	\$ 36,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Prop 1 [§79731(f)]	\$ 28,305,875	\$ 25,855,135	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,450,740
	Prop 68 - Prj/PM [§80110(b)(6)]	\$ 19,402,000	\$ 3,728,920	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,673,080
	Prop 68 - SDAC [§80110(b)(6)]	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 1,996,380	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,303,620
	Prop 68 - TA/CA [§80110(b)(6)]	\$ 2,048,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,048,000
	Sub Total	\$ 146,758,147	\$ 122,282,707	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,475,440
Budget Act/Direct Funding	Lower LA Restoration & Revitalization Funds (BA 2018)	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 16,695,513	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,304,487
	Lower LA Restoration & Revitalization Funds (BA 2019)	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000
	Compton Creek Funds (BA 2019)	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 220,248	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,779,752
	Rio Hondo Confluence Signature Project	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000,000
	Sub Total	\$ 32,000,000	\$ 16,915,761	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,084,239

Total Appropriations	\$ 260,570,647
Total Encumbered	\$ 148,028,955
Total Approved Pending Enc.	\$ 0
Total Projects Pending Board Approval	\$ 0
<b>Total Available for Enc/Exp.</b>	<b>\$ 112,541,692</b>

### **Projects Approved Pending Encumbrance**

None to report

### **Support Budget and Expenditures**

The attached Exhibit A is the Support & Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 which displays and tracks the administrative and operational expenses for the RMC. The revenue section of the report delineates the six fund sources for operations: Environmental License Plate Fund, Propositions 1, 40, 50, 68, and 84. The reports include expenditures that have been processed and sent to Contracted Fiscal Services for payment through June 30, 2020.

The attached Exhibit A-1 reflects the RMC's draft Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Support and Operations Budget. The RMC is currently awaiting proposed annual expenditures from the Department of General Services, specifically in contracted Human Resources, before finalizing its budget.

The attached Exhibit B outlines projects that have received advanced funds. Each project that receives advance funds must reconcile upon expenditure.

The cumulative contract report for the support budget is attached as Exhibit C. This report includes contracts executed under the Executive Officer's Discretionary Approval for under \$10,000.00 and those over \$10,000.00 that have been approved by the RMC Board.

***Exhibit A – FY 2019/20 Support & Operations***

***Exhibit A-1 – FY 2020/21 Support & Operations***

***Exhibit B – Advanced Funds Report***

***Exhibit C – Contracts***

**RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
FY 2019 - 2020**

**Date of Report June 30, 2020**

<b>REVENUE</b>				
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>FUND #</b>	<b>% Exp.</b>	<b>Balance</b>
ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES	430,000	0140	21.9%	172,963
PROPOSITION 40	175,000	6029	8.9%	71,138
PROPOSITION 50	102,000	6031	5.2%	41,463
PROPOSITION 84	104,000	6051	5.3%	42,276
PROPOSITION 1	429,000	6083	21.9%	174,389
PROPOSITION 68	723,000	6088	36.8%	723,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,963,000</b>		<b>100%</b>	

						<b>Month</b>	<b>FY Completed</b>			
						<b>Jun</b>	<b>100.3%</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>FY 2019/20 BUDGET</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (\$)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (%)</b>	<b>BUDGET SPENT (%)</b>	<b>FY 2018/19 BUDGET</b>	<b>As of 06/30/19</b>	<b>% FY19 over FY18</b>	
5100000	Civil Service Employees	951,440	761,673	189,767	20%	80%	597,663	580,483	59.2%	
Operating Expenses and Equipment										
General Expense										
<a href="#">5301200</a>	Dues and Memberships	1,000	159	841	84%	16%	0	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5301700</a>	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	5,000	1,945	3,055	61%	39%	4,000	3,795	25.0%	
<a href="#">5301050</a>	Advertising	5,000	4,070	930	19%	81%	500	352	900.0%	
<a href="#">5301150</a>	Conferences	5,000	1,507	3,493	70%	30%	5,475	0	-8.7%	
<a href="#">5301500</a>	Meeting	2,000	115	1,885	94%	6%	1,600	1,576	25.0%	
<a href="#">5301450</a>	Library purchases	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	0	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5368115</a>	Office Equipment (non capital)	10,000	422	9,578	96%	4%	5,000	3,717	100.0%	
<a href="#">5301620</a>	Office equipment rental, maint.,& repair	1,000	185	815	82%	18%	500	0	100.0%	
<a href="#">5368045</a>	Furniture	60,000	0	60,000	100%	0%	10,000	0	500.0%	
<a href="#">5301350</a>	Freight	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	600	600	1566.7%	
<a href="#">5105100</a>	Board Members	2,800	1,555	1,245	44%	56%	0	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5150900</a>	Staff Benefits (ie. Employee Wellness Program)	6,500	4,290	2,210	34%	66%	0	0	0.0%	

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ITEM	FY 2019/20 BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (\$)	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (%)	BUDGET SPENT (%)	FY 2018/19 BUDGET	As of 06/30/19	% FY19 over FY18
Printing								
5302800 Photocopy (ie. Konica)	8,000	3,834	4,166	52%	48%	15,000	5,516	-46.7%
5302300 Office copier expense (ie. maint.)	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%
5346700 IT Supplies (ie. Paper, toner)	4,500	304	4,197	93%	7%	3,500	3,299	28.6%
5302600 Office Copier Supplies (ie. staples, cords)	500	0	500	100%	0%	0	0	0.0%
5302900 Printing - Not Otherwise Classified	2,500	1,424	1,076	43%	57%	2,500	2,092	0.0%
Communications								
5304100 Cell phones, PDAs, pagers	3,000	2,749	251	8%	92%	2,125	2,125	41.2%
5304700 Telephone	5,000	3,212	1,788	36%	64%	3,000	2,874	66.7%
5304800 Communications -Not Otherwise Classified	2,000	1,967	33	2%	98%	300	275	566.7%
5304260 Maintenance	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%
Postage								
5306200 Postage, stamps, stamped envelopes, etc.	500	0	500	100%	0%	500	0	0.0%
5306600 Postage Meter (rent, repair, refills, supplies)	5,000	1,832	3,168	63%	37%	5,300	4,832	-5.7%
Travel: In State & OST								
5320220 Travel - In State Lodging	1,000	788	212	21%	79%	1,000	708	0.0%
5320480 State Vehicle - related travel	1,000	700	300	30%	70%	1,000	835	0.0%
5390850 State Vehicle - General Maintenance/Repair	2,000	61	1,939	97%	3%	5,000	1,148	-60.0%
5390800 State Vehicle - Gasoline	2,000	1,129	871	44%	56%	2,000	1,636	0.0%
5308700 Insurance - Vehicle	1,000	657	343	34%	66%	816	816	22.5%
5320400 Commercial Air Transportation	12,000	5,329	6,671	56%	44%	10,500	10,264	14.3%
5320240 Travel - Per Diem Allowances	2,000	540	1,460	73%	27%	2,000	268	0.0%
5320440 Private Car (ie. Mileage)	4,500	3,458	1,042	23%	77%	4,100	4,033	9.8%
5320470 Rental Car	1,500	120	1,380	92%	8%	1,500	1,246	0.0%
5320610 Travel - OST Lodging	800	773	27	3%	97%	500	500	0.0%
5320630 Travel - OST Per Diem Allowances	400	101	299	75%	25%	500	184	0.0%
5320260 Travel Agency Mgmt & Transaction Fees	200	119	81	41%	60%	200	129	0.0%
5390870 Other Vehicle Operations Services	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	2,600	2,600	0.0%

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ITEM	FY 2019/20 BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (\$)	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (%)	BUDGET SPENT (%)	FY 2018/19 BUDGET	As of 06/30/19	% FY19 over FY18	
Training									
<a href="#">5322400</a> Tuition and Registration Fees	8,500	6,635	1,865	22%	78%	500	155	1600.0%	
Facilities Operation									
<a href="#">5324250</a> Facilities Planning - General Svs, etc	20,000	13,942	6,058	30%	70%	6,000	4,560	233.3%	
<a href="#">5362050</a> Improvements other than Buildings	40,000	0	40,000	100%	0%	0	0	0.0%	
5324100 Recurring Maintenance Services	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5324450</a> Rent, Buildings and Grounds	49,560	48,120	1,440	3%	97%	48,121	48,120	3.0%	
Professional Services									
Planning and Monitoring									
<a href="#">5340330</a> Interdepartmental Professional Services	3,000	1,014	1,987	66%	34%	2,000	1,197	50.0%	
<a href="#">5340210</a> Accounting Interdepartment (PRO RATA PROCES	232,100	1,832	230,268	99%	1%	208,000	64,268	11.6%	
<a href="#">5340220</a> Administrative Interdepartment	25,000	20,596	4,404	18%	82%	25,000	21,366	0.0%	
<a href="#">5340310</a> Attorney General	70,000	64,938	5,063	7%	93%	60,000	54,358	16.7%	
<a href="#">5150800</a> Workers Compensation	25,000	3,865	21,135	85%	15%	25,000	19,200	0.0%	
<a href="#">5340420</a> External Administrative Services	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	10,000	7,500	0.0%	
<a href="#">5340490</a> External Prof Svs-IT	120,000	69,160	50,840	42%	58%	80,000	56,305	50.0%	
<a href="#">5340580</a> External Prof Svs-Other Consulting & Prof Svs	45,000	11,762	33,238	74%	26%	40,000	39,923	12.5%	
Information Technology									
<a href="#">5368025</a> Computer & Computer Equip (Non Capital)	13,500	10,503	2,997	22%	78%	16,500	13,382	-18.2%	
<a href="#">5362240</a> Computer & Computer Equip (Capital)	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	9,000	8,202	11.1%	
<a href="#">5362290</a> Office Equipment (Capital)	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	5,000	0	100.0%	
<a href="#">5346390</a> IT Services - Other (Security, Archival, etc)	12,000	6,402	5,598	47%	53%	3,000	2,460	300.0%	
<a href="#">5346340</a> Software	10,000	5,139	4,861	49%	51%	10,000	9,739	0.0%	
<a href="#">5346320</a> Hardware Maintenance	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5346500</a> Internet Service Provider	20,000	20,572	(572)	-3%	103%	14,400	12,126	38.9%	
<a href="#">5346800</a> Electronic Waste and Disposal Fees	200	27	173	87%	14%	120	68	0.0%	
<a href="#">5346900</a> IT - Hardware/Construction	14,000	13,000	1,000	7%	93%	0	0	0.0%	
Central Administration Services									
<a href="#">5432000</a> Grants & Subventions - Governmental	55,000	55,000	0	0%	100%	68,980	55,000	-20.3%	
<a href="#">5432500</a> Grants & Subventions - NonGovernmental	50,000	15,350	34,650	69%	31%	16,100	16,010	210.6%	
<b>OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1,011,560</b>	<b>411,042</b>	<b>600,518</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>739,337</b>	<b>489,361</b>	<b>36.8%</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,963,000</b>	<b>1,172,715</b>	<b>790,285</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>1,337,000</b>	<b>1,069,844</b>	<b>46.8%</b>	

**RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
FY 2020 - 2021**

**Date of Report July 1, 2020**

<b>REVENUE</b>				
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>FUND #</b>	<b>% Exp.</b>	<b>Balance</b>
ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES	456,000	0140	28.6%	456,000
PROPOSITION 40	94,455	6029	5.9%	94,455
PROPOSITION 50	0	6031	0.0%	0
PROPOSITION 84	107,000	6051	6.7%	107,000
PROPOSITION 1	251,733	6083	15.8%	251,733
PROPOSITION 68	686,738	6088	43.0%	686,738
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,595,926</b>		<b>100%</b>	
	additional 5% reduction			<b>1,516,130</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>						<b>Month</b>	<b>FY Completed</b>			
						<b>Jul</b>	<b>0.3%</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>		<b>FY 2020/21 BUDGET</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (\$)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (%)</b>	<b>BUDGET SPENT (%)</b>	<b>FY 2019/20 BUDGET</b>	<b>As of 06/30/20</b>	<b>% FY20 over FY19</b>	
5100000	Civil Service Employees	929,167	0	929,167	100%	0%	951,440	761,673	-2.3%	

Operating Expenses and Equipment

General Expense

<a href="#">5301200</a>	Dues and Memberships	500	0	500	100%	0%	1,000	159	-50.0%
<a href="#">5301700</a>	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	100%	0%	5,000	1,945	-60.0%
<a href="#">5301700</a>	Miscellaneous Office Supplies - COVID-19	2,000	0	2,000	100%	0%	0	0	0.0%
<a href="#">5301050</a>	Advertising	500	0	500	100%	0%	5,000	4,070	-90.0%
<a href="#">5301150</a>	Conferences	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	5,000	1,507	-80.0%
<a href="#">5301500</a>	Meeting	200	0	200	100%	0%	2,000	115	-90.0%
<a href="#">5301450</a>	Library purchases	0	0	0			1,000	0	0.0%
<a href="#">5368115</a>	Office Equipment (non capital)	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	10,000	422	-90.0%
<a href="#">5301620</a>	Office equipment rental, maint., & repair	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	1,000	185	0.0%
<a href="#">5368045</a>	Furniture	2,000	0	2,000	100%	0%	60,000	0	-96.7%
<a href="#">5301350</a>	Freight	500	0	500	100%	0%	10,000	0	-95.0%

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ITEM	FY 2020/21 BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (\$)	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (%)	BUDGET SPENT (%)	FY 2019/20 BUDGET	As of 06/30/20	% FY20 over FY19	
<a href="#">5105100</a> Board Members	4,200	0	4,200	100%	0%	2,800	1,555	0.0%	
<a href="#">5150900</a> Staff Benefits (ie. Employee Wellness Program)	0	0	0			6,500	4,290	0.0%	
Printing									
<a href="#">5302800</a> Photocopy (ie. Konica)	5,000	0	5,000	100%	0%	8,000	3,514	-37.5%	
<a href="#">5302300</a> Office copier expense (ie. maint.)	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5346700</a> IT Supplies (ie. Paper, toner)	2,500	0	2,500	100%	0%	4,500	304	-44.4%	
<a href="#">5302600</a> Office Copier Supplies (ie. staples, cords)	500	0	500	100%	0%	500	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5302900</a> Printing - Not Otherwise Classified	500	0	500	100%	0%	2,500	1,424	-80.0%	
Communications									
<a href="#">5304100</a> Cell phones, PDAs, pagers	5,000	0	5,000	100%	0%	3,000	1,907	66.7%	
<a href="#">5304700</a> Telephone	4,000	0	4,000	100%	0%	5,000	3,212	-20.0%	
<a href="#">5304800</a> Communications -Not Otherwise Classified	2,000	0	2,000	100%	0%	2,000	1,359	0.0%	
<a href="#">5304260</a> Maintenance	0	0	0			0	0	0.0%	
Postage									
<a href="#">5306200</a> Postage, stamps, stamped envelopes, etc.	500	0	500	100%	0%	500	17	0.0%	
<a href="#">5306600</a> Postage Meter (rent, repair, refills, supplies)	2,500	0	2,500	100%	0%	5,000	1,832	-50.0%	
Travel: In State & OST									
<a href="#">5320220</a> Travel - In State Lodging	500	0	500	100%	0%	1,000	788	-50.0%	
<a href="#">5320480</a> State Vehicle - related travel	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	1,000	654	0.0%	
<a href="#">5390850</a> State Vehicle - General Maintenance/Repair	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	2,000	61	-50.0%	
<a href="#">5390800</a> State Vehicle - Gasoline	2,500	0	2,500	100%	0%	2,000	1,092	25.0%	
<a href="#">5308700</a> Insurance - Vehicle	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	1,000	657	0.0%	
<a href="#">5320400</a> Commercial Air Transportation	4,000	0	4,000	100%	0%	12,000	5,329	-66.7%	
<a href="#">5320240</a> Travel - Per Diem Allowances	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	2,000	540	-50.0%	
<a href="#">5320440</a> Private Car (ie. Mileage)	3,000	0	3,000	100%	0%	4,500	3,341	-33.3%	
<a href="#">5320470</a> Rental Car	500	0	500	100%	0%	1,500	120	-66.7%	
<a href="#">5320610</a> Travel - OST Lodging	0	0	0			800	773	0.0%	
<a href="#">5320630</a> Travel - OST Per Diem Allowances	0	0	0			400	101	0.0%	
<a href="#">5320260</a> Travel Agency Mgmt & Transaction Fees	200	0	200	100%	0%	200	119	0.0%	
<a href="#">5390870</a> Other Vehicle Operations Services	0	0	0			1,000	0	0.0%	

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ITEM	FY 2020/21 BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (\$)	AVAILABLE BUDGET BALANCE (%)	BUDGET SPENT (%)	FY 2019/20 BUDGET	As of 06/30/20	% FY20 over FY19	
Training									
<a href="#">5322400</a> Tuition and Registration Fees	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	8,500	6,635	-88.2%	
Facilities Operation									
<a href="#">5324250</a> Facilities Planning - General Svs, etc	20,000	0	20,000	100%	0%	20,000	13,942	0.0%	
<a href="#">5324150</a> Facilities Operations - other	19,500	0	19,500	100%	0%	40,000	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5324150</a> Facilities Operations - other (COVID19)	2,000	0	2,000	100%	0%	0	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5324450</a> Rent, Buildings and Grounds	49,564	0	49,564	100%	0%	49,560	48,120	0.0%	
Professional Services									
Planning and Monitoring									
<a href="#">5340330</a> Interdepartmental Professional Services	10,200	0	10,200	100%	0%	3,000	1,014	240.0%	
<a href="#">5340210</a> Accounting Interdepartment (PRO RATA PROCES	146,825	0	146,825	100%	0%	232,100	233,932	-36.7%	
<a href="#">5340220</a> Administrative Interdepartment	33,345	0	33,345	100%	0%	25,000	20,596	33.4%	
<a href="#">5340310</a> Attorney General	70,000	0	70,000	100%	0%	70,000	64,938	0.0%	
<a href="#">5150800</a> Workers Compensation	4,500	0	4,500	100%	0%	25,000	3,865	-82.0%	
<a href="#">5340420</a> External Administrative Services	0	0	0			10,000	0	-100.0%	
<a href="#">5340490</a> External Prof Svs-IT	68,229	0	68,229	100%	0%	120,000	69,160	-43.1%	
<a href="#">5340580</a> External Prof Svs-Other Consulting & Prof Svs	0	0	0			45,000	11,762	-100.0%	
Information Technology									
<a href="#">5368025</a> Computer & Computer Equip (Non Capital)	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	13,500	10,503	-25.9%	
<a href="#">5362240</a> Computer & Computer Equip (Capital)	0	0	0			10,000	0	-100.0%	
<a href="#">5362290</a> Office Equipment (Capital)	0	0	0			10,000	0	-100.0%	
<a href="#">5346390</a> IT Services - Other (Security, Archival, etc)	8,000	0	8,000	100%	0%	12,000	6,402	-33.3%	
<a href="#">5346340</a> Software	6,000	0	6,000	100%	0%	10,000	5,139	-40.0%	
<a href="#">5346320</a> Hardware Maintenance	1,000	0	1,000	100%	0%	0	0	0.0%	
<a href="#">5346500</a> Internet Service Provider	20,000	0	20,000	100%	0%	20,000	19,004	0.0%	
<a href="#">5346800</a> Electronic Waste and Disposal Fees	200	0	200	100%	0%	200	27	0.0%	
<a href="#">5346900</a> IT - Hardware/Construction	0	0	0			14,000	13,000	0.0%	
Central Administration Services									
<a href="#">5432000</a> Grants & Subventions - Governmental	55,000	0	55,000	100%	0%	55,000	55,000	0.0%	
<a href="#">5432500</a> Grants & Subventions - NonGovernmental	10,000	0	10,000	100%	0%	50,000	15,350	-80.0%	
<b>OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>586,963</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>586,963</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1,011,560</b>	<b>639,620</b>	<b>-42.0%</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,516,130</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,516,130</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1,963,000</b>	<b>1,401,293</b>	<b>-22.8%</b>	

Exhibit B: Report on Advance Funds

Fiscal Year 2020-2021  
Balances as of 07/01/2020

RMC Project Number	Project Name	Grantee	Total Funds Granted from RMC	Advance Amt. Requested	Date on Advance Check from SCO	Remaining balance from advance request	Deadline for Expenditure of Advance	Status

Contract Number	Contractor Name	Amount of contract	Start Date	End Date	Scope of Work
RMC18510	Urbanism Advisors	\$ 90,000.00	03/01/19	06/30/22	Specialized consulting services related to the RMC's expansion (AB 1694/AB 2103), including outreach to local governments and agencies, attendance in meetings with team and elected officials, and other tasks necessary to support the expansion. Other services are related to the Green Incubator.
RMC18514	US Bank CAL-Card	\$ 10,000.00	4/24/2019	12/31/2020	The CAL-Card is a "no cost" program unless an unpaid invoice has accrued late penalties; late penalties are assessed on day 46 from the invoice date. Card will be used for vendors that do not accept purchase orders (i.e. Dropbox)
RMC19507	Cyber Specialists, Inc	\$ 255,000.00	12/01/19	06/30/23	Professional services included, but not limited to, assisting in the design, configuration and on-going maintenance/service of existing onsite network and GIS servers, and support.
RMC19508	Citibank, N.A.	No max	01/29/20	10/31/21	Agreement is under DGS MSA 5159906 for Travel Payment System.
RMC19509	Geosyntec Consultants	\$ 2,188,970.00	01/06/20	07/31/20	Professional services include architectural, engineering, planning, and community engagement services through the Concept Design phase, and prelim Section 408 permit coordination.
RMC19511	Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc (MIG)	\$ 148,070.00	01/02/20	09/30/20	Update to the Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea Open Space Plan
RMC19512	Department of Water Resources (DWR)	\$ 4,800.00	07/01/19	06/30/22	IAA for IT shared-services and/or computer resources, including website hosting and website compliancy assessment/redesign
RMC19513	Studio-MLA	\$ 220,248.00	11/18/19	12/31/20	Planning and engagement services for the landscape architectural scope for the Compton Creek Implementation project

**DATE:** July 20, 2020  
**TO:** RMC Governing Board  
**FROM:** Salian Garcia, Staff Services Manager I  
**THROUGH:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Item 8C: Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary

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The Cumulative Grant Project Status Summary report reflects projects with activity during the current fiscal year, including those that were approved, certified, completed or withdrawn. Each project is identified by funding source, Proposition 1, 40, 50, and 84; project name; applicant name; allocated amount; and the project status. The report is sorted by grant number. The status section for each grant has been updated to provide additional detail on the grantees' current activities and progress toward project completion.

Since 2003, the RMC has authorized 261 total projects, which consist of 204 completed projects, 45 are certified, 0 approved and awaiting encumbrance, and with the remaining balance of 12 withdrawn projects. The total number of projects excludes any potential projects that are awaiting board approval.

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RMC3609-1	Joe	Duck Farm Phase IA Implementation	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The Phase 1A Duck Farm project involves the development of a 23 acre river adjacent park project.	Amend 9 - end 12/31/20	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,979,818.96	\$ 1,170,223.03	\$ 2,649,958.01	\$ 5,800,000.00	
RMC09105	Joe	San Gabriel River confluence w/Cattle Cyn Improvement Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Project seek to provide improvements on the portion of the confluence of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River with Cattle Canyon and its creek.	Need extension	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 869,584.00	\$ 869,584.00	
RMC14001	Joe	Azusa River Wilderness Park Entry	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The design development for front entry improvements at the River Wilderness Park are underway.		\$	-	\$	-	\$ 439,935.00	\$	-	\$ 91,019.00	\$ 530,954.00
RMC14003	Marybeth/Ar turo	Willowbrook Walking Path Compton Creek Project	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Certified	The Willowbrook walking path project will create a 1/2 linear park along Compton Creek within the unincorporated community of Willowbrook.	Related to RMC18001; need close out docs	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	
RMC16001	Joe	Vasquez Property Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Funding for the acquisition of ±40 acres of undeveloped open space located in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills above the City of Azusa, within unincorporated Los Angeles County.	Close out in process	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 720,000.00	\$ 720,000.00	
RMC17001	Marybeth	View Park & Recycled Water Campus	City of Signal Hill	Certified	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, connect an urban trail system, and prevent runoff pollution.	Need extension	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 2,000,000.00	
RMC17002	Marybeth	San Gabriel River and Wilderness Park Restoration Project	City of Downey	Certified	This project will significantly enhance these ponds by improving the habitat (creating wetlands) for native birds and plant species and provide a respite for migratory birds.	Need extension	\$ 3,210,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 3,210,000.00	
RMC17003	Marybeth	Long Range Water Conservation and Park Plan	City of Cudahy	Completed	The plan seeks to develop a long range water conservation an park plan to establish a blueprint that will identify and create an inventory of: water efficiency, conservation, runoff, etc.; and sites for new parks.	Project complete	\$ 293,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 293,000.00	
RMC17004	Marybeth/Jo e	Recycled Water Campus on San Gabriel River Parkway	Water Replenishment District	Completed	The project includes many interpretive and education aspects with an outdoor amphitheater, demonstration gardens for native plants, eco-friendly gardening, multi-lingual signage, and other visitor facilities		\$ 1,000,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,000,000.00	
RMC17005	Joe	Bassett High School Campus Green Infrastructure Project	Amigos de los Rios	Completed	This project will enhance campus "green infrastructure", urban habitat, and demonstrate sustainable public landscaping in terms of water use, improved infiltration, and storm water management.	Final payment, plus retention, completed	\$ 652,520.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 652,520.00	
RMC17006	Marybeth	Planning for the Urban Orchard	Trust for Public Land	Completed	Project will transform 30 acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths.	Project complete	\$ 845,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 845,000.00	

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RMC17007	Sally	West Coyote Hills Open Space Acquisition	City of Fullerton	Certified	Funding for acquisition of this property would assist in purchasing 10.4 acres of open space adjacent to Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve.	Acquisition to be completed by Fall 2020	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
RMC17009	Sally	Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (MUST)	City of Long Beach	Certified	The LB-MUST Project proposes to improve water quality by intercepting and treating the dry weather flows and a portion of the first flush of stormwater runoff normally discharging into the Los Angeles River.	Need extension	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
RMC17011	Sally	Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Certified	The Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project includes the construction of 30 parkway basins in the unincorporated Los Angeles County.		\$ 268,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268,500.00
RMC17013	Sally	Los Cerritos Wetlands Acquisition of the Bryant Properties	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Certified	The LCWA is seeking to acquire the remaining two Bryant-Dakin LLC retained parcels that extend across the San Gabriel River and along the Haynes Cooling Channel at 2nd Street/Westminster Avenue.		\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
RMC17014	Sally	Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Certified	The LCWA is completing the environmental review of the CRP which is required to satisfy the CEQA and the NEPA.		\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
RMC17015	Joe	Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo & Peck Water Conservation Project	Amigos de los Rios	Certified	This project will enhance biodiversity, water quality, stormwater & urban run-off management along Rio Hondo Emerald Necklace & within Peck Park by adding green infrastructure elements along River Parkway	Close out in process	\$ 617,385.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 617,385.00
RMC17017	Marybeth	Lynwood Park Infiltration, Restoration & Water Quality Improvement	City of Lynwood	Completed	Project seeks to replace the parking lot asphalt with permeable pavers; establish green space with native plants and shrubs in the parking lot perimeter; and install bio-swale along the parking lot median, to improve stormwater management.	Project move from Lynwood Park to Fernwood Avenue (RMC19002) due to poor percolation at the site.	\$ 41,822.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,822.45
RMC17018	Marybeth	Phil and Nell Soto Park	City of Pomona	Certified	Development of a new recreational passive community park that incorporates the City's history and features amenities including a bioswale system, decomposed granite walking trails for water permeability, and	Need extension	\$ 1,150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,150,000.00
RMC17019	Joe	San Gabriel Mountains & Foothills Acquisition Master Plan Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	This plan will provide for the preservation and enhancement of vital habitat, watersheds and related biodiversity protection to improve ecological function.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
RMC17020	Joe	River Wilderness Park Arroyos Development	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	This proposed project will reshape and vegetate the arroyos and adjacent landscape to be both functional and to showcase the power of natural systems.		\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
RMC17022	Marybeth	LA River Ranger Implementation	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	In partnership with the MRCA, the WCA will provide oversight of the implementation of the LA River Ranger program.	Phase I complete. See RMC18003 for Phase II.	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00

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RMC17023	Joe	Duck Farm House Landscape and Water	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The improvements will be a resource for local disadvantaged communities, the greater region and will seek to catalyze change to climate adaptive home landscape design throughout the watershed.		\$ 891,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 891,200.00
RMC17024	Joe	San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative	National Forest Foundation	Certified	Facilitate the implementation of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) Action Plan. The plan will align goals and intentions with the US Forest Service's priorities.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,009.50	\$ 66,009.50
RMC17026	Marybeth	Pacific Visions	Aquarium of the Pacific	Certified	The AOP is developing a series of exhibits and interactive experiences as part of its current expansion, Pacific Visions, that will allow visitors to explore the interactions among food, water, and energy in California.	Pacific Visions Opening May 24, 2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 372,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 1,463,000.00	\$ 1,900,000.00
RMC17027	Marybeth	Magic Johnson Park	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Certified	Support of the water infrastructure improvements and construction near South Lake, a component of the park's larger \$50 million, multi-phase Master Plan Project.		\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00
RMC18001	Arturo	Compton Creek Walking Path Phase II	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Certified	This grant will specifically help fund the retaining wall to ensure safe passage for the trail users as well as obtain the permits required, waterproof the wall, and related expenditures for the drainage system associated with the wall.	Related to RMC14003, need close out	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00
RMC18002	Joe	Duck Farm Phase IA - Step 2	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Development of a 31-acre river adjacent park that includes a pocket park and entry, parking, 1.25 mile rail and wildflower meadow. This grant will primarily be used for construction, plant establishment, and project close out.	Related to RMC3609	\$ 796,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 404,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00
RMC18003	Joe	Gateway Greening Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Funding for completion of the Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Plan, including developing the draft report, green solution palette, and launch online Greening Plan.	Grant ended 06/30/20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
RMC18004	Arturo	Sleepy Lagoon Planning Elements	East Yard Communities	Certified	The outreach, design and planning process will involve a collaboration with a number of organizations and agencies including Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), La Cosecha Colectiva (the Collective Harvest) and various local homeowner associations near Bell and surrounding cities	Grant ended 02/29/20	\$ 325,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,000.00
RMC18005	Sally	LA River Ranger Program Implementation Phase II	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Professional project management services and oversight of the River Ranger Program Study, continuing with Phase II. This includes ongoing outreach, completion of the Plan and pilot program development.	Project close out in process	\$ 240,831.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240,831.16
RMC18006	Joe	Trask Scout Reservation Water System Improvement & Enhancement Project	GLAAC Boy Scouts of America	Certified	Funds will hire an engineering consultant to determine the camp's various water system needs and provide an engineering estimate of expected costs. The expectation is to replace a portion of the existing water treatment to meet water demands of youth, families, and greater community and provide fire suppression storage.		\$ 130,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,800.00
RMC18007	Marybeth	Walnut Park Acquisition	County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation	Certified	Walnut Park, located approximately 5 miles south of Downtown Los Angeles and approximately 3 miles from the Los Angeles River. This acquisition will remove a potential nuisance property from the community and expand parkland by acquiring three parcels: APN 6201-028-014, 6201-028-016, and 6201-028-018, totaling an area of approximately 0.5 acres, which are currently vacant but are located	Need extension/budget amendment	\$ 1,265,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,265,000.00

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RMC18008	Salian	Acquisition of the LA River Incubator Site	Watershed Conservation Authority	Withdrawn	The funding would cover acquisition of a site in the vicinity of the Lower Los Angeles River or the Los Angeles River and Rio Hondo River Confluence, and related build-out expenses, and project management for due diligence and site selection.	Unable to move forward with sale	\$ 6,510,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,510,000.00
RMC18009	Joe	Emerald Necklace San Gabriel River Habitat Restoration	Amigos de los Rios	Certified	The project will remove invasive weeds and plant 600 native trees and 1,600 shrubs along the San Gabriel River right of way. Currently, present invasive species impair water quality and availability, and harbor pests like the shot hole borer beetles that infest and kill regional trees.		\$ 1,117,588.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,117,588.00
RMC18010	Marybeth	Urban Orchard Project	Trust for Public Land	Certified	The Project is an identified priority (Project 155) in the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan and is part of a larger vision to transform 30-acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths		\$ 1,387,401.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,387,401.44
RMC18012	Joe	Community Center at DeForest Park	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Certified	The Conservation of Long Beach (CCLB) proposes to develop a master plan for the entire DeForest Park, as well as to design and install a satellite site at the DeForest Wetlands to better serve the needs of the LLAR while training youth as river stewards.		\$ 1,132,261.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,132,261.00
RMC18013	Joe	LA River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The ultimate outcome is to provide technically sound recommendations and alternatives to the Water Boards for consideration and implementation of a water flow standard that takes into consideration the existing and planned recreation and habitat uses of the Los Angeles River.		\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
RMC19001	Joe	East Fork Sustainability River Access Project at the Oaks Areas	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Planning for the East Fork Sustainable River Access Project at the Oaks Area would initiate Phase 2 of the East Fork Project in the Oaks Areas, only, and would complete the design, engineering, and permitting for the Oaks Areas improvements.		\$ 128,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128,700.00
RMC19002	Marybeth	Fernwood Avenue Development and Water Quality Improvement Project	City of Lynwood	Certified	Create new accessible park and public open space that will service over 45,000 residents in the areas of influence. It will include several recreational and educational elements, featuring native drought-tolerant plantings.	Disencumbered RMC17017 as project moved from Lynwood Park	\$ 1,650,752.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,650,752.55
RMC19003	Sally	Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project	City of Santa Clarita	Certified	The project will redevelop a blighted space in Canyon County and transform it to an environmentally sustainable community space and gathering location.		\$ 1,076,921.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,076,921.00
RMC19004	Joe	Shiwaka Urban Forest Planning	Camp Fire Angeles Council	Certified	The overall proposed project will encompass the development of an urban forest, including an extensive landscaping master plan with trails, interpretive signage, vernal pools as well as a new trail, called the Discovery Trail. These improvements will allow for the use of Camp Fire's facility and provide for significant enhancements to its fully accredited camp.	Grant ended 06/30/20	\$ 46,259.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,259.00
RMC19005	Marybeth	Implementation of the LA River Ranger Program Reach Zones	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The Implementation of the LA River Ranger Program Reach Zones will facilitate coordination between Los Angeles River and tributary-adjacent governments to develop a river ranger pilot program.		\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
RMC19006	Sally	Vasquez Acquisition Overlook	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	Acquisition of the 39-acre Vasquez Overlook parcel (AIN#: 8684-024-001) protects one of the last remaining undeveloped private holdings along the foothill interface between the San Gabriel Valley and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument from development, in order to support watershed restoration, community-driven stewardship, and compatible public uses		\$ 880,000.00	\$ 184,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,064,200.00

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RMC19007	Sally	Jefferson HS Greenways	Trust for Public Land	Certified	The Project will renovate a 54,446 square-foot public alley right of way in a high density 100-acre neighborhood block in South Los Angeles.		\$ 645,362.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 645,362.00
RMC19008	Sally	Banna Community Park Project	City of Covina	Certified	The Banna Community Park project will develop a new 2.0-acre neighborhood park in the City of Covina along Banna Avenue at Cypress Street. This 2.0-acre park will incorporate several amenities that will directly benefit the local community.		\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
RMC19009	Marybeth	Lower LA River Pocket Park Project	From Lot to Spot	Certified	FLTS will be converting a 4800 sq ft vacant lot adjacent to the LA River and owned by LAUSD in the City of Cudahy into a community-designed passive park.		\$ -	\$ 332,450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 332,450.00
RMC19010	Joe	Lakewood Equestrian Center	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Certified	The Lakewood Equestrian Center & Surrounding Open Space Master Plan (Master Plan) will help re-envision a 60-acre open space region of Lakewood that centers around the Lakewood Equestrian Center, and includes Rynerson Park, the San Gabriel River Trail, and Camp Fire Camp Shiwaka.		\$ -	\$ 312,015.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 312,015.00
RMC19011	Joe	Monrovia USD Campus Green	Amigos de los Rios	Certified	The Monrovia Unified School District Campus Green Infrastructure Development Project will plant 160 native and drought-tolerant trees and 900 shrubs around the campus perimeters and at key locations throughout the school sites, helping to beautify, create 'nearby nature' and serve their nearly 1,000 students and the region's families.		\$ 609,693.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 609,693.00
RMC19013	Sally	DF River Center Development Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Certified	The Duck Farm River Center Development Project will transform a 1929 Spanish colonial revival iconic farmhouse into a waterwise educational resource and visitor center for the public. The Center will include interpretive elements that explore the watershed history of the San Gabriel River.		\$ -	\$ 2,024,020.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,024,020.00
RMC19014	Arturo	Salazar Park Water Conservation Project	County of LA Dept of Public Works	Certified	The project proposes the creation of a native and drought-tolerant demonstration garden space (Central Garden) that will be central to the park. The new Central Garden will replace existing impervious paving and basketball courts as well as water intensive turf with a collection of climate-appropriate and native plant materials that have low water requirements.		\$ -	\$ 1,996,380.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,996,380.00

**DATE:** July 20, 2020  
**TO:** RMC Governing Board  
**FROM:** RMC Staff  
**THROUGH:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Item 8D: Liaison and Activities Report

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## **RMC ACTIVITIES**

### **Strategic Planning Board Retreat**

The RMC Governing Board (Board) plays a critical role in ensuring the agency appropriately governs and fulfill their mandate to advance the public interest. In today's rapidly changing environment, it is important that RMC strategically plan for its sustainability and future. It must also ensure that the agency effectively serves the needs of the public. The Board assumes a large share of the responsibility for the success of the agency as it provides an important link between the agency and the outside environment in which the agency functions.

The purpose of the strategic planning board retreat is to develop a three to five-year blueprint for the agency's future. A Strategic Planning Board Retreat benefits RMC in the following ways:

- 1) Brings clarity and agreement on mission and vision.
- 2) Helps the agency to prepare for the future by anticipating and managing change.
- 3) Increases effectiveness and efficiency in allocating resources to achieve goals.
- 4) Aligns the board and staff.
- 5) Improves decision-making.

To accomplish this, it is important that the Board work with the Executive Officer to establish a strategic planning process, participate in the process, and approve the final strategic plan.

Because strategic planning takes time and effort, it is recommended that the Board delegate a Strategic Planning Retreat subgroup comprised of 2-3 board members to provide guidance throughout the process and to help conduct a 1-day strategic planning retreat with the board and staff.

Current world health response to COVID-19 may have an impact on RMC's strategic approach to natural resources in the future. In recognition of impacts on social conditions and economics the way to plan may be minimally or significantly altered, thus staff will monitor activities over the next several months to determine the conservancy response.

### **River Ranger Program (AB 1558- C. Garcia)**

Since February 2018, The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and their respective JPA's (WCA and MRCA) have been collaborating jointly on the implementation of the River Ranger Plan Development, intended to develop a framework for a network of River Rangers who assist the public at sites along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. The bill was enacted in 2017 to address the limited contact with and responsibility for

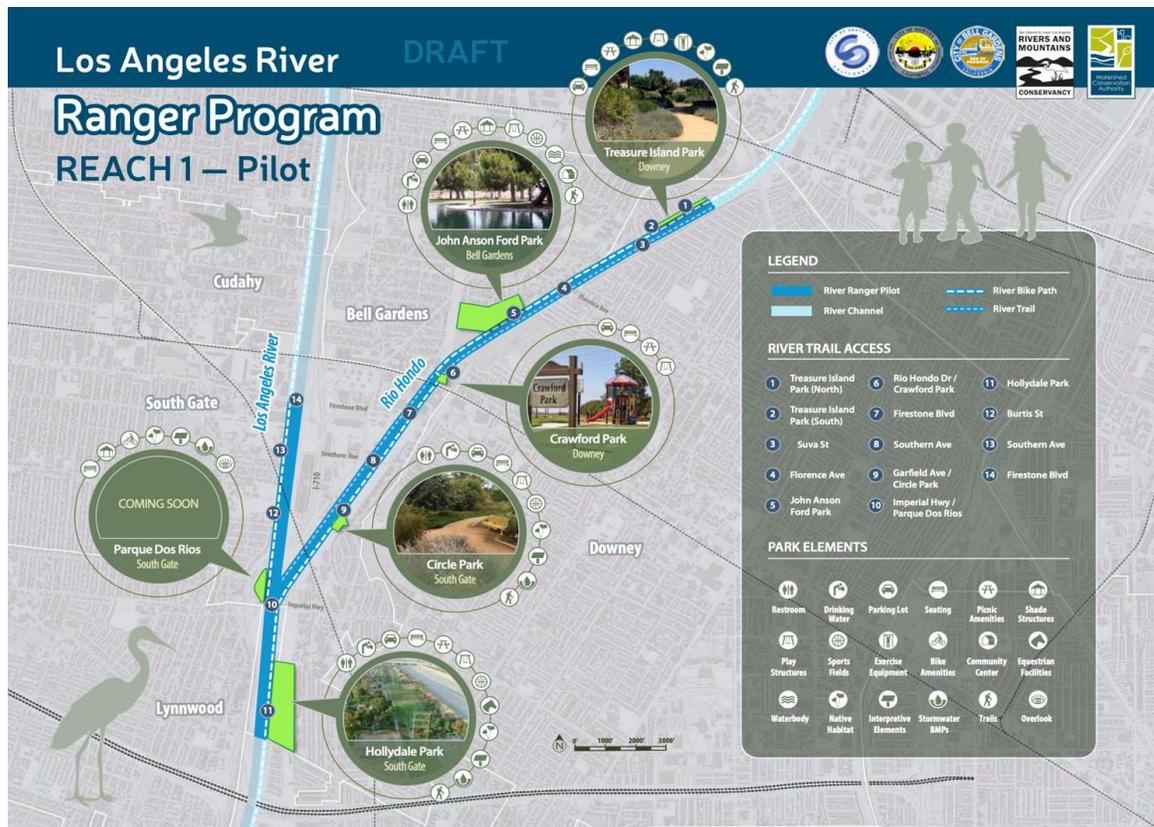
the river by communities, working in coordination with current revitalization programs to encourage engagement with the river as a welcoming community resource.

Under the bill, the program is intended to do the following:

- Establish a Los Angeles River identity; Improve public safety for visitors,
- Foster collaboration among those with jurisdiction over the river,
- Protect parks, open space, and other public space,
- Engage communities in the protection and preservation of the River and its resources,
- Promote diversity and inclusion,
- Promote equal access and equity among all communities along the River regarding the development and placement of improvements along the River,
- Monitor the physical conditions, environmental health, and development of green space along the River,
- Coordinate the work of river rangers with programs and services.

On May 31, 2019, the Los Angeles River Ranger Program Establishment Plan was delivered to the State Legislature. The full report and supplemental documents may be downloaded at [www.rmc.ca.gov](http://www.rmc.ca.gov)

Currently, work is being done to establish next steps to rollout the River Ranger Program and the establishment of REACH (River, Education, Adventure, Community, and Habitat) Zones. These will be 3-4 mile stretches along the River, including tributaries, with specific aspects that will lend itself to a highly visible location for River Rangers including access to the River, proximity to a publicly accessible park, trails and open space. The establishment of a REACH Zone will create River appreciation, the benefits rippling out into surrounding communities and revitalization efforts. The Plan identifies criteria and factors to consider when locating these REACH Zones.



RMC and WCA staff have begun one-on-one meetings with project stakeholders to begin to forward the implementation of a Lower LA River REACH zone pilot program this year. COVID19 conditions have impacted the ability of the project to complete desired level of outreach and public engagement and alternative opportunities and methods are being explored. Additionally, the Team is re-evaluating how public safety can be emphasized in the plan better in light of the pandemic and social conversation triggered by the death of George Floyd.

To date, the team has met virtually with both the Conservation Corps of Long Beach and Los Angeles Conservation Corps regarding the River Stewards program to provide routine maintenance activities along the REACH zone expected to be between Hollydale Park and Parque Dos Rios in South Gate at the confluence and along the Rio Hondo up to Treasure Island Park in Downey. The first virtual meeting with LA County Flood Control District was held in May 2020 regarding their facilities and how the program may serve their needs as well as those of the program and community. A follow-up meeting with LACFCD is planned for early June.

#### **Lower Los Angeles River Working Group (AB 530):**

With the completion of the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP) in 2018, the Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) continues to meet at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works headquarters in the City of Alhambra. The purpose and charge of the IAG is to:

- 1) Provide a public venue for discussion of proposed projects/programs related to the Lower LA River;
- 2) Ensure proposed projects/programs are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan; and
- 3) Maximize multi-use opportunities and community benefits by encouraging collaboration among the many project proponents and organizations in the project area.

In its role as an advisory body, the IAG will provide guidance on issues presented before them, but ultimately, individual entities with jurisdiction along the river corridor including the LA County Flood Control District, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the cities will continue to have decision-making authority. The IAG aims to ensure that subsequently implemented projects are carried out in accordance with the LLARRP and that stakeholders continue to have a voice in implementation. Project proponents interested in submitting their projects to the IAG can fill out the [Project Review Package](#) and send it to [LowerLARiver@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:LowerLARiver@dpw.lacounty.gov) for review.

The IAG members and committees will work together to further define the roles and guidelines of the IAG in the upcoming months. The IAG will include four sub-committees, including:

- 1) Programs & Policies;
- 2) Public Realm, Environment, Water, Infrastructure;
- 3) Public Advisory & Community Engagement; and
- 4) Future Committee TBD (as-needed).

The next Lower LA River IAG Meeting is scheduled for **September 2020** as an online meeting/conference call.

The committee meetings will first be comprised of members of the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan Working Group; however, the committees may choose to invite representatives of other agencies and organizations as needed to address committee needs.

Steering and sub-committee meetings will be held quarterly. The next Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for August 2020. There has been a new committee meeting format where all three committees will be present, and the meeting will be run by the three committee chairs. The sub-committees and Chairs are:

- 1) Programs & Policies
  - a. Dan Knapp, Conservation Corps of Long Beach
- 2) Public Realm, Environment, Water, Infrastructure
  - a. Kelsey Jessup, The Nature Conservancy
- 3) Public Advisory & Community Engagement
  - a. Laura Cortez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

All committees are continuing to work on establishing a project review process and will discuss how each committee can support the development and implementation of projects, programs, policies, and efforts. Regarding a review process, the two main objectives for the sub-committees will be to:

- 1) Allow projects that have been submitted for funding to present and retain feedback, which will then be delivered to a governing Board/reviewing body for consideration, and
- 2) Allow developing projects the opportunity to gain feedback on concepts and ideas, as well as to find additional partners and funding.

RMC encourages and schedules relevant project presentations and updates (as needed) by RMC grant applicants and grantees before the appropriate IAG committees to allow Lower LA River stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback on projects. Any comments received on projects will be included in liaison or recommendation reports.

*The IAG consists of the District as the chair, the RMC, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the fifteen Lower LA River cities and the chairs of the committees. The IAG and the committees will*

*each meet quarterly. All meeting materials and schedules will be posted on the website – [www.LowerLARiver.org](http://www.LowerLARiver.org)*

### **Compton Creek Implementation Plan (RMC 19513)**

Compton Creek Prioritization and Implementation (RMC 19513): The RMC is spearheading this effort, in collaboration with the Office of Assemblymember Mike Gipson (AD 64), for the prioritization and implementation of projects throughout the Compton Creek watershed. This grant is to Studio MLA in the amount of \$191,520 for their facilitation, planning, landscape architecture and construction documents for projects that will be identified through this process. The funding was provided from a 2019-2020 State budget request in the amount of \$3 Million. While the funds were recently re-allocated to address the current state budget deficit, the group is committed to seeking alternative public and private grants to complete this work. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, community outreach and engagement will primarily take place through social media and through virtual and on-line communications. However, a working group has been established and has been meeting since January 2020 to identify and discuss projects for implementation. The group includes the participation of local non-profit organizations and other key stakeholders including: From Lot to Spot, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, GRID Alternatives, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, the Office of Mayor Aja Brown-City of Compton, LA County Public Works, LA County Parks-Trails Planning Division, and the Nature Conservancy, among others. The working group meetings will continue through November 2020.

### **IRWMP Planning Activities**

The Department of Water Resources (DWP) released the [draft recommended funding list](#) for four funding areas for the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Solicitation—see list for Greater LA Area on next page. The draft recommendation would provide approximately \$30 million in Proposition 1 funding to the greater Los Angeles Area.

These funding recommendations are subject to public review period of 21 calendar days through May 28, 2020. Any comments on the Draft List of Awarded Projects received after that date will not be considered when developing the Final List of Awarded Projects.

The next Greater LA County Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled on July 22, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., location TBD.

### **Los Angeles River Master Plan Update – LA County**

The County of Los Angeles is undergoing a process to update the LA River Master Plan, a comprehensive approach covering all 51 miles of the River. The effort was launched to update the original 1996 master plan, synthesizing more recent ideas for portions of the River and bringing a comprehensive vision to the transformation of the LA River. The process will be complete in 2020. County Public Works has developed a website with project information and data, including technical reports: <http://www.larivermasterplan.org/>

The County of Los Angeles, through County Public Works, will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for its proposed 2020 LA River Master Plan. A Notice of Preparation has been prepared, and can be viewed here: <https://pw.lacounty.gov/swq/peir/>. The community is invited to participate in an online scoping meeting for the PEIR, which is being held virtually on July 29, 2020 at 6-8pm. More information about the meeting is available on County Public Works website (see link above). Scoping comments are due August 6, 2020.

First draft of the master plan was distributed to the Steering Committee in January 2020. Comments were due February 13. The Draft Report is likely to go public Fall 2020 along with the PEIR (either Draft or Decision) due to delays related to COVID-19.

### **RMC ACTIVE PROJECTS**

#### **Willowbrook Walking Path/Compton Creek (RMC14003):**

The RMC provided a grant in the amount of \$300,000 to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps as part of the Willowbrook Walking Path Compton Creek extension. The LACC applied for an Urban Greening Grant through the Strategic Growth Council and was awarded the full request in the amount of \$798,815. Additional matching funds were committed by other project partners including the State Coastal Conservancy and the Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (2nd District). Matching funds provided by the funding partners and the grant funds received by the Strategic Growth Council bring the total project cost to \$1,698,815.

This project includes the creation of a ½ mile permeable walking path and 2,700 linear foot by 6-foot riprap swale constructed with river rock to capture debris and treat runoff before it enters Compton Creek between 118th and 120th streets. Work began on this project in September 2018 with grubbing of the site. The LACC continued through 2019 and early 2020 with grading and construction of a fence line, retaining wall, and landscaping as well as building a drainage swale behind the retaining wall and catch basin. Construction was completed in March 2020. RMC is awaiting final payment to close out the grant.



#### **View Park and Recycled Water System Development Project (RMC17001):**

The View Park and Recycled Water Development Project is underway. Project grant to the City is for \$2,000,000 which includes a wildlife corridor project in the City of 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 Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and annually save approximately 40- acre feet of potable water.

The Park construction is expected to start Spring 2020. Construction completion is projected to be September 2020. The Recycled Water Line construction will tentatively begin in June 2020 with projected completion date of February 2021.

**San Gabriel River and Wilderness Park Restoration Downey (RMC17002)**

Wilderness Park is a 26-acre park, originally opened in 1973 with 2,550 feet of frontage along the San Gabriel River. The original grant was approved by the RMC Board at the January 23, 2017 meeting in the amount of \$1,660,000. That funding included installation of a new recycled water irrigation system, hydrologically connecting to the lakes, installation of an aeration system, native and drought tolerant plants, new trails and signage. The strength of this project is consistency with the RMC and Proposition 1 objectives and specifically the enhancement of open space offerings and amenities that this park has to offer. It also creates a safe habitat for native plants and species to thrive. The site currently uses recycled water to irrigate the landscape and to refill the lakes when water is lost. The funds requested would be used to improve the irrigation system, to install a booster pump to take water out of the lake to be used for irrigation of the site. This benefits the lake by providing constant turnover of the water within the lake, thereby reducing the stagnation of the water and mitigating some algal blooms. Project will result in significant improvements to wildlife habitat and natural ecosystems by creating new wetland style areas and protecting local wildlife and habitat. Finally, the project will be a key piece of the Lower San Gabriel River's Storm Water Treatment Corridors in order to improve the watersheds within its jurisdiction. In May of 2020 the project was rescored and received a score of 80.5 points.

**Recycled Water Campus, San Gabriel River Parkway (RMC 17004):**

Grant was approved by RMC Board and the project is underway. Grant from the RMC is for \$1,000,000.

This project supports low-impact development stormwater management features, such as swales, landscaping and permeable pavements and walkways; a stormwater capture system to augment the recycled water supply and reduce flood risk. In addition, this project will create habitat for Monarch butterflies, a migratory species proposed for endangered species candidate status; and create 3.5 acres of park-like open space with public access to the San Gabriel River. The project includes many interpretive and education aspects with an outdoor amphitheater, demonstration gardens for native plants, a working model of the San Gabriel River, eco-friendly garden, multi-lingual signage, and other visitor facilities focused on water education, and provides multiple benefits to economically disadvantaged communities. This project is part of the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP), fully funded at \$119 million. The project is now known as the Albert Robles Recycling Facility (ARC) and held its Grand Opening this past summer. WRD has requested additional time to close out the grant through December 2019, and still in process of close-out.

**Bassett High School Campus Green Infrastructure Project (RMC 17005):**

Grant from the RMC is for \$652,520, project is underway. This project will enhance campus "green infrastructure", urban habitat, and demonstrate sustainable public landscaping in terms of water use, improved infiltration, and storm water management. Bassett High School is located in underserved area of La Puente, in San Gabriel River sub watershed. The region's impervious grey infrastructure impairs groundwater recharge and infiltration. Proposed Green Infrastructure retrofits will reduce water use on campus by systematic turf grass reduction: planting over 2700 native, drought-tolerant trees & shrubs in mulched planters to enhance biodiversity and absorb storm water and run-off. Creating a thriving Urban Forest on campus will clean air and sequester greenhouse gas emissions and reduce Urban Heat Island Effect through shade cover. Creation of bioswales, and strategic permeable surface retrofits will collect, capture, and infiltrate storm water from campus preventing runoff from entering local waterways.

The project will encourage underserved students and community residents to participate in habitat restoration and water resources protection, explore and enjoy the campus, and learn how to connect to the region's surrounding natural areas.

This Project was completed in December 31, 2019. Amigos de los Rios continues to perform stewardship on the site, ensuring the removal of weeds and survival of plants through the establishment period and first summer, also considering school staffs limited maintenance capabilities during pandemic response.



Native Plant Restoration Area



Interpretive Signage



Bioswale at the edge of the campus



California Conservation Corps install rain boxes to maximize water capture in bioswales.

### **Planning for the Urban Orchard Development (17006):**

Planning for the Urban Orchard Development grant to the Trust for Public Land is in the amount of \$845,000, with an additional \$1,387,401 that was approved at the Board meeting in May 2019 for design and construction of the wetlands component for the Orchard (RMC 18010). The project will transform 30 acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths. Project deliverables include a detailed concept plan for the 30-acre park site, a feasibility study to determine the most appropriate stormwater best management practices to be utilized at the site, and a complete set of construction drawings for the 7 acres park project area that include an orchard with culturally-relevant tree species,



community gathering spaces, picnic areas, interpretive elements, native plants, and walking and bicycle paths that will eventually connect with the existing bike path along the LA River.

The City continues to host public workshops to receive input from the community for this project and has also received grant funds for the project implementation. The RMC previously approved a grant extension from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and reduction in project scope. This allows sufficient time to complete 100% construction drawings for the 7 acres and the stormwater management system that includes pumping water from the Bandini Channel and obtaining permits for the constructed wetland and diversion structure from the Bandini Channel.

TPL submitted close-out documents for RMC17006 on April 28, 2020, and continuing to work on permitting and implementation with next phase RMC grant (RMC 18010).

### **West Coyote Hills Open Space Acquisition (17007):**

Grant to the City is in the amount of

\$2,000,000 for this acquisition. The City of Fullerton informed the RMC that they have been successful in obtaining all funds needed to complete the acquisitions of Neighborhoods 1 and 3. The City has completed its appraisal and is awaiting review by a third-party agency. The City has also completed a Preliminary Title Report. A Purchase and Sale agreement as well as a Remedial Action Plan are being developed currently and under review by State Granting agencies.

The City expects to request an extension from August 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to allow extra time to complete the appraisal update and the Remedial Action Plan.

### **Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB MUST) Project (RMC 17009):**

The Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Project is underway, this grant to the City is for \$2,000,000 and will improve water quality by intercepting and treating the dry weather flows and a portion of the first flush of stormwater runoff normally discharging into the Los Angeles River. The byproduct of the LB-MUST water quality treatment is recycled water which can be used to sustain proposed wetlands riparian habitat. The wetlands will be part of the total treatment train of the LB-MUST as well as function as a storage basin for the recycled water. Delays were encountered in design and construction due to a site relocation of the project to accommodate bridge improvements by the City of Long Beach at the Shoemaker Bridge site. An extension was provided to the City to allow sufficient time to accommodate for this change in the

design and construction timeline through December 2020, though it is anticipated that the City will require additional time to complete the project.

**Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project (17011):**

The Parkway Basin Water Quality Improvement Project grant to the County of Los Angeles is in the amount of \$268,500 and includes the construction of 30 parkway basins in the unincorporated Los Angeles County. A Parkway is typically defined as the area between a road's curb and the sidewalk. Parkway basins are designed to capture and treat stormwater and dry season flow (urban runoff), utilizing urban runoff for irrigation and facilitating infiltration to groundwater. These basins are constructed by excavating and lowering a portion of parkway, then cutting an opening in the curb to facilitate the flow of water from the street. The basins contain rock reinforced slopes to prevent erosion, along with the vegetation which will detain, remediate, and help infiltrate urban runoff. When a basin is full, any additional urban runoff will be unable to enter and will continue to travel in the gutter eventually to the storm drain system. Parkway basins have been successfully constructed for many years in numerous cities including: Tucson, Arizona; New York City; Portland, Oregon; and other municipalities. Locally, parkway basins have been constructed successfully in Panorama City and Studio City.

The identification of priority sites and project locations (task 1) was completed in January 2018 and construction of all 30 Parkway Basins was completed in September 2019. The County and The River Project has already begun to monitor the functions of these basins and to coordinate with the Stewards to maintain the basins. Follow-up infiltration tests continue as planned, but stewardship follow-up has been halted due to the stay at home order. The County has been exploring alternative means of outreach during this time.

**Los Cerritos Wetlands Acquisition of the Bryant Properties (RMC 17013):**

This grant to the LCWA is in the amount of \$1,000,000. The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) currently owns approximately 177 acres of coastal wetland habitat within the Lower San Gabriel River watershed in the Cities of Seal Beach and Long Beach and the LCWA is seeking to acquire the frontage and remaining Bryant-Dakin, LLC Properties located along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Westminster Avenue in the City of Long Beach, totaling approximately 18 acres (Los County Assessor Parcel Nos 7237-020-053 and 7237-020-054). The LCWA is seeking to acquire the remaining two Bryant-Dakin LLC retained parcels that extend across the San Gabriel River and along the Haynes Cooling Channel at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Westminster Avenue. The west parcel is approximately 12 acres in size and is south along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Westminster Avenue and the east parcel is approximately 6 acres located on the isthmus just north of the LCWA Property on the east side of the San Gabriel River.

LCWA received approval from the Department of General Services on an appraisal report on the Bryant Properties. LCWA is still negotiating with the land owner to acquire the properties.

**Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project (17014):**

This grant is to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) in the amount of \$500,000. The Los Cerritos Wetlands is one of the last remaining estuarine systems in southern California, located in the Cities of Long Beach and Seal Beach. The LCWA adopted the Final Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex Conceptual Restoration Plan (CRP) in August 2015 with the next step being environmental review of the CRP. The LCWA is seeking to complete the environmental review of the CRP which is required to satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

A meeting with the Steering Committee, two Technical Advisory Meeting, and two public meetings have been held to solicit comments about an Optimized Restoration Plan, which is a hybrid alternative from the CRP's three alternatives. The CEQA approach is to complete a Programmatic

EIR for the entire 500-acre property. The CEQA process was initiated on March 8, 2019 with the filing of the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study.

The Draft Program EIR for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan is now available. The document was posted on Friday to the LCWA website at <http://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/the-lcws-eir/>, and on the State Clearing House website at <https://ceganet.opr.ca.gov/2019039050/2>. The public comment period runs from May 8, 2020 - July 6, 2020. LCWA will be holding two virtual public meetings, in light of the COVID-19 situation, on May 21, 2020 and June 4, 2020, both at 6:30pm. A link to view those meetings will be posted on the LCWA website.

**Emerald Necklace Rio Hondo and Peck Park Water Conservation Project (RMC 17015):**

Grant to Amigos de los Rios in the amount of \$617,385 for this project which will enhance biodiversity, water quality, stormwater & urban run-off management along Rio Hondo Emerald necklace & within Peck Park by adding green infrastructure elements along River Parkway. This area is located within eastern Los Angeles County's underserved El Monte and is adjacent to County Bike Trail, residential areas and schools. Arterials cross the right of way and produce runoff and air pollution that negatively impacts river parkway and local ecosystems. The proposed multi-objective water quality project will improve watershed health, habitat, and trails along the Emerald Necklace's Rio Hondo River. It will remove invasive plants and restore biodiversity by planting over 1175 native & drought-tolerant trees and shrubs suited to multi-year droughts.

Significant invasive removal has been completed, with the monitoring, treating, and removing of previously removed areas continuing. 1205 shrubs and 120 trees have been planted. Tree stakes were installed for trees previously planted; shrubs cared for. Installation of the Irrigation to support trees and shrubs planted along the entrance bioswale was completed July 18, 2019. The second phase of the irrigation will be integrated into the construction of the parking lot BMP's.

Amigos received approval from Parks and Recreation Department for parking lot improvements, and Right of Entry to begin final stormwater BMP retrofit of parking lot. Work started early May 2020. Work is anticipated to be completed by end of June 2020.



*-Images from work being performed in parking lot*

**Fernwood Avenue Development Lynwood (RMC17017)**

The Lynwood Park Infiltration, Restoration, and Water Quality Improvement Project is proposed to be relocated to Fernwood Avenue and State Street, which is an extension of the existing Lara Linear

Trail in the City of Lynwood. The reason for the relocation is due to the lack of permeability at the original site near City Hall. In an effort fulfill grant requirements for the completion of the project scope of work the City identified the new site at Fernwood Ave and State Street and conducted a series of percolation tests and have submitted their results. Based on the results of the boring percolation test, the site soils are coarse-grained and have high percolation rates for infiltration systems in general. The timeline for the Fernwood Avenue Development and Water Quality Improvement Project will be extended to March 2022 from the original timeline of February 1, 2020. In May of 2020 the project was rescored and received a score of 87 points.

**Phil and Nell Soto Park (RMC17018):**

On September 27, 2018, the City of Pomona conducted the official groundbreaking for the Phil and Nell Soto Park in the City of Pomona. The 1.76 acre park will provide for active and passive recreation opportunities and includes a variety of California native plants and trees throughout the park, a butterfly habitat, and a bird sanctuary.

The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy provided a grant for the acquisition of this park and the City has recently accepted an additional grant in the amount of \$1 Million for the park construction from Proposition 1 (water bond). The park design includes natural systems to treat urban stormwater runoff, infiltration and retention of stormwater to mitigate flooding. The park was designed by Architerra Design Group and the Construction will be managed by CEM Construction. There has been a request by the City to extend the completion date to June 30, 2020 and an additional \$186,257, pending RMC approval. There was a grand opening on February 8, 2020.

**San Gabriel Mountain Community Collaborative (RMC17024):**

The San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) held its latest meeting on May 28, 2020. The next planned meeting is July 23, 2020.

The collaborative continues to work on challenges faced by the forest regarding community access, visitor management, and protection of natural resources. Meeting Objectives include:

- 1) Explore members' roles and commitments to the Collaborative as transition to actively pursuing projects and initiatives with the Angeles National Forest.
- 2) Review each ad hoc committee's progress on the action plan and identify next steps.
- 3) Review updated Steering Committee selection protocol.
- 4) Take care of general SGMCC business including membership updates, announcements, etc.
- 5) Coordination with Forest Service and aligning Collaborative goals with Forest Service priorities.

National Forest Foundation project continues through March 2021, the Collaborative will be finalizing the Action Plans and start implementation of the Action Plan through 2021.

*The SGMCC has a Steering Committee and four topical ad-hoc Committees working to enhance National Monument management and accessibility for local communities in four areas: Trails and Recreation, Transportation, Volunteer Engagement, and Conservation Education. Meetings occur every other month.*

**Compton Creek Walking Path Phase II (RMC 18001)**

The RMC provided a grant in the amount of \$300,000 to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps as part of the Willowbrook Walking Path Compton Creek extension. The second phase creates an additional ½ mile of permeable walking/cycling pathway between 120<sup>th</sup> street and El Segundo boulevard in the unincorporated community of Willowbrook. This project also includes the creation of an over 2,700 linear foot by 6-foot bioswale and catch basin constructed with river rock to capture debris and treat runoff before it enters Compton Creek. The project began in October of 2019 and is

currently underway with work being performed by the LA Conservation Corps. For image, see RMC14003.

**Sleepy Lagoon Planning Project (RMC 18003)**

The RMC provided a grant of \$325,000 to the East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice for a feasibility study to develop a Sleepy Lagoon monument. The outreach, design and planning process involved a collaboration with a number of organizations and agencies including Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), La Cosecha Colectiva (the Collective Harvest) and various local homeowner associations near Maywood, Bell and surrounding cities. The grantee kicked off several community meetings which were well attended and gathered input regarding the prospective monument, design ideas, and its potential location. The consultant DakeLuna has completed the feasibility study and RMC is awaiting a presentation of deliverables and final payment to close out the grant.

**Trask Reservation Water System Improvement Project (RMC 18006)**

The Boy Scouts of America, Greater LA Area Council, (GLAAC BSA) requested funding from RMC to hire an engineering consultant to determine the camp's various water system needs and provide an engineering estimate of expected costs. The resulting report will enable GLAAC BSA to pursue additional funding opportunities to move forward with the necessary procurement, installation, and construction of the proposed improvements and upgrades, and ultimately restore the camp's potable water access.

Comments were received from SWRCB DDW on the preliminary design concept report, noting additional requirements for safety and compliance. BSA is incorporating these comments into the revised 30% project design and the technical specifications. The final geotechnical report was received, and recommendations were incorporated into the 30% design and technical specifications. The revised 30% project design was submitted to SWRCB DDW to obtain any additional comments. Based on the revised project design, the project construction cost was updated for our pending Proposition 68 proposal and forwarded to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for consideration.

BSA received approval for an \$90,200 and extension through September 30, 2020 to complete their environmental compliance at the Board meeting in January 2020.

**Acquisition of the LA River Incubator Site (RMC 18008)**

This grant is to the Watershed Conservation Authority. As part of the Lower Los Angeles River Grant Sub-Program (Board Resolution 2018-02), the Green Incubator project will serve as a base and catalyst for the implementation of the plan by building capacity, providing coordination, and facilitating collaboration by and for all community stakeholders. The funding would cover acquisition of a site in the vicinity of the Lower Los Angeles River or the Los Angeles River and Rio Hondo River Confluence, and related build-out expenses, and project management for due diligence and site selection. WCA completed an appraisal on a proposed site in South Gate, but could not come to agreement on a price.

This grant terminated on June 30, 2020 with grant funds unencumbered. The Incubator project is on-hold until further notice.

**Emerald Necklace San Gabriel River Habitat Restoration Project (RMC 18009)**

This project will restore a river parkway trail on the San Gabriel River between Live Oak Avenue and Peck Road that is part of the San Gabriel River Corridor Master Plan, the LA County Regional Bike Plan, and the Emerald Necklace Plan. This project will be implemented by Amigos de los Rios, and will improve watershed health, rain water and runoff infiltration, urban forest coverage and native

habitat, and provide significant heat island reduction and recreation benefits to local communities and regional trail users of the San Gabriel River Trail.

Amigos' received a grubbing permit from LA County Flood Control District on March 23, 2020. Working with Landscape architects to review complete tree planting plan with respect to easement restrictions.

As of March 2020, all volunteer outreach events have been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Additionally, California Conservation Corps was scheduled to participate in site prep and grubbing at this time but work has also been delayed because of COVID. Amigos' continues to boost awareness of green infrastructure work along the San Gabriel River via Amigos' Constant Contact email service, Facebook, and Amigos' website.

### **Urban Orchard Project Construction (RMC 18010)**

The Urban Orchard Development is a multi-benefit, passive park located along the LA River and the Rio Hondo Channel confluence in the City of South Gate. The Project is an identified priority (Project 155) in the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan and is part of a larger vision to transform 30-acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths. The Phase 1 site comprises seven acres owned by the City of South Gate and will create one acre of functioning wetland habitat in a heavily developed, urban area that would treat and utilize stormwater from the adjacent Bandini Channel to irrigate the park and provide the community with a new greenspace. Construction is planned to start Fall 2020.

### **The Community Center at DeForest Park (RMC 18012)**

In order to bring about positive changes to DeForest Park in North Long Beach, its wetlands, and the greater LLAR Region, the Conservation of Long Beach (CCLB) will develop a master plan for the entire DeForest Park, as well as design and install a satellite site at the DeForest Wetlands to better serve the needs of the LLAR while training youth as river stewards. By implementing a satellite site, CCLB will not only be able to oversee the master plan as it is carried out, but more importantly, have the resources to carry out necessary functions to sustain the health and vitality of the LLAR and its surrounding communities in the long term. During construction, the satellite site will function as a Lower LA River restoration center and crew training location.

Over Q1-2020, CCLB and its partners continued to focus on community outreach and preparing the Vision Plan for City review. During this time, the Team pivoted midway to an online platform due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the various stay-at-home orders. CCLB and its partners held a lengthy design concept meeting to discuss the practicality of the Vision Plan and the building. These concepts are being used in the final public workshop series which will be integrated into the Vision Plan. On March 31, 2020, CCLB launched the online survey as part of Workshop Series 3.

Although the majority of the outreach has been conducted, public engagement was scheduled to continue throughout July 2020. Goal is to continue the vision plan development and have it on city council's agenda in July 2020. In addition to outreach, CCLB contracted with a geo-engineering firm to conduct soils testing at the proposed building location.

### **LA River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis (RMC 18013)**

The purpose of the Supplemental Analysis is to supplement the State Water Board funded Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study to include a more robust analysis of the potential impacts to recreation, wildlife habitat, and water quality in the Lower Los Angeles River from reduced instream water flows resulting from increased wastewater re-use upstream. An RMC grant funds WCA's participation in the Stakeholder group and adding third-party review of the analysis.

RMC finalized a Conservancy Agreement with Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to move this project forward and awarded a \$250,000 grant to WCA in April 2019. WCA entered into a contract with SCCWRP in March 2020 to perform the supplemental scope as part of Flows Study.

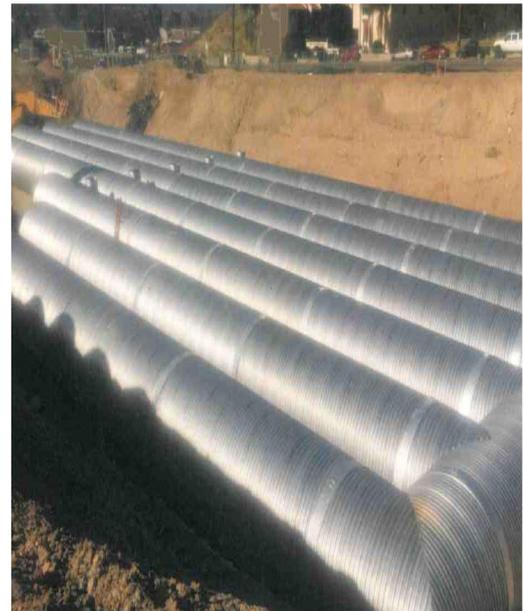
In Spring 2020, WCA contributed locations to the SCCWRP flows study model that represent proposed future uses in WCA/RMC territory which would be affected by the amount of flow in the channel. These locations include channel reaches in proximity to Ralph C. Dill Park (restoration/channel enhancement proposed by Trout Unlimited); three Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study locations along Compton Creek proposed by US Army Corps of Engineers (Gonzalez Park, Raymond Street Park, and Compton HS); and the Rio Hondo Confluence Area Project (in-channel park access and restoration elements proposed by project lead LACFCD). WCA and RMC Staff attended Stakeholder meeting #4 and Technical Advisory Committee meeting #5.

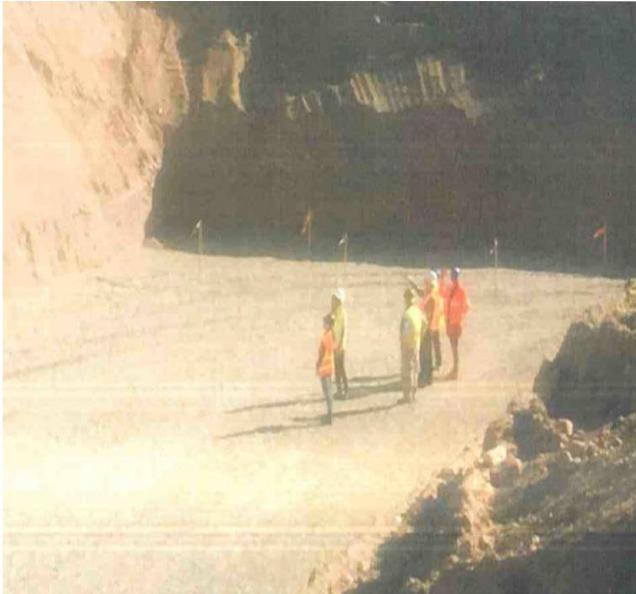
### **Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project (RMC 19003)**

The Development of the Santa Clarita Canyon Country Community Center Regional Infiltration Project will redevelop a blighted space in Canyon County and transform it to an environmentally sustainable community space and gathering location. Included in the overall project is to establish a riverfront greenway stormwater treatment and infiltration project that is the focus of the grant request. The Project will improve the Santa Clara River (SCR) watershed within the City of Santa Clarita and will increase regional self-reliance through improved local ground water recharge and result in integrated, multi-benefit solutions of ensuring sustainable water resources.

The City of Santa Clarita has made substantial progress on the project, which is near completion. The infiltration system and vortex system have both been installed and covered. The diversion to the infiltration bed has not been completed because the site is still stabilizing. Progress photos show the excavated Basins A and B, one with the Corrugated Metal Pipe installed, one showing the gravel bed before the pipe is installed. Another photo shows staff inspective the bottom of Basin B and pipe.

Due to COVID-19 the signage on manhole covers and the bike trail have been substantially delayed with no expectation of timeline to report. An extension and budget amendment are being brought to the board today.





### **Central Jefferson High Green Alley Multi-Benefit Stormwater Project (RMC 19007)**

The Central-Jefferson High Green Alley Multi-Benefit Stormwater Project will renovate a 54,446 square-foot public alley right of way in a high density 100-acre neighborhood block in South Los Angeles. Project improvements will include the installation of high albedo pavement, permeable pavers, permeable pavement, street tree planting, infiltration trenches, a dry well system, planting of native vines and trees, educational and mile marker signage, public art and traffic calming measures including planted bump-outs, crosswalk striping, lights and way finding signage. Of the total alley, 34,733 sq-ft will include stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) and an underground drywell system capturing a total tributary area of approximately 7.31 acres. The remaining 19,713 square feet of alley will include stormwater BMPs, comprised of native vine and tree plantings, and porous pavement. The green alley network in total will capture runoff and percolate at least 1,890,000 gallons of stormwater per year.

During the first quarter of 2020 TPL was able to execute two grant agreements for this project – one with the California State Water Resources Control Board, and this one with the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, respectively – which means the Central Jefferson Green Alley network project is now fully funded at \$5.9M, and TPL can begin the design phase.

Other funding supported ongoing project activities, which include community outreach and planning efforts. TPL tabled and distributed project information at three community events during Q1 2020, including: CicLAvia on 02/23, a community cleanup day at South Park and the surrounding streets and alleys on 02/29, and the Arbor Day celebration on 03/7. These events were in conjunction with key partners, including the local council district, the police department, the Avalon Equipo Verde, and the City of LA. TPL continues to analyze the community feedback received during outreach events which took place before this grant's performance period. TPL will categorized and prioritized the feedback received regarding opportunities and challenges in the neighborhood, such as walkability, bikeability, safety, cleanliness, vegetation, art and culture, the environment, physical fitness, and more. These priorities will inform the design of the green alleys to help fulfill the community's vision for their neighborhood.

### **Banna Community Park Project (RMC 19008)**

The Banna Community Park project will develop a new 2.0-acre neighborhood park in the City of Covina along Banna Avenue at Cypress Street. This 2.0-acre park will incorporate several amenities

that will directly benefit the local community. Near-by residents and local high schoolers expressed strong support for native and drought tolerant plants, an abundance of trees, passive recreation trails, open space, and fitness areas, which were incorporated into the City's design. The project will include carbon-sequestering and drought-tolerant native plants that aid in improving the environment and climate, stormwater collecting bioswale green spaces and underground retention basins for groundwater replenishment and treatment, pollinator gardens to attract wildlife, nature inspired playground, and nature play areas.

The City of Covina successfully awarded a construction bid to Green Giant Landscape, Inc. on March 17, 2020. Site prep is already underway, and the project is on track to be completed by the end of the year.



#### **Lakewood Equestrian Center & Surrounding Open Space Master Plan (RMC19010)**

The Lakewood Equestrian Center & Surrounding Open Space Master Plan (Master Plan) will help re-envision a 60-acre open space region of Lakewood that centers around the Lakewood Equestrian Center, and includes Rynerson Park, the San Gabriel River Trail, and Camp Fire Camp Shiwaka. The Master Plan will link these various spaces, to integrate the community's recreational desires and needs with sustainable, long-term practices, and guide the City of Lakewood's regional management and programs. While these facilities sit adjacent to each other, they currently lack safe and marked connections to one another. The area has the potential to entertain a multitude of recreational and educational activities, connect the local community to the outdoors, and host best management practices (BMPs) for natural resources.

With funding approved in February, CCLB and its partners have worked to kick-off the Lakewood Equestrian Center and Surrounding Open Space Master Plan project. When our preliminary meeting was held, there was no indication of the coronavirus pandemic. However, as March progressed, partners began talking about how to adapt outreach to meet the needs of the project while keeping with stay-at-home orders. In addition to the kick-off meeting, CCLB worked with LA Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) and the City of Lakewood to develop rosters for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Project Steering Committee (PSC). Currently, CCLB and partners are aiming for the first TAC meeting in May, but dates may change depending on COVID-19 developments.

#### **WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES**

**Duck Farm Project:** Construction work primarily in the area of landscaping and soil preparation for planting was restarted in June and continues through July. Submittals are being processed by the project team and construction team meetings will resume later this month. WCA's Construction Manager is finalizing an update to the project completion schedule with the General Contractor, Fast-Track Construction anticipated to be this Fall. The specimen Coast Live Oak Tree in the neighborhood entry park was planted and the steel for the shade structures await their wood beams

(see photos below). Community engagement and outreach related to the park's name has been completed.



*-Updated illustrative site plan for the Duck Farm River Park currently under construction.*

*The Phase 1A Duck Farm project involves the development of a 30+ acre river adjacent park project that includes a neighborhood park entry, public access trails, riparian landscape, a native plant demonstration garden, native and low water meadows, a river overlook and interpretation features.*

**Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Project:** In April, the WCA Board approved a grant award from the RMC approximately \$2 million to complete the San Gabriel River Center. Staff will apply for an upcoming County Measure A grant program anticipated to be released in early Fall to fill the current funding gap, and in the meantime the project will be designed relative to the funds on hand. WCA is also moving forward with its application for Supplementary Environmental Funds in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. The SEP would augment the Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Project and include additional public amenities and an expanded

parking lot. The Work Plan is currently being reviewed by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

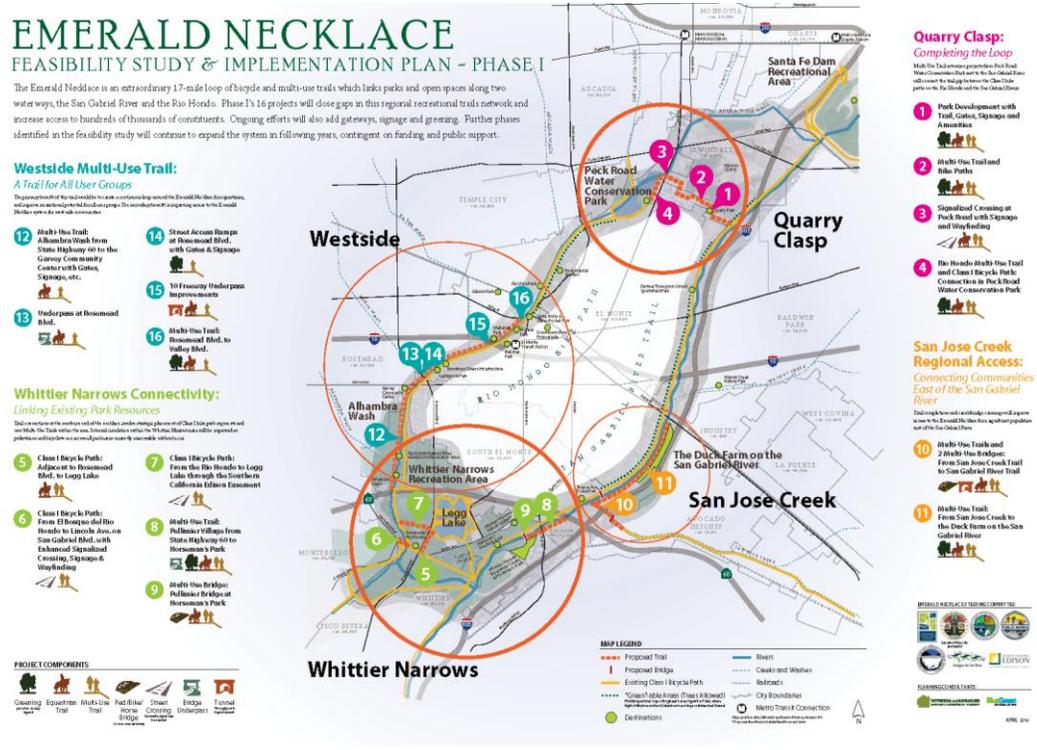


*Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Project will include the construction of practical landscape-oriented water capture and conservation strategies that average homeowners can achieve in their own landscapes. The Farmhouse will be renovated and transformed into a community resource / visitor center to compliment these conservation gardens and provide additional programming opportunities.*

**San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network:** The San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan is a multi-objective effort to transform existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District right of way in the San Gabriel Valley into a world-class Greenway Network in conjunction with identifying ways to upgrade and enhance the District's existing flood control facilities. The Plan will build upon the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' (SGVCOG) ongoing Active Transportation Planning Initiative - Greenway Feasibility Study and will highlight connectivity with other planned active transportation components and green urban infrastructure projects throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

The Plan will accelerate development of greenway design standards and create cooperative agreements with other agencies to expedite project delivery for shovel ready projects. This approach will enable simultaneous implementation of high priority greenway projects while ensuring consistency with the broader master planning of the Greenway Network.

**Emerald Necklace:** No change, next meeting is scheduled to occur on July 14th, after the publishing of this report. An update of which will be provided in the September report. This meeting brings together County and WCA staff to more closely collaborate to move projects forward. Priority projects continue to focus on the San Jose Creek Bridge and River Trail extension to the Duck Farm and the Rosemead Blvd complete street project between Legg Lake and Durfee within the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. This working group will continue to meet in an effort to identify funding, prepare grant applications and seek to partner to develop projects identified in the Emerald Necklace Plan.

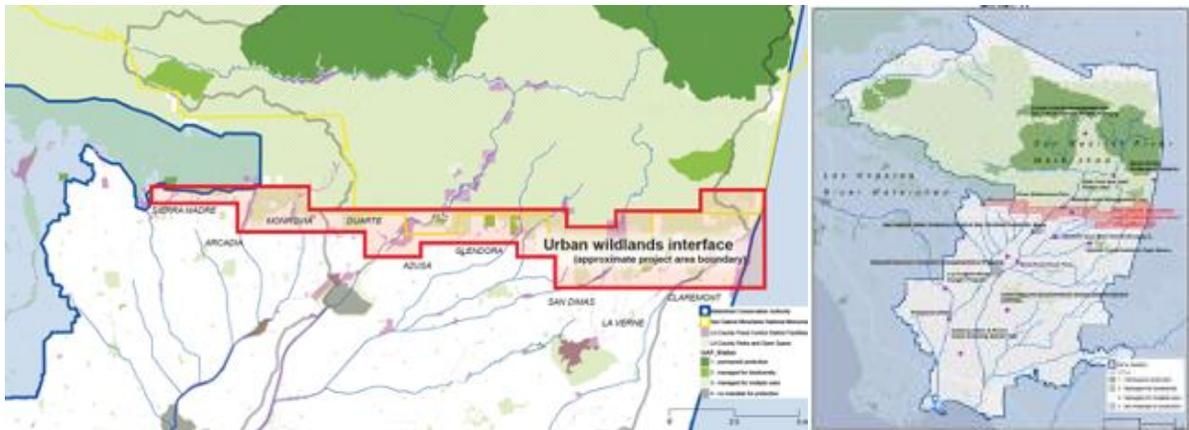


The Emerald Necklace is a 17-mile interconnected network of existing and envisioned bikeways, multi-use trails, parks, and greenways along the Rio Hondo and the San Gabriel River. Along the Rio Hondo the Emerald Necklace stretches from Peck Road Water Conservation Park in the north to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Areas in the south. Along the San Gabriel River, it stretches from Hanson Quarry in the north to Whittier Narrows Recreational Area in the south.

The Emerald Necklace Implementation Plan – Phase 1 (Proposed Project) includes 15 related projects that would close gaps in a regional recreational trails network and increase access to the trails to hundreds of thousands of people in the project area.

**San Gabriel Mountains and Foothills Open Space Acquisition Master Plan:** Psomas continues work on the Report on Regional Biological Opportunities. A presentation of work in progress was made to the RMC board. The presentation will also be shared with key stakeholders.

An RFP will be issued to engage additional consultants in stakeholder feedback to complete the Human Factors research, and to compile the completed Plan



*San Gabriel Mountains and Foothills Open Space Acquisition Master Plan Project will develop a comprehensive prioritized acquisition strategy and a recommended resource management and operations strategy to preserve habitat and open space, improve watershed health, and increase public access for compatible uses such as multi-use trails and related passive recreational amenities along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.*

**Vasquez Acquisitions and Interim Land Management Plan:** Botanical field surveys of Vasquez Overlook (Vasquez II) have concluded. WCA is awaiting a draft report of the results.

Legal counsel has suggested the City of Azusa, the Vasquez Ranch, WCA, and the County all approve, execute, and record a modification of the City's easement to clarify rights over the road. Such agreement is expected to require approvals from the Azusa City Council and the County Board. WCA is pursuing conversations with the City of Azusa to pursue such approval.

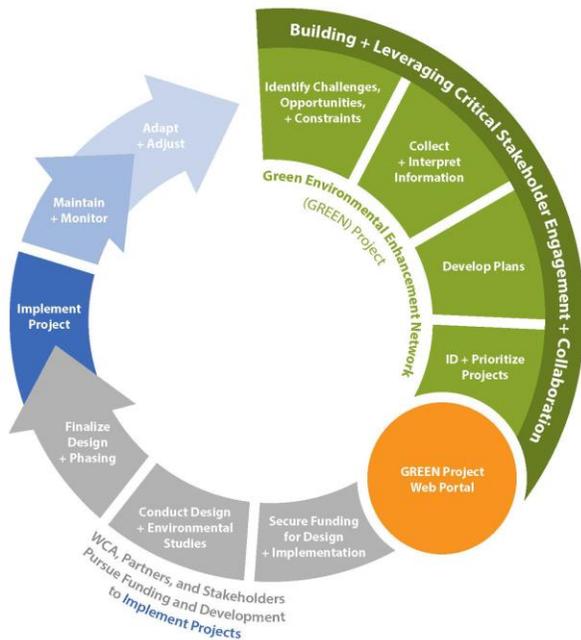
A journalist will be engaged to produce a short article on the Vasquez land and its history. The article will provide source material for future blog posts, social media, press releases and interpretive content. More importantly, it will provide an additional perspective to articulate the contemporary context of conservation in the foothills.



*The Vasquez acquisitions (Vasquez I in 2016 and Vasquez II in 2020) protect some of the last undeveloped private holdings along the foothill interface between the San Gabriel Valley and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument from development, in order to support watershed*

restoration, community-driven stewardship, and compatible public uses. WCA acquisition of these lands augments an existing cluster of contiguous public conservation lands in the Azusa Foothills that includes WCA’s River Wilderness Park, Azusa-RMC Open Space, and City of Pasadena Open Space.

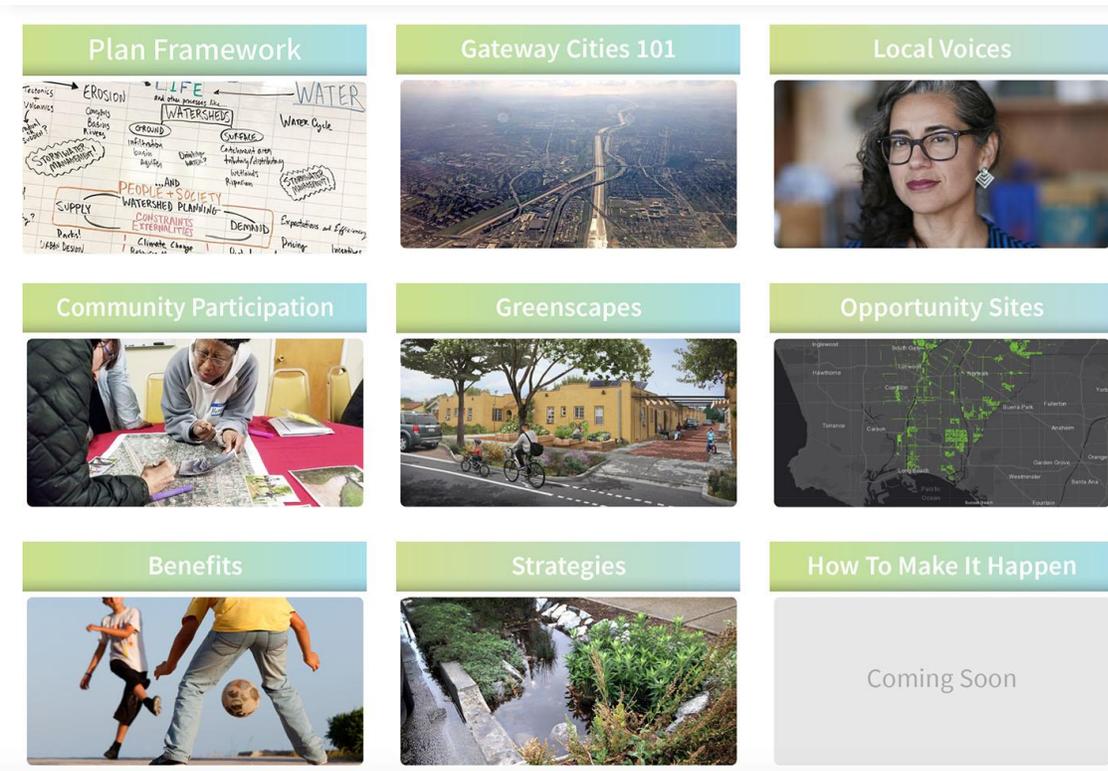
**GREEN Project:** The GREEN project is a multipart effort by the agency to promote urban greening in the WCA / RMC territory which has included engagement and support for regional plans as well as neighborhood and site-scale opportunities. Remaining deliverables are concentrated on both (1) the Duck Farm Equestrian Center update for water management, habitat, and operations improvements, and (2) for advancing work on the GREEN Project Portal including ongoing development of a strategic plan for the portal and the release of an RFP for software development.



The Duck Farm Equestrian Center Request for Proposals (RFP) for design services response period was extended and closed Monday July 6th. Two responses have been received, and are being scored by representatives from both the RMC and WCA. Based on scores a contractor team will be selected and a contract negotiated as approved.

*The Green Regional Environmental Enhancement Network (GREEN) Project is a planning and project implementation initiative supporting watershed-based greening efforts to help support collaboration in the wider Los Angeles and Orange County area. The scope of the project includes regional data collection and assessments, identification of priority projects, and community engagement strategies culminating in the launch of an online GREEN project portal to share data and information, and to catalyze investments and positive change.*

**Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan:** Staff are completing written and visual content for the Gateway Greening website. Lyric Design & Planning has completed its work developing Greenscape maps and City Profile pages and WCA staff have integrated this work into the website. WCA anticipates completing a soft launch of the website for stakeholder feedback in the coming months as well as integration with the GREEN project portal in development. WCA PM staff continues to manage project work, including contracting a consultant to develop green options, plan portal content, and other City Profile materials.



Navigation buttons from the Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Vision Plan homepage

With a grant from the Strategic Growth Council and partner collaboration the WCA is developing a green infrastructure plan for the Gateway Cities Region. The WCA is advancing collaborative integration of regional efforts as staff continues to engage in compatible regional planning initiatives—including the work of the AB530 Lower LA River Working Group. Together with the RMC-funded GREEN Project the plan is organized as an interactive web platform positioned to facilitate coordination, planning efforts, and funding for greening projects across the Gateway Cities and beyond.

**Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis:** WCA is compiling a list of entities to reach out to for the outreach component of WCA’s scope.

WCA is in the process of reviewing the SCCWRP quarterly progress report.

*The purpose of the Supplemental Analysis is to supplement the State Water Board funded Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study to include a more robust analysis of the potential impacts to recreation, wildlife habitat, and water quality in the Lower Los Angeles River from reduced instream water flows resulting from increased wastewater re-use upstream. An RMC grant funds WCA’s participation in the Stakeholder group and adding third-party review of the analysis.*

**Mt Baldy Wilderness Preserve:** Dick Swinney continues his work compiling a flora (comprehensive list of occurring plants) of the Mt. Baldy Wilderness Preserve. The dedication sign has been restored (after vandalism) and will be reinstalled.

A grant application was made to Wildlife Conservation Board’s Public Access Program for planning improvements to the preserve. The proposed project includes conducting a biological resources survey so the site’s conservation value may be better protected, and improving access and

programming for the public (considerations for parking, interpretation, restroom, and other amenities) at this popular site.



*Acquired in 2014, the Mt. Baldy Wilderness Preserve is a 237+/- acre property located on the eastern extent of the Authority's territory, directly south of Mt. Baldy Village. This open space being preserved is in its undeveloped state. The site is publicly accessible for passive recreational use.*

**Crystal Lake Redevelopment and San Gabriel Canyon Master Planning:** Request for Bid packages for Demolition and Construction work will be finalized and published August. Work is targeted to begin in October 2020 following Labor Day holiday and the close of the summer recreational high season. Work includes the construction of new camp host sites, kiosks and iron rangers at both Crystal Lake and Coldbrook campgrounds. Improvements to the Crystal Lake Visitor Center and the construction of a trash transfer station at Rincon Fire Station site. Additionally, the demolition of several old, unused restrooms and dilapidated ancillary buildings. Design work for the second access point at the East Fork/Oaks Picnic area is on-going. San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps, utilizing COVID-19 precautions, are continuing their conservation efforts in the San Gabriel Canyon under the direction of US Forest Service staff.

*Crystal Lake Redevelopment and San Gabriel Canyon Master Planning, authorized by U.S. Forest Service under a Supplemental Project Agreement with WCA, to implement a redevelopment and enhancement conceptual planning effort for the Crystal Lake recreation area located in the Angeles National Forest, as well as, a recreation master plan for the San Gabriel Canyon area focusing on access, circulation, and recreational resources. Additionally, the implementation of maintenance and site improvements has been approved by USFS.*

**River Wilderness Park:** WCA is awaiting notification from RMC of its grant award(s) under the Prop 68 grant program to fill remaining funding gaps. Staff continues to work with City of Azusa, Caltrans, and Design team to complete the design for the overlook and park entry improvement elements of the park.

Currently Caltrans is reviewing River Wilderness Park project plans in consideration of including the bikeway underpass below the Highway 39 bridge in environmental compliance documents as they

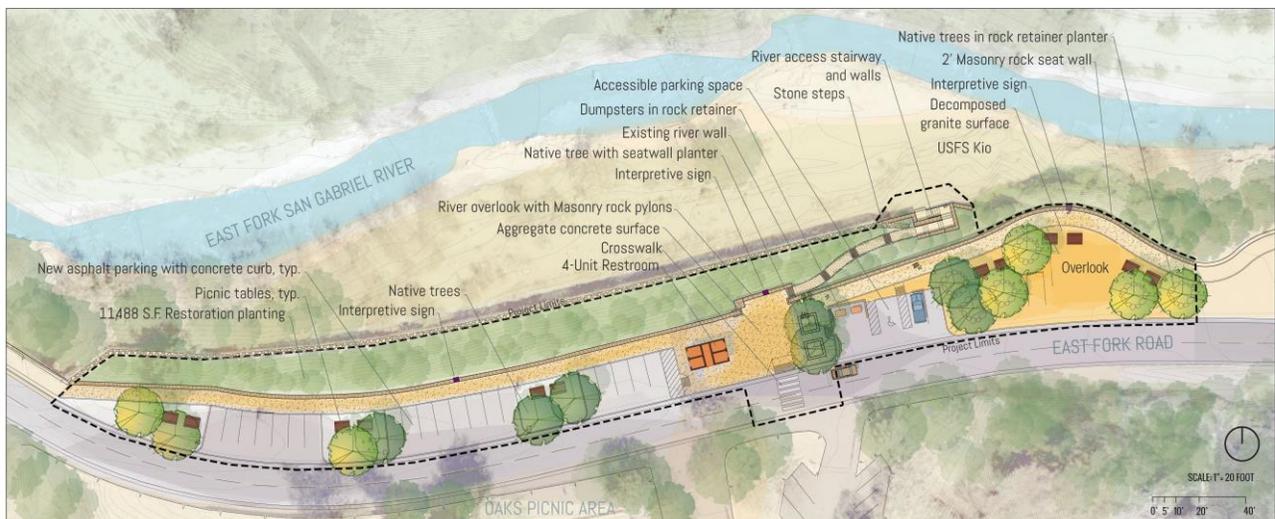
work on bridge improvements. The inclusion of this element in environmental compliance documents would be a step forward in ensuring a safe option to extend and connect the San Gabriel River Trail with River Wilderness Park.



The RWP is an approx. 118-acre property envisioned to provide unique wilderness experiences in the lower San Gabriel River Canyon comprised of engaging landscapes, gathering spaces, thriving habitats, and a regional hub and welcome center for the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

**San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Project:** WCA is awaiting notification from RMC of its grant award for construction of the Oaks River Access Project under the Prop 68 grant. WCA consultant, BlueGreen, has completed its work on the site design for the project, and has begun work on the design of an additional access point which extends the footprint of the current design. This portion will be funded through WCA’s Master Participating Agreement with the Forest Service that was just extended for an additional 12-months due to COVID-19 related impacts.

U.S. Forest Service anticipates making a decision of record on the EIS/EIR for the project in 2020.

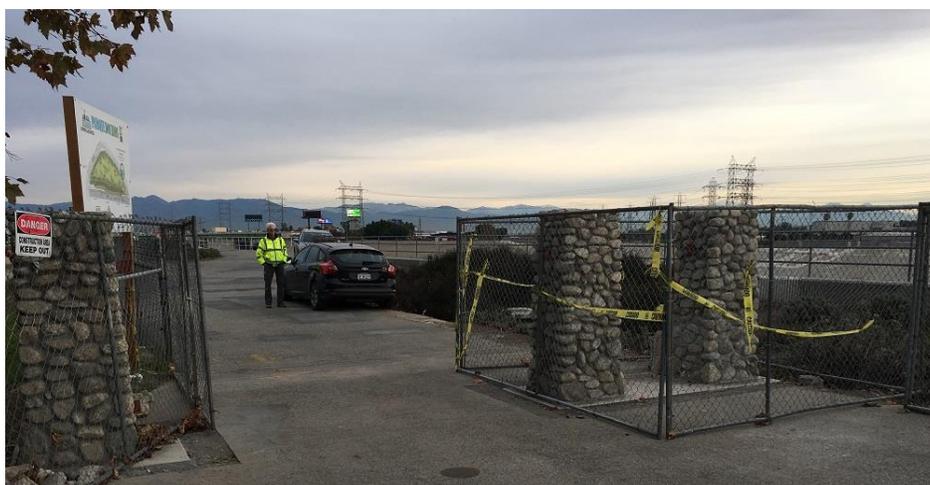


*Initial concept plan for the Oaks River Access project.*

*Along a 2.5-mile segment of the East Fork San Gabriel River recreational use is highly concentrated. This heavy use combined with the lack of facilities has resulted in degraded conditions. In response, the Cattle Canyon Project seeks to better manage the recreational use and balance the needs for resource project within this area of the San Gabriel Mountains.*

**South Gate Habitat Restoration Project/Parque dos Rios:** The project obtained a County permit amendment approval to install a second southern overlook, relocate a backflow device and make minor modifications to the northern bump-out rest area. Unfortunately, the project is now experiencing a delay to remobilize due to vendor impacts from the COVID-19 shutdowns in California and other states, the project has experienced significant delays in order fulfillment for most of our fabricated site facilities. As a result, our General Contractor, Conservation Corps of Long Beach, has been essentially de-mobilized since February 2020. CCLB is optimistic however that they will be able to mobilized again in June 2020, at which time they will be able to provide an updated project completion schedule.

Additionally, on a Phase II Bioswale project, WCA's Measure W feasibility study to transform the existing Caltrans drainage V-ditch to a nature based riparian bioswale was approved for inclusion in the Lower LA River WASC Stormwater Improvement Plan for funding consideration by LACBOS later this quarter.





*Parque Dos Rios is a 7.8-acre site situated along the Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) at the confluence with the Rio Hondo in the City of South Gate. The project will create a bike stop amenity for the LLAR trail, with overlook, shade structure, seating and interpretive graphics. The land will be planted with natives and a raptor perch installed.*

**Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space:** Construction of the West Trail Loop has been temporarily delayed due to a significant number of rain days in March and now COVID-19 impacts. The General Contractor, Land Forms, anticipates remobilizing by the end of this month and will provide an updated schedule at that time.

**WALNUT CREEK – WEST PHASE ONLY**



*Acquired in 2008, the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space Property is a total of approx. 60.8 acres. The location is directly east of Bonelli Regional Park and along the Walnut Creek riparian corridor. Approximately 6.7 acres are owned by the City of San Dimas and 54 acres are owned by the WCA.*

*City of San Dimas the City secured County Proposition A funding in the amount of \$850,000 to begin initial West Phase development. The initial phase includes site clean-up, trail development and amenities (interpretive signage, benches, etc.) for a looped spur trail, habitat enhancements, and the planting of a vegetated buffer for neighbors and connect to the Antonovich Trail via County-operated trail staging areas.*

**DATE:** July 20, 2020

**TO:** RMC Governing Board

**FROM:** Sally Gee, Project Analyst II

**THROUGH:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Item 9: Consideration of a resolution approving a grant amendment to the City of Long Beach for the Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Project (RMC 17009)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the RMC Board approve a grant amendment to the City of Long Beach for the Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Project (RMC 17009).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Exhibit A – Extension Request Letter

Exhibit B – Revised Timeline

This grant amendment request from the City of Long Beach extends grant funds from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2022 (see Exhibit A). The project experienced delays due to issues vacating an existing business tenant on the project site. Earlier this year, the City was able to negotiate an agreement with the tenant to vacate the property by the end of this calendar year. The designs for the wetlands will be completed by the end of this year, and this extension will allow the City to complete the construction of the wetlands and other nature-based components of the project. The updated project timeline and expenditures is attached as Exhibit B, with demolition and construction set to begin in early 2021.

**BACKGROUND:** The City's Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Facility is a stormwater treatment facility and a system of conveyances that will improve water quality of the Los Angeles River and Long Beach Harbor by diverting and treating dry weather runoff and first flush of stormwater runoff that would otherwise discharge directly into the Los Angeles River. The proposed site for the facility is in the south-west region of Long Beach, south of Shoemaker Bridge, within Cesar Chavez Park. The City of Long Beach is situated at the confluence of the LA River watershed, which has a footprint of approximately 1,610 square miles. Runoff from this large tributary area empties into the LA River, to the Long Beach Harbor, and ultimately into the Pacific Ocean. The runoff carries contaminants, such as heavy metals, oil and grease, into receiving waterways where they can impact water quality. The proposed site optimizes existing tributary systems and is in close proximity to the LA River.

Additionally, the City plans to expand public open space in the region by creating new wetlands habitat in Cesar Chavez/ Drake Park. The wetland habitat will be developed from a storage/polishing pond that implements biofiltration as the final step in the treatment process of the LB-MUST Facility. The recycled water will be used to create and sustain the wetlands and will also be used in place of potable water for irrigation in the park. There is a large potential for the treated water to support additional urban greening along the Lower LA River and Interstate 710, which is part of the West Long Beach disadvantaged community livability plan.

The implementation of this facility is multi-beneficial by improving water quality for aquatic life and recreational beach activities, increasing open space, and increasing water supply and storage in the region. This project aims to achieve the three core objectives of wetlands restoration, water quality compliance, and reduction of potable water use. Furthermore, the LB-MUST is in line with the City's Sustainable City Action Plan and will provide a variety of neighborhood benefits by enhancing urban nature.

**FISCAL INFORMATION:** This amendment does not change to total amount of Proposition 1 grant funds awarded to the City of Long Beach. A total of \$2,000,000 was initially authorized through RMC Board Resolution 2016-23.

Funding for this project is allocated from the following:

Proposition 1, Chapter 188, Statutes of 2014  
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 allocations, Chapter 6 under statute:

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 32600) of, and Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000) of, the Public Resources Code and Section 79508.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:**

Public Resources Code Division 22.8 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; RMC Resolution 2016-13 approved the RMC Proposition 1 (2015) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Grant Recommendations; RMC Resolution 2016-23 approved the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program (2015) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Grant Recommendations and authorized grant distributions of \$20,261,564; RMC Resolution 2018-19 approved a grant extension from May 31, 2018 to December 30, 2020.

June 18, 2020

Mr. Mark Stanley  
Executive Officer  
State of California, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy  
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road  
Azusa, CA 91702

Subject: Request for Extension of Performance Period for State of California, Rivers  
Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Agreement Number RMC17009

Dear Mr. Stanley:

The City of Long Beach (COLB) requests extension of the performance period for State of California, Rivers Mountains Conservancy (RMC) agreement Number RMC17009.

On September 26, 2016, the RMC Board approved a resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 (Water Bond) Tier 1 grant allocation of \$2 million to the Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) project. Following the approval, a grant agreement was signed by COLB and the RMC on April 10, 2017 and June 19, 2017, respectively.

Per the original agreement, the performance period was from January 23, 2017 through May 31, 2018. A first amendment to the grant agreement was signed by COLB and the RMC on November 12, 2018 and November 14, 2018, respectively. The first amendment extended the performance period from May 31, 2018 to December 30, 2018.

Based on our revised schedule (see attachment), we request an additional extension of the performance period to be extended through December 31, 2022 to increase the time period for the construction of the wetlands.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Alvin Papa, City Engineer, at (562)570-6386. Thank you.

Respectfully,



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

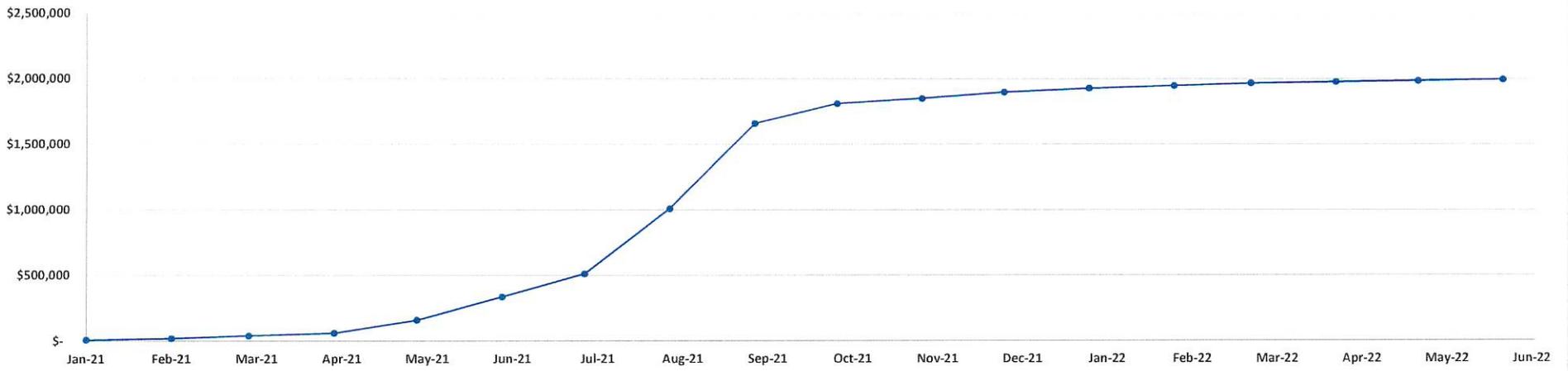
Cc: Sally Gee, Project Analyst, RMC  
Tom Modica, City Manager  
Melissa You, Stormwater/Environmental Compliance Officer  
Alvin Papa, City Engineer



Work Plan - Budget/Expenditure Tracking

LB-MUST WETLANDS EXPENDITURE	2021												2022					
	FY 2020-21 Q2			FY 2020-21 Q3			FY 2020-21 Q4			FY 2021-22 Q1			FY 2021-22 Q2			FY 2021-22 Q3		
	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22
Phase	Bid/Award/Demolition			Construction						Landscaping and Establishment								
Planned Quarterly Expenditure	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Planned Cumulative Expenditure	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 335,000	\$ 510,000	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 1,660,000	\$ 1,810,000	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,930,000	\$ 1,950,000	\$ 1,970,000	\$ 1,980,000	\$ 1,990,000	\$ 2,000,000

LB-MUST Wetlands Planned Cumulative Expenditure



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July 20, 2020 – Item 9

RESOLUTION 2020-27

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR THE MUNICIPAL URBAN STORMWATER TREATMENT (LB-MUST) PROJECT (RMC 17009)

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 State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects; 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 proposed project meets an objective of the California Water Action Plan for more reliable water supplies, restoration of important species and habitat, more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project meets the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with AB 32; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The grantee has requested a grant from Proposition 1, Section 79731 (f) or Section 79735 (a) of the Water 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 the proposed project meets at least one of the purposes of Proposition 1.
- 4 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan.
- 5 FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy;
- 6 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 7 ADOPTS the staff report dated July 20, 2020.
- 8 APPROVES a grant amendment to the City of Long Beach for the Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Project (RMC 19003), extending the timeline from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS  
CONSERVANCY on July 20, 2020.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Edsall, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General

**DATE:** July 20, 2020

**TO:** RMC Governing Board

**FROM:** Joseph Gonzalez, Project Analyst II

**THROUGH:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Item 10: Consideration of a resolution approving a small grant to the Nature For All for the San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP)

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**PROGRAM AREA:** Mountains, Hills, Foothills

**PROJECT TYPE:** Planning

**JURISDICTION:** LA County Districts 1 and 5 (Solis and Barger)

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Joseph Gonzalez

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the RMC Board authorize a grant to Nature For All for the San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP), Phase I Project Planning and Development, in the amount of \$10,000 for a performance period through December 30, 2020.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

- Exhibit A – Nature For All’s Proposal. Includes Request Letter, Map of Proposed Routes, Project Summary, Objectives, Community Needs, Tasklist/Timeline, and Budget.
- Exhibit B – Twelve (12) Support Letters

With the passage of the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, the RMC established Proposition 68 grant program guidelines which provided for project applications to be submitted for funding consideration (RMC Resolution 2019-06).

In Spring 2019, staff opened a Call for Projects between April 29, 2019 and July 15, 2019. Under Chapter 8 of Proposition 68, \$30,000,000 is allocated for projects throughout all of RMC territory. Note, projects within the Los Angeles River corridor have a separate RMC urban river funding source.

Projects prioritized for funding recommendations to the Governing Board are subject to multiple factors upon review, including project score and ranking amongst territory-wide submittals, project readiness, and public benefit value. Project proponents are provided the opportunity to receive higher scores based on additional information provided through staff interviews that demonstrate an alignment with RMC goals and objectives, and granting of funds is consistent with RMC programs, which include:

**Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea** - Supports the Watershed and Open Space Plan vision for the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watersheds, seeks to restore balance between natural and human systems. Guiding principles: 1) growing greener (create, expand and improve open space and access to open space), 2) enhancing waters and waterways, and 3) coordinate regional planning efforts.

**RMC Environmental Justice Policy** - To ensure that the public, including minority and low-income populations, are informed of opportunities to participate in the development and implementation of all RMC-related programs, policies and activities, and that they are not discriminated against, treated unfairly, or caused to experience disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects from environmental decisions.

**Tribal Consultation** - To ensure indigenous tribes and tribal communities are able to provide meaningful input into the development of regulations, rules policies, programs, projects, plans, property decisions, and activities that may affect tribal communities; supporting AB52 and CEQA, which require separate consideration of tribal cultural resources from that of paleontological resources.

RMC received a short-term grant proposal from Nature For All on May 15, 2020 for the San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP). This project has been developed in collaboration with the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative's Transportation ad-hoc committee and is seeking gap funding to complete their Phase I Project Planning and Development. This project was evaluated using the RMC Proposition 68 Regionwide Grant Program since RMC has not finalized guidelines for a Small Grants Program (but would qualify under a proposed Grant Program). RMC is seeking approval from the RMC Board for this Small Grant in order to ensure project planning is not delayed. RMC is approving Small Grants draft guidelines at the July 2020 Board Meeting to provide other local NGOs, Cities, and Agencies the opportunity to more easily access support, Small Grants funding for multi-benefit, open space projects.

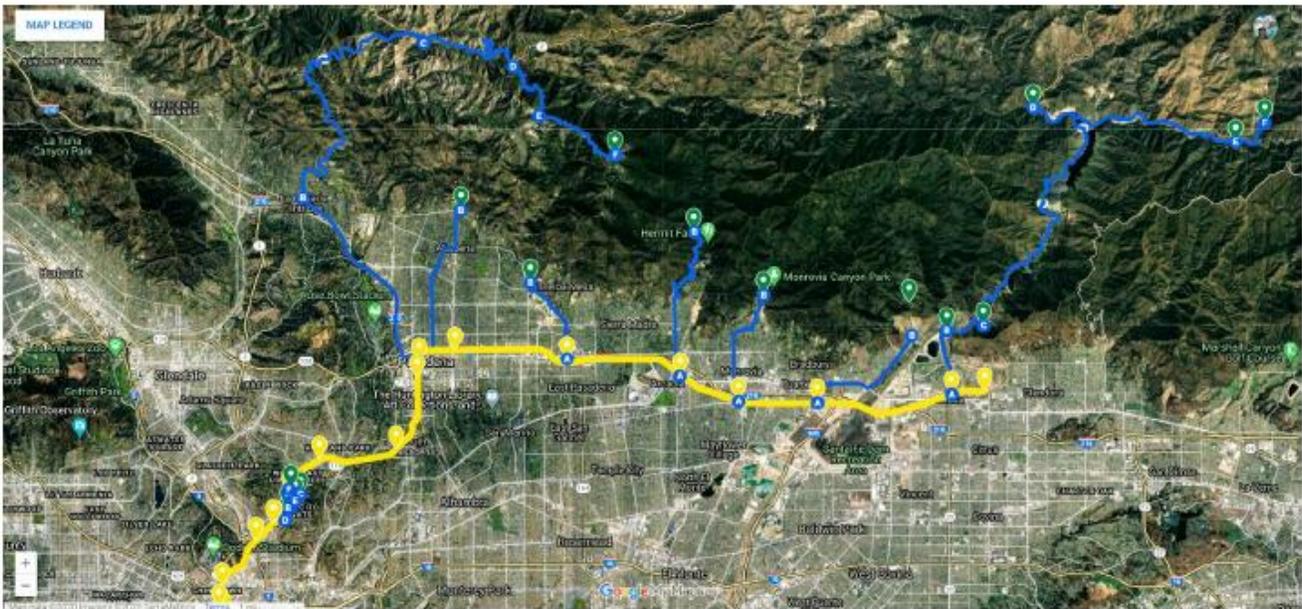
After review by RMC staff, this grant received a score of 80/100 or 80% and a recommendation for funding the planning activities.

<b>Project:</b>	San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program	
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nature For All	
<b>Program area:</b>	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	
<b>Amount requested:</b>	\$10,000	
<b>Amount recommended for funding:</b>	\$10,000	
<b>RMC PROP 68 REGIONWIDE GRANT PROGRAM - EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY</b>		
<b>Factor</b>	<b>Project Score</b>	<b>Total Possible Points</b>
1. Access Value	9	10
2. Urban Land Value	3	7
3. Water Sustainability/Water Storage/Water Infrastructure	7	13
4. Habitat and Restoration Resource Values	11	19
5. Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities	27	28
6. Matching Funds	9	9
7. Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value	9	9
8. Capacity	5	5
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100</b>

The Nature For All (N4A) is requesting a grant for the San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP), for \$10,000 with a performance period through December 30, 2020. This is in addition to a total project match of \$64,500 from corporate and non-profit contributions, individual contributions, and in-kind donations.

SGM Transit and Infrastructure Program will accelerate planning, feasibility and pilot demonstrations for Metro Gold Line (light rail) connector shuttles/buses, walk routes and related programs for at least 8 proposed routes to the San Gabriel Mountains and nearby natural spaces. This effort will develop a regionally coordinated, user-friendly system of Transit to Parks routes, and complement routes already being led by municipalities.

This short-term grant request to RMC will fund specific development and infrastructure assessment items in Phase I of the SGM-TIP. The program and related site improvements will include habitat enhancement and protections, green infrastructure, and address environmental justice specifically for those sites in the RMC territory (Monrovia Canyon Express, Fish Canyon [when re-opened], and San Gabriel Canyon Express).



**Proposal:** Eight routes for feasibility analysis; three will advance to become demonstration projects.



**Problem:** Inequitable access, parking congestion.



**Opportunity:** Transit to Trails pilot shuttle, Chantry Flat, 2019.

**SGM-TIP Work Plan**

- Phase I (June – December 2020)
  - Assessment of Existing Plans
  - Establish Assessment Framework and Prioritization Criteria
  - Priority Sites Selected
  - Initiate Site-Specific Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan

- Initiate Site Assessments
- Fundraising
- Phase I Milestones
  - July-September
    - Finalize Existing Plan Assessment
    - Finalize Project Evaluation Protocols
    - Initiate Community/Stakeholder Engagement Plan
    - Adopt Initial Program Branding
    - Continue Infrastructure Assessment
    - Initiate AC formation if funding is secured
    - Fundraising
  - October-December
    - Analyze and Score Project Routes
    - Priority Sites Selected
    - Initiate Site-Specific Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan
    - Initiate Site Assessments
    - Fundraising
- RMC funded elements:
  - Program and Project Development (\$3,000)
    - Include San Gabriel Canyon Plans
    - Establish Assessment Framework and Prioritization Criteria
  - Project Advisory Committee and Community Outreach (\$1,000)
    - Develop Stakeholder group to support project planning and development.
  - Existing Conditions and preliminary infrastructure and transit needs assessment report (\$4,000)
    - Future shuttle stop locations and trailheads, including San Gabriel Canyon Express route
    - Route and Site Assessments
    - Ranked priorities assessment
  - Project Management (\$2,000)

Goal of SGM-TIP is to plan routes collaboratively with local and regional agencies and NGOs with in-depth community engagement at both destination and rider communities, to ultimately launch 3-pilot demonstration projects with first/last mile pathways and transit connections, green infrastructure, test marketing, wayfinding and messaging concepts, and provide operators with metrics and support to apply for full operational funding.

N4A has submitted grant applications to the Regional Park and Open Space District and Metro's Recreational Access program and will be continually applying for future funding opportunities including the Wildlife Conservation Board Public Access Program, among others, for next phases of the project.

#### **SGM-TIP Partners:**

- US Forest Service, San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative, Rivers & Mountains Conservancy, National Forest Foundation, The Wilderness Society

- Transit providers: Metro, Foothill Transit
- Municipalities: County of Los Angeles Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5, City of Duarte
- Proposed: Cities of Los Angeles, Arcadia, Azusa, Pasadena, Monrovia.

**BACKGROUND:** SGM-TIP is a multi-benefit planning and implementation project that focuses on increasing public access to the San Gabriel Mountains. The benefits will be far-reaching. LA is park-poor! Our urban core communities lack open space and without a car it is almost impossible to visit these gems which surround Los Angeles and receive the health benefits of getting outdoors—this is an environmental justice issue. Access to nature is a public health and social justice issue, boosting environmental, habitat and economic benefits as well. Connecting our investment in public transportation - the Metro Gold Line, which is so close to the San Gabriel Mountains (70% of Los Angeles County's open space) - makes clear sense, linking healthy access to world-class trails and mountain destinations for urban families who most need it. Transit to the San Gabriel Mountains will lead to cleaner air quality through lower VMTs, provide access to those that lack transportation, improvements to habitat and growth of LA's ecotourism economy, particularly as we look to the 2028 Olympic Games.

The SGM-TIP will create door-to-door transit-to-trails access for disadvantaged communities in Central, East and Northeast Los Angeles to reach the San Gabriel Mountains, via the Metro Rail system. These transit-dependent and low-income communities of color have not historically had access to these public lands and reside in some of the most park-poor urbanized areas of Los Angeles County. For this proposal only those sites within the RMC territory will be covered by this grant.

The initial Phase I assessment will cover 8 potential routes, including 3 successfully demonstrated pilot routes, and 5 additional routes to the Angeles National Forest/San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, and nearby natural areas.

**FISCAL INFORMATION:** This grant to Nature For All (N4A) is in the amount of \$10,000 with a performance period through December 30, 2020. Funding for this grant will come from:

Proposition 68, Chapter 852 Statutes of 2017

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 allocations, Chapter 8, under statute:

80110(b)(6): San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000).

**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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 protection. 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.



VIA EMAIL

May 15, 2020

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy  
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road  
Azusa, CA 91702

Dear Mr. Stanley,

Nature for All would like to submit a short-term grant proposal request of \$9,999 for Phase I Project Planning & Development components of the San Gabriel Mountains Transit & Infrastructure Program, for the immediate term of June 1-Dec 30, 2020. The attached proposal outlines an updated work plan and budget.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 626-614-4990 or [belinda@lanatureforall.org](mailto:belinda@lanatureforall.org) or Bryan Matsumoto at [bryan@lanatureforall.org](mailto:bryan@lanatureforall.org).

Thank you for your support of increasing equitable public access to the San Gabriel Mountains. We appreciate RMC's consideration as a funding partner in the early stages of this regional collaboration.

Sincerely,



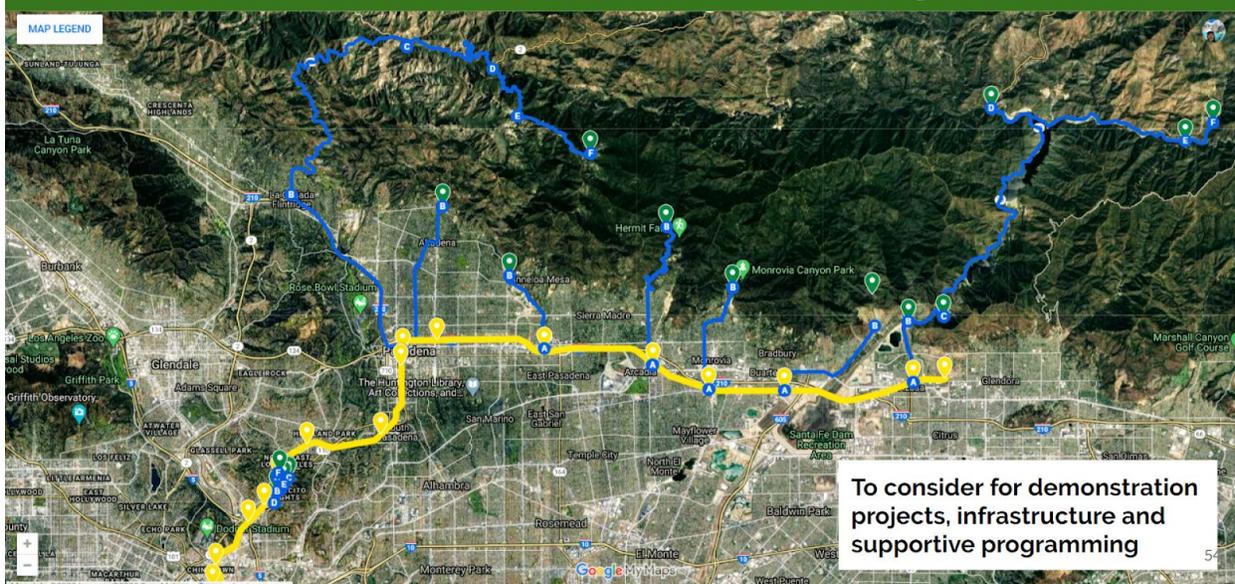
Belinda Faustinos,  
Executive Director



# San Gabriel Mountains Transit & Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP)

Short-Term Grant Proposal: Phase I Project Planning & Development

## 8 Proposed Routes in the San Gabriel Mountains Transit & Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP)



### Proposal Summary

This short-term grant proposal of \$9,999 to the San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy (RMC) will fund specific project development and infrastructure assessment items in Phase I of the San Gabriel Mountains Transit & Infrastructure Program.

Phase I Term: June 1-Dec 30, 2020

The San Gabriel Mountains Transit & Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP) is a multi-benefit planning and implementation project that will significantly increase public access to the San Gabriel Mountains, directly linking underrepresented communities to outdoor recreation, positive physical & mental health outcomes, and development of lifelong connection to nature. The program and related site improvements will include habitat enhancements and protections, green infrastructure and address environmental justice specifically for those sites in RMC's territory.

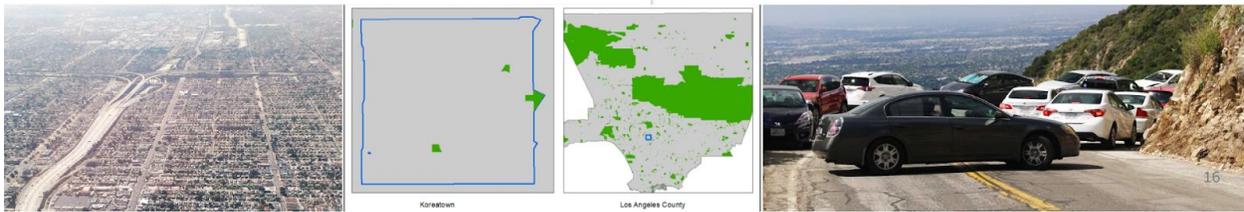
The SGM-TIP addresses key RMC objectives (RMC Prop 68 Guidelines):

Key RMC Objectives	San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP)
<p>Improve access to open space and low impact recreation for all communities and promote healthy lifestyles</p>	<p><b>The primary objective of the SGM-TIP is to improve access to open space</b> (the San Gabriel Mountains and nearby nature) <b>and low impact recreation for all communities</b> (particularly for those who have not historically had access), <b>and promote healthy lifestyles.</b></p> <p><b>Site and infrastructure development at key shuttle departure areas and stops in the forest are needed for the transit-to-trail routes' implementation.</b></p>
<p>Environmental justice and disadvantaged communities</p>	<p>The SGM-TIP will create door-to-door transit-to-trails access for disadvantaged communities in Central, East and Northeast Los Angeles to reach the San Gabriel Mountains (SGM), via the Metro Rail system. These transit-dependent and low-income communities of color have not historically had access to these public lands, and reside in some of the most park-poor urbanized areas of Los Angeles County.</p>
<p>Involve the public through education and outreach programs</p>	<p>Education and outreach are integral components in the SGM-TIP, with the objective of developing visitor environmental stewardship. Multilingual educational signage integrated in the shuttles and at stops, and messaging in promotional materials and through live programming will emphasize urban nature connection, Leave no Trace principles, and volunteer opportunities in the forest.</p>
<p>Create, expand, and/or improve public open space throughout the region by improving water quality supply, create, enhance or improve a reliable water supply and/or restore an important species and habitat.</p>	<p>Shuttle stop sites or turnarounds along forest roads will be opportunities for green infrastructure site improvements, design for water capture or filtration, and may include habitat enhancements to mitigate site development.</p>
<p>Connect open space with a network of trails, accessible as appropriate to the site</p>	<p>The pedestrian paths necessary to connect park users from shuttle stops to trailhead destinations in the SGM will link to existing trailheads and trail networks.</p>

<p>Encourage multi-jurisdictional and multi-beneficial planning and implementation projects</p>	<p>The SGM-TIP coordinates amongst numerous jurisdictional stakeholders to achieve the multi-benefit transit-to-trails projects particularly as specified in the Metro Transit to Parks Strategic Plan..</p>
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## Regional Needs

- **LA is park-poor:** Half of LA County lives in “park-poor” areas.  
 Negative impacts:
  - **Environmental justice:** 82% communities of color
  - **Poor public health:** Childhood obesity, diabetes, air pollution, asthma
  - **Nature deficit:** Losing next generation of environmental stewards
- **Lack of transportation** is #1/#2 barrier to L.A. outdoor access
- **Need sustainable vehicle reduction:** 4 million forest visitors



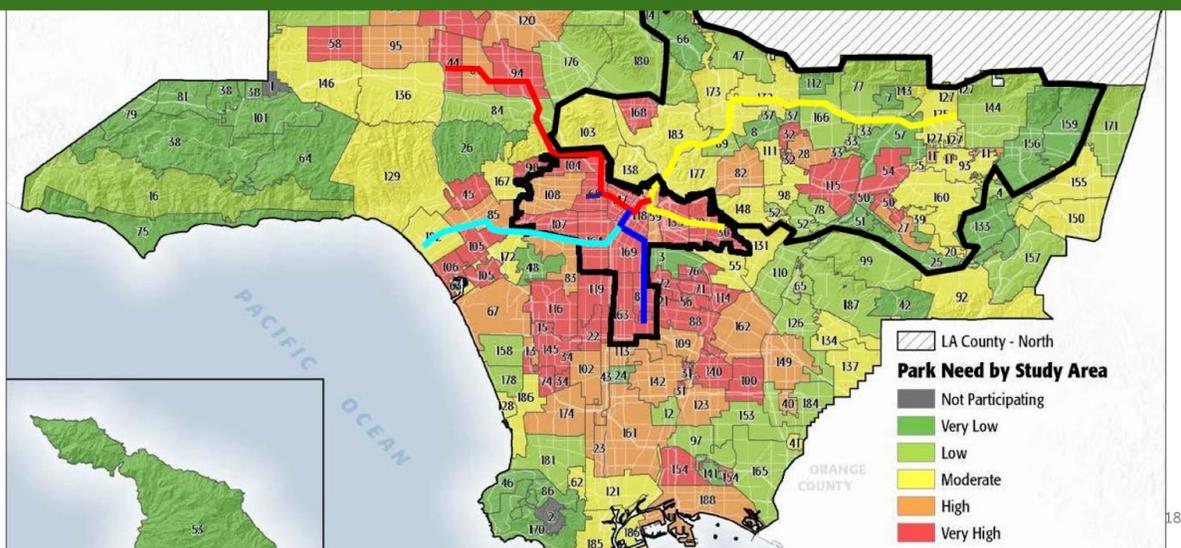
The SGM-TIP is a critical environmental justice step towards closing the access gap between transit-dependent communities and our public lands. It will also alleviate traffic congestion and safety issues at heavily impacted trailheads, and make convenient transit access to the San Gabriel Mountains a defining feature of Los Angeles County, for tourists and residents alike.

## The Opportunity: San Gabriel Mountains

- **Transit-to-Trails:** Connect the gap-public transit & public lands
- **Connect diverse families** to the Forest & National Monument
- **70%** of LA County's open space
- **1 in 20 Americans:** 17 million people within a 90-min. drive
- **Multi-benefits:** Climate action, improve air quality & congestion, support local business districts, grow eco-tourism



## Access for All: Disadvantaged Communities

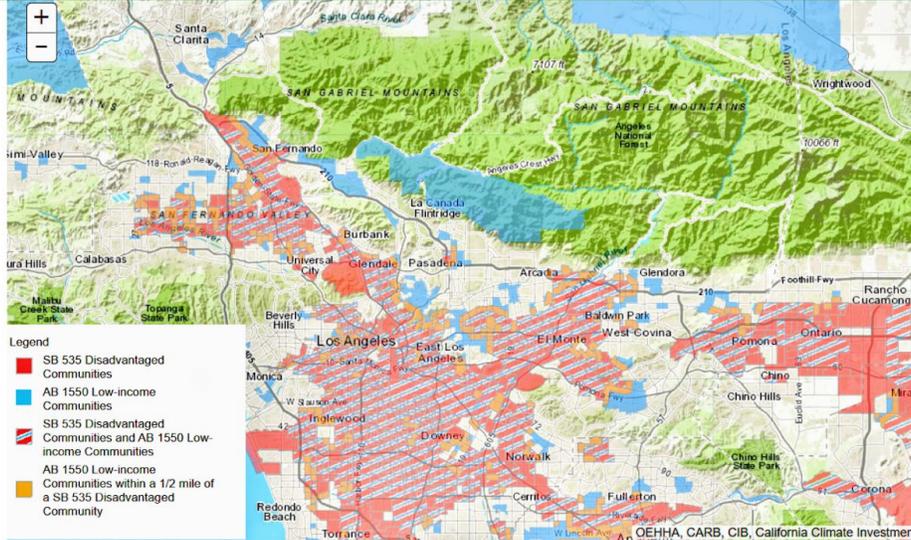


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The exhibit above overlays part of the LA County Metro Rail system (Red, Gold, Blue and Expo lines) onto the LA County Park Needs Assessment map, which shows the highest park-need

communities with least access to parks (red is very high, orange is high). The map below is from the CA State Water Resources disadvantaged communities web tool. Most high-need neighborhoods above are identified as DAC below.

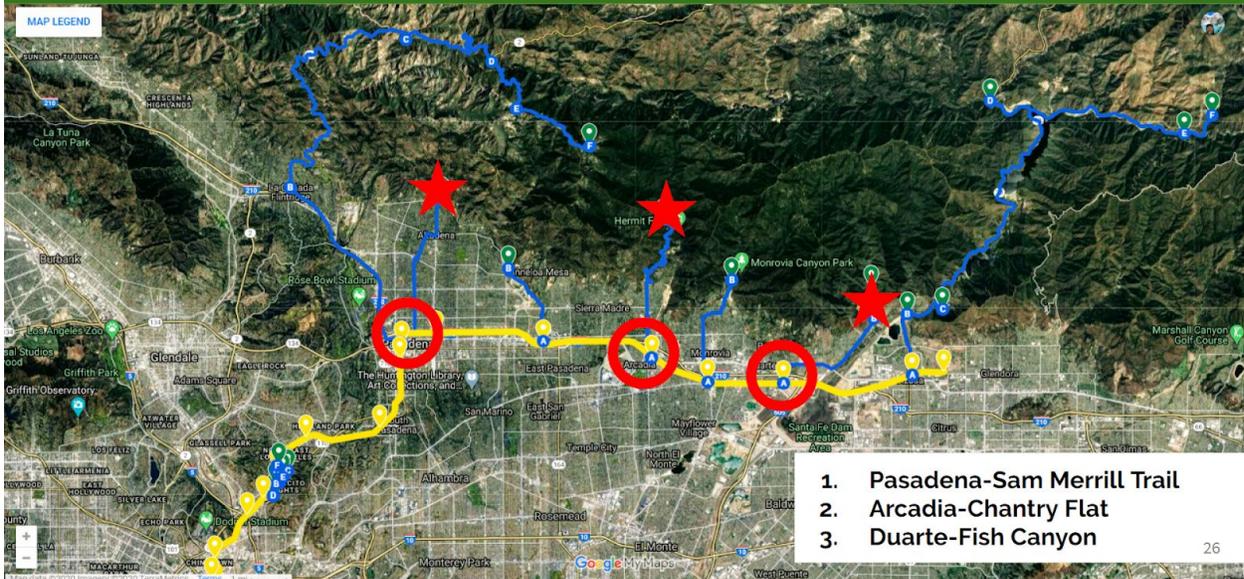
# Access for All: Disadvantaged Communities



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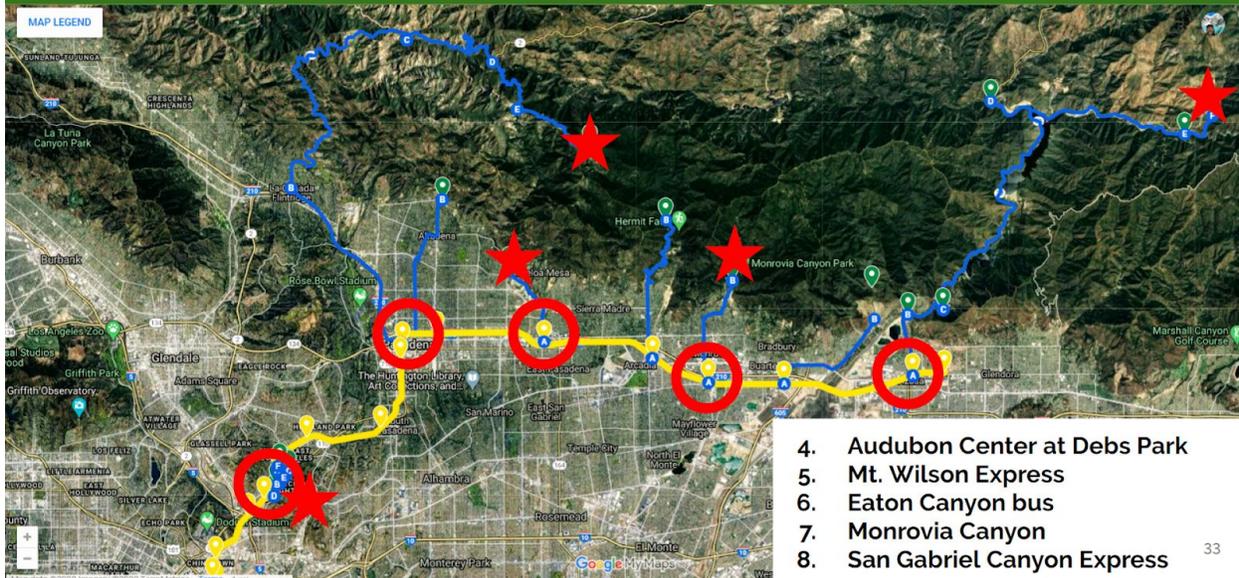
The initial Phase I assessment will cover **8 potential routes**, including 3 successfully demonstrated pilot routes, and 5 additional routes to the Angeles National Forest/San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, and nearby natural areas.

# Successfully Demonstrated Pilots



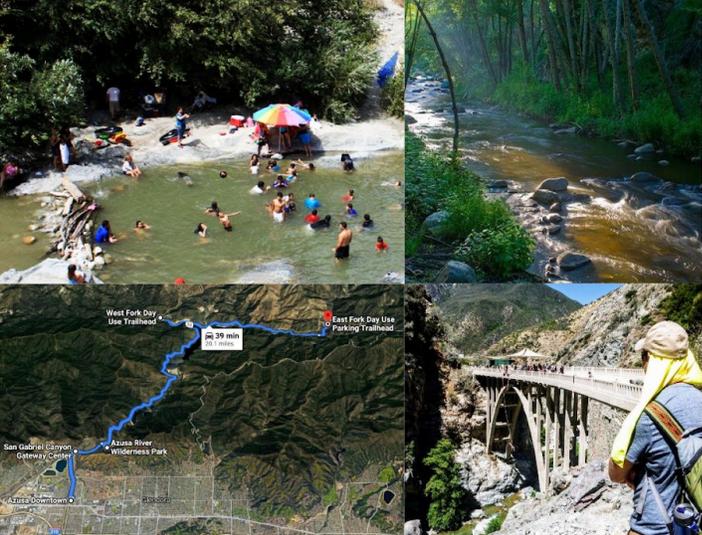
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# Additional proposed SGM & nearby routes



A key study route is the “**San Gabriel Canyon Express**” shuttle route, an RMC priority which would travel up Highway 39 to the extremely popular West and East Fork San Gabriel River recreation areas. The route would depart the Downtown Azusa station and stop at the San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center and the River Wilderness Park as well.

## San Gabriel Canyon Express



**Departure:** GL Azusa Station

Popular summer destinations:

- 1. San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center**
- 2. River Wilderness Park**
- 3. West Fork of San Gabriel River**
- 4. East Fork of San Gabriel River**
  - Oaks Picnic Area
  - Bridge to Nowhere trail

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Another multi-destination route is the proposed “Mt. Wilson Express” shuttle route which is in the territory of the SMMC..

# Mt. Wilson Express



**Departure:** GL Memorial Park Station (Pasadena)

- 210 Fwy to Angeles Crest Hwy (2)
- Popular destinations:
  1. **Vista point**
  2. **Switzer Falls Trail/Picnic Area**
  3. **Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center & Trailheads**
  4. **Eaton Saddle Trailhead**
  5. **Mt. Wilson Observatory**
    - Tours, Cosmic Cafe, trailhead

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## Infrastructure and Site Improvements

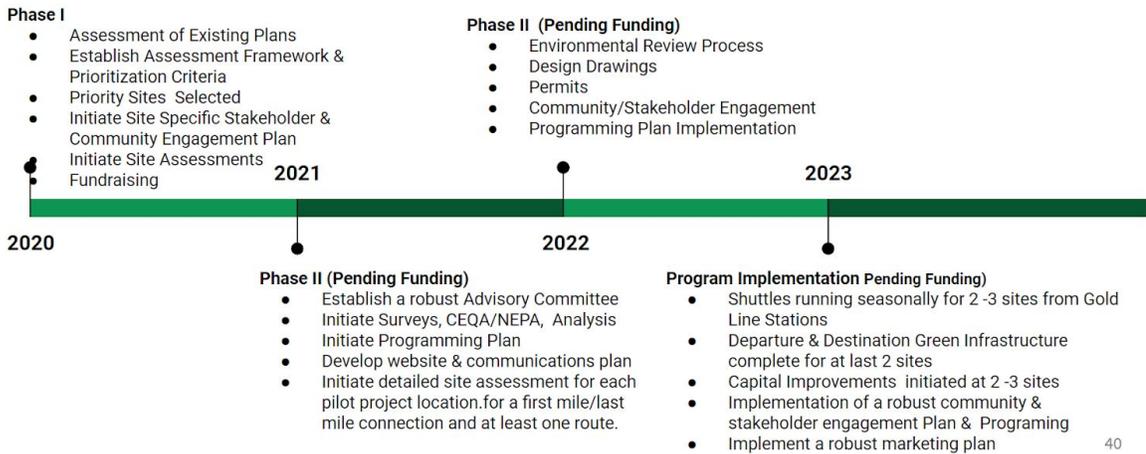
Infrastructure and site improvements to support the Transit-to-Trails routes along forest roads could include: shuttle stops, turnarounds, shelters, seating, multilingual shuttle information, wayfinding, educational signage, interpretive elements, ADA accessibility, trail improvements, habitat enhancement, green infrastructure and water sustainability features.

Infrastructure and site improvements at departure points along the Metro Gold Line stations may require similar facilities, in addition to assessing loading/dropoff areas and parking availability.

## Four Year+ Workplan

# Transportation Infrastructure Program (TIP)

## FOUR YEAR+ WORKPLAN



## Scope of Work: Phase I

### Phase I Milestones



## Task 1 Program and Project Development

1.1 Analyze relevant existing plans and assessments re: recreational access to the San Gabriel Mountains including San Gabriel Canyon plans, and successful transit to trails programs in other regions. Including:

- Metro\_Transit to Parks Strategic Plan\_2019-05
- USDOT\_Angeles NF Transit Corridor Analysis\_2018-04
- USFS\_Chantry Flat Shuttle Pilot Report\_2016-12
- SGR East Fork - Visitor Use Survey\_2014-12-11
- RMC East Fork plans

1.2 Search, Interview, Hire Program Organizer (not Phase I)

1.3 Establish Project Evaluation Protocols: Assessment Framework and Prioritization Criteria

1.4 Develop Community and stakeholder engagement process

1.5 Identify participants for an inclusive working group of destinations/lead agencies

## Task 2 Project Advisory Committee & Community Outreach

Develop stakeholder group to support project planning and development.

2.1 Conduct at least 4 meetings of the Core Planning Team:

1. May 12, 2020
  - a. Status Update: We have established the Core Planning Team of 13 strategic advisors including RMC, and held the kickoff meeting. The [full slide presentation](#) and [video recording](#) (password: 1j^949P%) are available for more details.
2. July 14, 2020

- a. Finalize Existing Plan Assessment
  - b. Finalize Project Evaluation Protocols
  - c. Community/Stakeholder Engagement Plan Framework
  - d. Continue Infrastructure Assessment
  - e. Determine if Advisory Committee formation is necessary
  - f. Fundraising Update
- 3. October 2020
  - 4. December 2020

2.2 Conduct individual meetings with stakeholders as prioritized by the working group

2.3 Community Outreach & Engagement Re: All aspects of program

**Task 3 Existing conditions and preliminary infrastructure & transit needs assessment report**

3.1 Route and Site Assessment Report

- Route analysis and Existing conditions
- Preliminary infrastructure & transit needs assessment
- Ranked priorities assessment
  - Analyze and score project routes:
  - Identify short-term projects with little infrastructure needed
  - Identify longer-term projects requiring infrastructure for future consideration

To include:

- Routes, Gold Line departure points and Destination sites (e.g. in the forest) with sites 6, 7 & 8 being in the RMC territory and the focus of this grant application.

1. Audubon Center at Debs Park	2. Mt. Wilson Express (Hwy 2 sites)	3. Sam Merrill Trail	4. Eaton Canyon bus connectors	5. Chantry Flat	6. Monrovia Canyon	7. Fish Canyon	8. San Gabriel Canyon Express
Southwest Museum, Northeast LA	Memorial Park, Pasadena	Memorial Park, Pasadena	Sierra Madre Villa, East Pasadena	Arcadia	Monrovia	Duarte/City of Hope	Azusa

Data collection:

- Transit connection
  - Travel time - weekends
  - Frequency of service - weekends
  - Bus service
- Infrastructure Needs: Departure & Destination pts.
  - Route information

- Key Jurisdiction Contacts (Metro, City, County, DFW, USFS, etc.)
- Land ownership, parcel data
- GIS mapping
- Departure point data
- Destination point data
- Site Assessment/Surveying
- Biological resources
- Tools
- Accessibility ADA
- Parking spaces
- Rec Sites
- Planning
  - Concurrent projects
- Social
  - Demographic data
  - User surveys
  - DAC data
  - Neighbor Assessment
  - Business/Stakeholder Relationship Building
- Visitorship
  - Current visitorship #s
  - Demographics, stats
- Safety, Communications limitations/tech
  - No cell reception

Potential research items:

- Technical: Transit Vehicles
  - Shuttle data
  - Electric fleet mandate
  - Status on ZEV technology, bus/shuttle design innovation. vehicle power: incline.
  - Facility/Fleet requirements: Gas/Power,Charging, Maintenance
  - Connections to companies
  - Accessibility ADA
  - Bicycle carrying capacity
- Community engagement best practices
  - Inclusive lists of CBO's, Homeowner, Business groups to engage
  - Possible Partners Suggestions
- Transit-to-Trails best practices
  - Create new stewards. Pathway to stewardship. Leave no trace programming, messaging
  - Invite, seek partners to offer stewardship opportunities, volunteering, advise on messaging



## Budget Overview

Item	Task	Total Budget	Phase I	Proposed RMC Funding
Task 1	Program and <i>Project</i> Development	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$3,000
Task 2	Project Advisory Committee & Community Outreach	\$55,000	\$15,000	\$1,000
Task 3	<i>Existing conditions and preliminary infrastructure &amp; transit needs assessment report</i>	\$31,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
Task 4	Programming	\$39,000	\$0	\$0
Task 5	Communications	\$30,000	\$3,500	\$0
Task 6	Project 1: First/Last Mile Direct Connection #1	\$66,000	\$0	\$0
Task 7	Project 2: Trailhead Shuttle or Express Route #1	\$346,000	\$0	\$0
Task 8	Project 3: Trailhead Shuttle or Express Route #1	\$346,000	\$0	\$0
Task 9	Project Management	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$1,999
Task 10	Final Project Reporting	\$55,000	\$0	\$0
	<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>\$1,143,000</b>	<b>\$74,500</b>	<b>\$9,999</b>

## Budget Detail and Task Timeline

## Phase I RMC Request: Infrastructure/ Project development components

Item	Task	Start Date	End Date	Budget	Phase I	RMC
<b>Task 1 Program Development (max 6 months)</b>						
<b>Task 1 Project Development</b>						
1.1	Analyze relevant existing plans, assessments re: rec access to San Gabriel Mtns, tested success programs other regions	06/2020	07/2021	\$5,000	\$5,000	
	including San Gabriel Canyon plans					\$1,000
1.2	Search, Interview, Hire Program Organizer	06/2020	07/2021	\$5,000		
1.3	Develop Evaluation Protocols & Implementation Plan	07/2020	09/2020	\$5,000	\$5,000	

	Establish Assessment Framework and Prioritization Criteria	06/2020	07/2020			\$2,000
1.4	Develop Community and stakeholder engagement process	07/2020	09/2020	\$5,000	\$5,000	
1.5	Identify participants for an inclusive working group of destinations/lead agencies	07/2020	09/2020	\$5,000	\$5,000	
	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Task 2 Project Advisory Committee &amp; Community Outreach</b>						
	Develop stakeholder group to support project planning and development					\$1,000
2.1	Conduct at least 4 meetings of the group: Meetings 2, 3, 4	07/2020	11/2020	\$15,000	\$7,500	
2.2	Conduct individual meetings with stakeholders as prioritized by the working group	07/2020	11/2020	\$15,000	\$2,500	
2.3	Community Outreach & Engagement RE All aspects of program	06/2020	06/2022	\$25,000	\$5,000	
	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$55,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Task 3 Existing conditions and preliminary infrastructure &amp; transit needs assessment</b>						
3.1	Infrastructure & transit needs assessment	07/2020	10/2020	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
	Forest shuttle stop locations and trailheads. Including San Gabriel Canyon Express route					
	<b>Route and Site Assessments: Existing conditions and preliminary infrastructure &amp; transit needs assessment report</b>	07/2020	9/2020			
	<b>Ranked priorities assessment. Analyze and score project routes.</b>	10/2020	11/2020			
3.2	Conduct or contract consultants for studies, surveys and data collection as may be necessary	07/2020	8/2021	\$25,000		

	<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$31,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
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**Funding**

We have submitted grant applications to the Regional Park and Open Space District/Metro Recreational Access program and will be continually applying for future funding opportunities including the Wildlife Conservation Board Public Access Program, among others.

Early funding received or committed for Phase I includes:

<b>1</b>	<b>Resources Legacy Fund</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>RMC</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Liberty Hill</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Nature for All</b>	<b>\$32,500</b>
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$68,500</b>
<b>In Kind Services</b>	<b>SGM-TIP Core Planning Team partners</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>



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**HILDA L. SOLIS**  
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

June 5, 2020

## **RE: San Gabriel Mountains Transit & Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP)**

Dear Prospective Funder,

I am pleased to express our support for Nature for All's *San Gabriel Mountains Transit & Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP)* proposal. The SGM-TIP will accelerate planning, feasibility and pilot implementation for Metro Gold Line Transit-to-Trails shuttles, walk routes and related programs to the San Gabriel Mountains and nearby natural spaces.

The SGM-TIP addresses critical regional needs. Half of L.A. County families live in "park poor" areas. A staggering 82% of communities of color lack green space, and many suffer from correlated air pollution, asthma, childhood obesity and diabetes. One way to provide parks access, thus public health and environmental benefits, is to connect families to the vast open spaces of the forest and National Monument in our backyard.

The San Gabriel Mountains are 70% of L.A. County's open space. 17 million people -- 1 in 20 Americans -- live within a ninety-minute drive. But for millions of residents without a car, lack of transportation is the #1 barrier to accessing these public lands. Even with a vehicle, limited trailhead parking is often full on weekends, further restricting public access.

The SGM-TIP is giving the opportunity to thousands of children and families living in some of the most underserved communities access to the San Gabriel Mountains and other public lands. This program can make a real difference in people's daily lives to promote the overall health of our communities. This project is about leveling the playing field and ensuring that every County resident has access to L.A. County's open space.

A solution that makes clear sense is connecting our investments in public transportation -- the Metro Gold Line, bus and active transit system -- to our public lands such as the San Gabriel Mountains. This will provide L.A. County children and families healthy outdoor access to world-class trails and mountain destinations, such as the Audubon Center at Debs Park, Mt. Wilson Observatory, Sturtevant Falls, the West Fork National Scenic Bikeway, and the wild San Gabriel River.

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June 5, 2020

Investing in the SGM-TIP will also generate social, environmental, and economic benefits as well. Time recreating outdoors is well-documented to reduce stress, improve communities' physical and mental health, and environmental ethic. With 4 million annual forest visitors currently driving, a sustainable transit program will directly reduce traffic, greenhouse gases, smog, and improve our air quality. In tourism and business growth, L.A.'s 50 million annual visitors will gain access to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument with the SGM-TIP. Shuttle riders will additionally bring spending to local business districts and grow L.A.'s ecotourism economy, particularly as we look to the 2028 Olympic Games.

Providing access to our majestic public lands ensures that healthy recreation, education, and connection to the San Gabriel Mountains and nearby natural spaces are available to all generations. Thank you for your attention, and please feel free to reach out to Aydin Pasebani, Assistant Environmental & Special Projects Deputy at [AyPasebani@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:AyPasebani@bos.lacounty.gov) or at 213-974-4111 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilda L. Solis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**HILDA L. SOLIS**

Supervisor, First District

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February 20, 2020

Ms. Jane Beesley  
Deputy Director  
LA County Regional Park and Open Space District  
1000 S. Fremont Ave., #140  
Building A9 East, Ground Floor  
Alhambra, CA 91803

Subject: San Gabriel Mountains Access & Transit Planning Proposal

Dear Ms. Beesley,

The San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) would like to extend its support for Nature for All's San Gabriel Mountains Access & Transit Planning Proposal. We represent a diverse group of civic leaders and stakeholders in the Los Angeles region who are very aware of the need and opportunity to address transit gaps to the San Gabriel Mountains. This need was recently identified by both the SGMCC and the U.S. Forest Service as a high priority.

To the point, the many communities and stakeholders we represent want and need transit to the San Gabriel Mountains, however no single organization currently has enough dedicated staff or resources to coordinate this challenging and complex goal. This proposal funds staff time to organize the region's stakeholders in an inclusive planning process, identify focused opportunities for pilot programs and transit infrastructure, pursue funding for the planning effort, and support stakeholders applying for implementation funding.

The goal of the proposal is to establish a working group or steering committee of local, regional, state and federal agencies, NGOs, and interested stakeholders to coordinate transit access planning and associated program services to the San Gabriel Mountains. The proposal will provide the required staffing and resources necessary to effectively coordinate and advance this initiative in the region.

Nature for All is a dedicated member of the SGMCC, a collaborative group of diverse stakeholders that came together in 2015 to support the designation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, including the San Gabriel Mountains, interdependent communities, watersheds, and ecosystems. We, the undersigned, urge you to support this proposal with funding so that our communities and future generations may equitably enjoy the public health benefits of access, education and connection to our public lands -- the San Gabriel Mountains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Clark". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Margaret Clark

Mayor, City of Rosemead

Steering Committee Vice-Chair, on behalf of the SG Mountains Community Collaborative

Enclosure: SGMCC Membership Organization List

San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative Membership Organization List

- Amigos de los Rios
- Angeles National Forest
- Antelope Valley Unit, Backcountry Horseman of California
- Arroyo Seco Foundation
- Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON)
- Association of Rural Town Councils (Antelope Valley) and Acton Town Council
- Bike San Gabriel Valley
- CalFire
- California Department of Transportation, District 7
- California Rifle and Pistol Association
- City of Santa Clarita
- City Project
- Community Hiking Club
- Community Partners, Trust for Public Land
- Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)
- Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norteamérica (COFEM)
- El Monte City School District, El Monte Promise Foundation
- Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps (FRVC)
- Friends of the Angeles National Forest
- Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
- Gateway Council of Governments
- Gateway Water Management Authority
- City of Glendora
- John Minch & Associates
- LA County Board of Supervisors – 1st District (Solis)
- LA County Board of Supervisors – 5th District (Barger)
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
- Mount Wilson Bicycling Association
- Mountain High & Stevens Pass
- Mt Baldy Ski Lifts
- Mt. Baldy Lodge
- National Forest Foundation
- National Forest Homeowners
- Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
- Nature for All
- Palmdale Water District
- Pasadena Casting Club
- REI
- Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
- San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
- San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy
- San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps
- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
- San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers
- San Gabriel Valley Water Association
- Southern California Association of Districts
- Southern California Edison
- Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International
- The Sierra Club
- The Wilderness Society
- Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA)



**File Code:** 7730; 1580  
**Date:** February 24, 2020

Nature For All  
1817 Jackson Avenue, Room 2  
San Gabriel, CA 91776

To Whom it may Concern:

The Angeles National Forest pledges its support for Nature For All – San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements and Transit Planning Proposal. In 2019 the Angeles National Forest finalized the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (SGMNM) Plan, which includes a chapter on transportation planning. This grant supports the following desired conditions of the SGMNM Transportation Plan.

Transportation Desired Conditions

- The Monument is accessible through alternative transportation and public transportation options in coordination with other agencies and gateway communities to provide greater access for those who do not use personal vehicles, and for the benefit of reducing vehicle congestion, addressing parking capacity issues, and improving public safety.
- Road density within the Monument remains stable or is decreasing. The number of automobiles in high-use areas decreases over time as a result of alternative modes of transportation.
- Transportation connectivity to and within the Monument is improved through coordination with state, county, local, and regional government entities; municipalities; Tribal governments; other agencies; and the public.

In the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (National Monument) there are over 519 total miles of existing roads under various jurisdictions. Of these, over 276 miles are open to motor vehicle use. While there are a number of public transportation options available in municipalities surrounding the National Monument, there are currently no options for taking public transportation to and within the National Monument.

The goal of this proposal—to convene and establish a working group of interested stakeholders that may secure the agreements necessary to implement a comprehensive public transit-to-parks shuttle program to designated sites in the San Gabriel Mountains—will advance the Angeles National Forest goal to evaluate alternative transportation and public transportation opportunities, including identifying programs that facilitate access from underserved communities, ways to link public transportation options in gateway communities, and sites appropriate for bus access at key recreation areas.



In closing, I encourage you to fund Nature For All's proposal as they have been a dedicated community partner and have an existing Memorandum of Understanding with the Angeles National Forest to address community access to the national forest.

Sincerely,



JEROME E. PEREZ  
Forest Supervisor

cc: Matthew Bokach, Nicholas Jamahl Butler



April 10, 2020

**SUBJECT: San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGMTIP)**

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Unincorporated Communities*
- Fourth District, LA County  
Unincorporated Communities*
- Fifth District, LA County  
Unincorporated Communities*
- SGV Water Districts*

Dear Prospective Funder,

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), we are writing to express our support for Nature for All’s San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGMTIP) proposal. The program will accelerate planning, feasibility, and pilot demonstrations for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s (Metro) Gold Line rail connector shuttles, walk routes, and related programs to the San Gabriel Mountains and nearby natural spaces.

The SGVCOG proudly supports programs that promote environmental and sustainable efforts in the San Gabriel Valley and recognizes that the SGMTIP addresses critical regional needs as half of Los Angeles County families reside in “park poor” areas, with many of these families suffering from correlated air pollution, respiratory illnesses, childhood obesity, and diabetes. By connecting families to open space and providing access to disadvantaged communities to visit the San Gabriel Mountains, the SGMTIP can both provide parks access and address local public health and environmental justice concerns.

While 70% of Los Angeles County’s open space areas are located within the San Gabriel Mountains, millions of car-less residents are unable to visit these open space areas due to the lack of public transit services that provide access to the San Gabriel Mountains. As the population of Los Angeles County continues to increase, the San Gabriel Mountains’ popular trailheads have become overwhelmed with vehicle congestion.

By providing a solution to connect our investment in public transportation, the Metro Gold Line, and local bus and active transit systems to the San Gabriel Mountains, the SGMTIP can offer Los Angeles County children and families healthy outdoor access to world-class trails and mountain destinations, such as Mt. Wilson Observatory, Sturtevant Falls, and the San Gabriel River.

Investing in the SGMTIP will also general social, environmental, and economic benefits as time recreating outdoors is well-proven to reduce an individual’s stress levels, improve communities’ physical and mental well-beings, and promote environmental ethic. The SGMTIP can provide a sustainable transit program that directly reduces traffic, greenhouse gas emissions, and smog emissions as four million visitors travel to the San Gabriel Mountains by car every year. A shuttle service can also provide new opportunities for Los Angeles County’s 50 million annual visitors and routes can support local businesses districts and grow Los Angeles County’s ecotourism economy as the 2028 Olympic Games approach.

Providing access to our majestic public lands will ensure that our residents can enjoy the public health benefits of recreation, education, and connection to the San Gabriel Mountains and nearby natural spaces. The SGVCOG expresses our strongest support for Nature for All's San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program and please do not hesitate to contact us at (626) 457-1800 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Marisa Creter  
Executive Director  
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments



**Foothill Transit**  
Going Good Places

March 5, 2020

**RE: San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements and Transit Planning Proposal**

Dear Funder:

The purpose of this letter is to express our support for the San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal led by Nature for All in order to address transit gaps to the San Gabriel Mountains.

Foothill Transit is the primary public transit provider in the Pomona and San Gabriel Valleys of eastern Los Angeles County. Our service area spans from Montclair to downtown Los Angeles. For over 30 years, Foothill Transit has been committed to responsiveness and efficiency, to ensure that people are connected to their destinations. We believe that public transportation is the optimal solution to connect people to their communities.

Nature for All is proposing to establish a working group of interested members to coordinate transit access planning and associated program services to the San Gabriel Mountains. Funds awarded for the proposal will provide the required staffing and other resources necessary to effectively identify focused opportunities for pilot programs and transit infrastructure, pursue funding for planning efforts, and support stakeholders to apply for implementation funding.

Foothill Transit supports the San Gabriel Mountain Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal. Providing access to our unique parks is beneficial to the community and ensures that everyone can enjoy the public health benefits of access, education, and connection to the San Gabriel Mountains.

We thank you for your attention to this letter. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Doran L. Barnes**  
Executive Director

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**MEMBER CITIES** Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Dimas, South El Monte, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina and Los Angeles County **A PUBLIC AGENCY**



Los Angeles State Historic Park  
1799 Baker Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

February 20, 2020

Re: San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal

To: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)

Dear Funder,

We represent civic leaders and stakeholders in the Los Angeles region who support the *San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal* led by Nature for All. We are very aware of the need and opportunity to address transit gaps to the San Gabriel Mountains. This need was recently identified by both the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Community Collaborative and the US Forest Service, Angeles District as a *high priority*.

To the point, the many communities and stakeholders we represent want and need transit to the San Gabriel Mountains to happen, however no one has enough dedicated staff or resources to focus on tackling and coordinating this challenging and complex goal. This proposal funds staff time to pull together the region's stakeholders into an inclusive planning process, identify focused opportunities for pilot programs and transit infrastructure, pursue funding for the planning effort, and support stakeholders to apply for implementation funding.

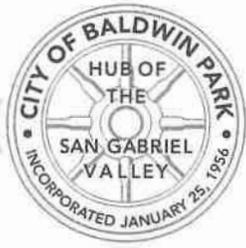
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Nature for All plans to submit applications for funding this program, including, but not limited, to the Regional Park and Open Space District/Metro, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and other state grant programs and private foundations. We, the undersigned, urge you to support this proposal with funding so that our communities and future generations may equitably enjoy the public health benefits of access, education and connection to our public lands -- the San Gabriel Mountains.

I sincerely appreciate your support. Please feel free to contact me regarding any concerns. You can reach me by email: [Luis.Rincon@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Luis.Rincon@parks.ca.gov) or by telephone (213) 260-0492

Sincerely,

Luis M. Rincon  
Community Engagement Coordinator  
Los Angeles State Historic Park – California State Parks



Manuel Carrillo Jr. • *Director of Recreation & Community Services*

Dear Funder (Potential addressees):

- Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) and Metro
- San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
- Other funders to support this planning proposal

**Subject: San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal**

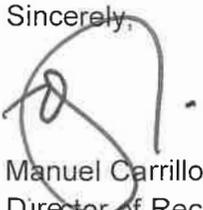
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Sincerely,



Manuel Carrillo Jr.  
Director of Recreation and Community Services



February 25, 2020

**Subject: San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal**

To whom it may concern,

- Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) and Metro
- Local, State and Federal Funding Programs
- Other funders to support this planning proposal

We represent civic leaders and stakeholders in the Los Angeles region who support the *San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal* led by Nature for All. We are acutely aware of the need and opportunity to address transit gaps to the San Gabriel Mountains. This need was recently identified by both the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Community Collaborative and the US Forest Service, Angeles District as a *high priority*.

Many communities and stakeholders we represent need transit to the San Gabriel Mountains and would like to see it happen. However, no one has enough dedicated staff or resources to focus on addressing this complex challenge. This proposal funds staff time to pull together the region's stakeholders into an inclusive planning process, identify focused opportunities for pilot programs and transit infrastructure, pursue funding for the planning effort, and support stakeholders to apply for implementation funding.

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Sincerely,

**Luis Villa**  
**Executive Director**



Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District  
 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
 Measure A Competitive Grants Program - Recreation Access

February 21, 2020

**Re: Support for San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal**

Dear Selection Committee,

Special Service for Groups/Asian & Pacific Islander Forward Movement (APIFM) is pleased to submit a letter in support of Nature for All's *San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal* to the L.A. County RPOSD Measure A Competitive Grants Program in the Recreation Access category. We are very aware of the need and opportunity to address transit gaps to the San Gabriel Mountains. This need was identified by both the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Community Collaborative and the US Forest Service, Angeles District as a *high priority*.

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Sincerely,

Heng Lam Foong, MS  
 Program Director



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tobacco control and prevention director

February 21, 2020

**RE: San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal**

Dear Funder,

- Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) and Metro
- San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
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The goal of the proposal is to establish a working group/steering committee of local, regional, state and federal agencies, NGOs and interested stakeholders to coordinate on transit access planning, and associated program services to the San Gabriel Mountains. The proposal will provide the required staffing and other resources necessary to effectively coordinate and advance this initiative in the region.

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Best regards,

Christy Zamani  
Day One Executive Director  
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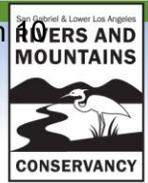


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Exhibit B

Item

# San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy



## Governing Board of Directors:

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Mark Stanley

Date: 06/22/20

## RE: San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP)

Dear Prospective Funder,

I am pleased to express our support for Nature for All's San Gabriel Mountains Transit & Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP) proposal on behalf of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The SGM-TIP will accelerate planning, feasibility and pilot implementation for Metro Gold Line Transit-to-Trails shuttles, trailhead improvements, walk routes and related infrastructure improvements and programs to the San Gabriel Mountains and nearby natural spaces.

The SGM-TIP addresses critical regional needs. Half of L.A. County families live in "park poor" areas. This is due to development and increased density in the Los Angeles Basin that have been coupled with a lack of corresponding open space in the urban areas, which has contributed to park poverty, habitat fragmentation, and an increasing dependence on imported water to meet our needs. How can we provide better parks access while supporting public health benefits and environmental justice? One solution among many is to connect families to the vast open spaces of the forest and National Monument in our backyard.

The San Gabriel Mountains are 70% of L.A. County's open space. 17 million people -- 1 in 20 Americans -- live within a ninety-minute drive. But for millions of residents without a car, lack of transportation is the #1 barrier to accessing these public lands. Even with a vehicle, limited trailhead parking is often full on weekends, further restricting public access. A solution that makes sense is connecting our investments in public transportation -- the Metro Gold Line, bus and active transit system -- to our public lands, the San Gabriel Mountains. This will provide L.A. County children and families healthy outdoor access to world-class trails and mountain destinations, such as Mt. Wilson Observatory, Sturtevant Falls, the West Fork National Scenic Bikeway, and the wild San Gabriel River.

Additionally, with 4 million annual forest visitors currently driving, a sustainable transit program will directly reduce traffic, greenhouse gases, smog, and improve our air quality.

For 20 years, RMC has been empowering local and non-profits agencies to work with regional partners and local community groups to diligently advance sustainable open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watersheds. Providing improved access to our majestic public lands ensures that healthy recreation, education, and connection to the San Gabriel Mountains and nearby natural spaces are available to all generations.

Thank you for your attention, and please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mark Stanley  
Executive Officer

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February 25, 2020

**Subject: San Gabriel Mountains Access Improvements & Transit Planning Proposal**

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Sincerely,

**Demi Espinoza**  
Senior Equity and Policy Manager  
Safe Routes National Partnership

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July 20, 2020 – Item 10

RESOLUTION 2020-28

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING A PROPOSITION 68 GRANT TO NATURE FOR ALL FOR THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS TRANSIT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (SGM-TIP)

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 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (“Proposition 68”); and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects; 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 proposed project meets an objective of the California Water Action Plan for more reliable water supplies, restoration of important species and habitat, more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project meets the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with AB 32; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The grantee has requested a grant from Proposition 68, Chapter 8, Section 80110(b)(6) of the Water 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 68 RMC Grant Program is consistent with the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (“Proposition 68”), which provides funds for the RMC grant program.
- 3 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the purposes of Proposition 68.
- 4 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan.
- 5 FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
- 6 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 7 ADOPTS the staff report dated July 20, 2020.
- 8 AUTHORIZES a grant of in the amount of \$10,000 to Nature For All through December 30, 2020 for the San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program (SGM-TIP).

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS  
CONSERVANCY on July 20, 2020.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Edsall, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General

**DATE:** July 20, 2020  
**TO:** RMC Governing Board  
**FROM:** Joseph Gonzalez, Project Analyst II  
**THROUGH:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Item 11: Project update from GLAAC Boy Scouts of America for the Trask Scout Reservation Water System Improvement and Enhancement Project (RMC 18006)

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GLAAC Boy Scouts of America will provide an oral presentation for the Trask Scout Reservation Water System Improvement and Enhancement Project (RMC 18006)

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**DATE:** July 20, 2020  
**TO:** RMC Governing Board  
**FROM:** Salian Garcia, Staff Services Manager I  
**THROUGH:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Item 12: Consideration of a resolution to approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's Final Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Annual Budget

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the RMC Governing Board approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

**BACKGROUND:** In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement, adoption of the WCA budget by the WCA Governing Board is required. The budget is separated into four revenue and expenditure components: Administrative, Personnel, Operations, and Grants and Special Projects with revenue totaling \$5,918,973 and expenditures total amount of \$5,972,080.

Attached as Exhibit A is the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budgetary presentation with the final budget data included as an appendix to the presentation.



# **Watershed Conservation Authority**

## **Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Budget**



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On behalf of the Watershed Conservation Authority and its employees, we are pleased to present a budget for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 that provides a detailed forecast of anticipated revenue and expenditures for the upcoming year.

This budget demonstrates how resources will be utilized and allocated based on the Watershed Conservation Authority's Vision of

### *Connecting Communities through Nature*

And was developed utilizing a conservative approach to revenue forecasting and incorporates prudent expenditure adjustments to achieve a balanced operating budget.

A Message from

**Mark Stanley**

*Executive Officer*



The Watershed Conservation Authority is approaching its 18th year of operation, and I cannot help but look back at our many accomplishments in watershed enhancement and open space conservation. Progress continues to be made as we work alongside community groups and strategic partners here in the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watersheds.

I am proud of our team here at WCA as we've learn to make adjustments to our work habit and communication methods in light of recent events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Without a doubt, as the situation continues to evolve, each of us at the Watershed Conservation Authority is committed to do everything we can to ensure continuity of operations through this challenging time. We remain diligent as ever and believe our joint efforts will enable us to maintain a steadfast focus on our vision.

We invite you to come alongside us as we begin a deep dive into our plans for the coming fiscal year with a reflection on our current and past milestone achievements.

As always, thank you for your continuing support.

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## ***Our Mission***

*WCA serves communities in our region through the preservation of open space, and through the improvement of access to parks and trails.*

*By working with nature in our plans and projects, we seek to enhance local water resources, native plant habitats, wildlife, and to advance the overall quality of life in both our natural and urban communities.*





### ***Watershed Conservation Authority Background***

The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) was formed in 2003 as a Joint Powers Authority pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy (RMC), one of ten State of California conservancies, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) for the purpose of providing a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration, and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation.

Since its creation, the WCA has acquired properties along urban rivers and within our mountains and foothills totaling approximately 497 acres, all of which are at various stages of being established as protected open space or parkland. Two flagship river park properties, the Duck Farm in La Puente and Parque Dos Rios in South Gate, are under construction and are expected to be open to the public in FY20/21. Funding is primarily provided by grants from other governmental and/or private agencies with other limited funding from JPA Partner contributions and lease revenues generated from WCA-owned properties.

### ***Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Accomplishments***

While the WCA continues to look forward and strategically plan expansion of projects and development of open space in the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds, it is important to recap some of the accomplishments made during the year.

The following are a select number of project accomplishment highlights achieved during Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020:

#### ***Administrative and Accounting***

- Staffing – Replaced an outgoing Project Manager II with a new staff member who began in April 2020, totaling seven full-time positions (Executive Officer services without compensation)
- Contracted Personnel – Recruited a Project Manager consultant to forward the implementation of a Lower LA River Reach Zone Pilot Program
- Established a \$1.5 Million Subvention Fund agreement with the RMC to provide WCA with project cash flow stability
- Billable Rate and Employee handbook updates
- Employer benefit liability obligations fully funded
- Fiscal Year 2018-2019 audit conducted in 2020 reported no significant deficiencies were identified

#### ***Acquisition of Property***

- \$1,064,200 grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for Vasquez Overlook Acquisition Project. Acquisition of the 40-acre Vasquez Overlook parcel protects one of the last remaining undeveloped provide holdings along the foothill interface between the San Gabriel Valley and

the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument from development, in order to support watershed restoration, community-driven stewardship, and compatible public uses.

### **Grant & Contract Awards**

#### **Grants**

- \$2,024,020 grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for Duck Farm River Center Development Project. The project will transform a 1929 Spanish colonial revival iconic farmhouse into a waterwise educational resource and visitor center for the public.
- \$250,000 grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the LA River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis. The analysis will provide technically sound recommendations and alternatives to the Water Boards for consideration and implementation of a water flow standard that takes into consideration the existing and planned recreation and habitat uses of the Los Angeles River.
- \$250,000 grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for LA River Ranger Program Reach Zones project. The project will develop interpretive programming, recreation and education programs and providing on-going public engagement to let river-adjacent communities know that the pilot is coming and gauge overall public views and evaluation of the program.
- \$130,000 grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Plan. The plan will provide preliminary planning concepts and connection opportunities to the rivers, green streets, open space, parks greenways and overall water and air quality improvements within the 27 cities that are included within the Gateway Cities of Southeast Los Angeles County.
- \$128,700 grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the East Fork Sustainable River Access Project at the Oaks Areas. The project would serve as a model for sustainable recreational, balancing recreational uses and resource protection.

### **Major Project Milestones**

#### **Duck Farm Project**

- On February 27, 2020, several members of both the WCA & RMC Board of Directors participated in a construction site tour highlighting elements construction and landscaping elements of the entry park, west plaza, outdoor classroom, dry streambed/riparian bioswale and the river overlook.
- As of May 2020, a number of important tasks/deliverables have been completed, and their status is as shown below:
  - 100% of SCE undergrounding of their above ground facilities
  - 90% of the landscape mounds once SCE was able to underground their facilities
  - 95% completion of the upper riparian bioswale construction
  - 90% of the site utilities, including new potable water and fire lines to the Farmhouse location, and the new ROMTEC restroom
  - 70% of all irrigation in the park
  - 75% of all tree planting in the park
  - 50% of all hardscape in the park
  - 100% of the structural steel for the overhead structures

***Parque Dos Rios***

- WCA, contracted with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach to construct the habitat improvements and overlook bike stop along the Lower Los Angeles River in the City of South Gate. The project was close to completion when COVID-19 hit. The Project will remobilize the construction team in July 2020 and will complete by August 2020. The site will highlight two overlooks with a focus on 7 acres of native plant habitat and the cliff swallows that call the underside of the Imperial Highway bridge home.

***Vasquez Habitat and Open Space***

- WCA completed the acquisition of the 40-acre Vasquez II parcel (“Overlook”) from the Vasquez Ranch. The Grant Deed and Access Easement were recorded on January 24, 2020.

***Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Strategic Plan, Organizational Priorities & Challenges******Strategic Plan***

For finance, staff continues to keep operating cash flow staying positive.

For marketing, staff has developed templates for reports and presentations that reinforces the WCA branding and is actively involved in posting interesting topics and project updates to social media. WCA also continues to support partners in community outreach and attending public meetings to forward projects that meet the mission of the Agency.

***Organizational Priorities and Challenges***

Additionally, goals and objects to support long-term financial sustainability were identified, including the implementation of our current Billable Rates Structure Plan and 10% indirect costs applied to eligible grants to appropriately capture overhead and administrative costs. It was also identified that current State funding sources only allow reimbursement of salary and benefit expenditures. Subsequently, WCA acknowledges the need to actively pursue funding sources that allow for distribution of operational and administration costs. Staff has been diligent in seeking contracts for services and partnerships that will provide more stability and long-term programs that will also provide additional stability in revenue generation. The operation and maintenance of our properties and parks when they are open to the public is an on-going concern for the Authority and mechanisms to fund this component are still required.

To ensure the transparency of our internal processes, financial and accounting policies and practices are reviewed periodically and updated, as necessary, with the goal of strengthening internal controls and improving organizational practices. The WCA periodically evaluates its organizational structure to ensure the current staff is efficiently utilized for project management and other important processes.

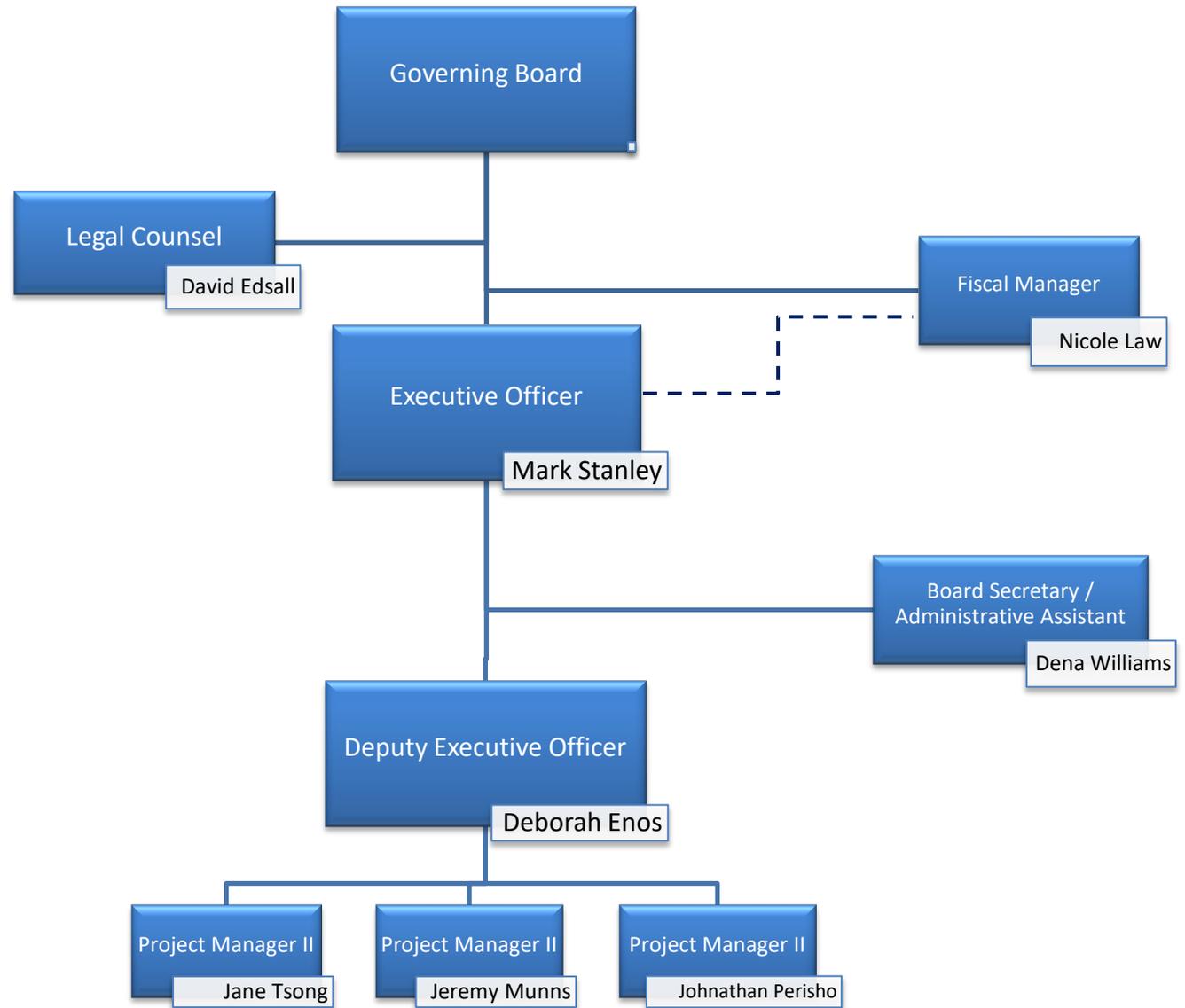
In June 2020, the WCA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) and will award a contract with a qualified consulting firm to develop a compensation analysis plan and associated compensation recommendations. The intent of the compensation plan is to achieve comparable equity with the local market

and peer agencies in order to attract and retain experienced and dedicated staff and ensure competitiveness in the marketplace. The completed plan will be brought before the Governing Board for consideration to adopt the plan and recommendations at a future meeting.

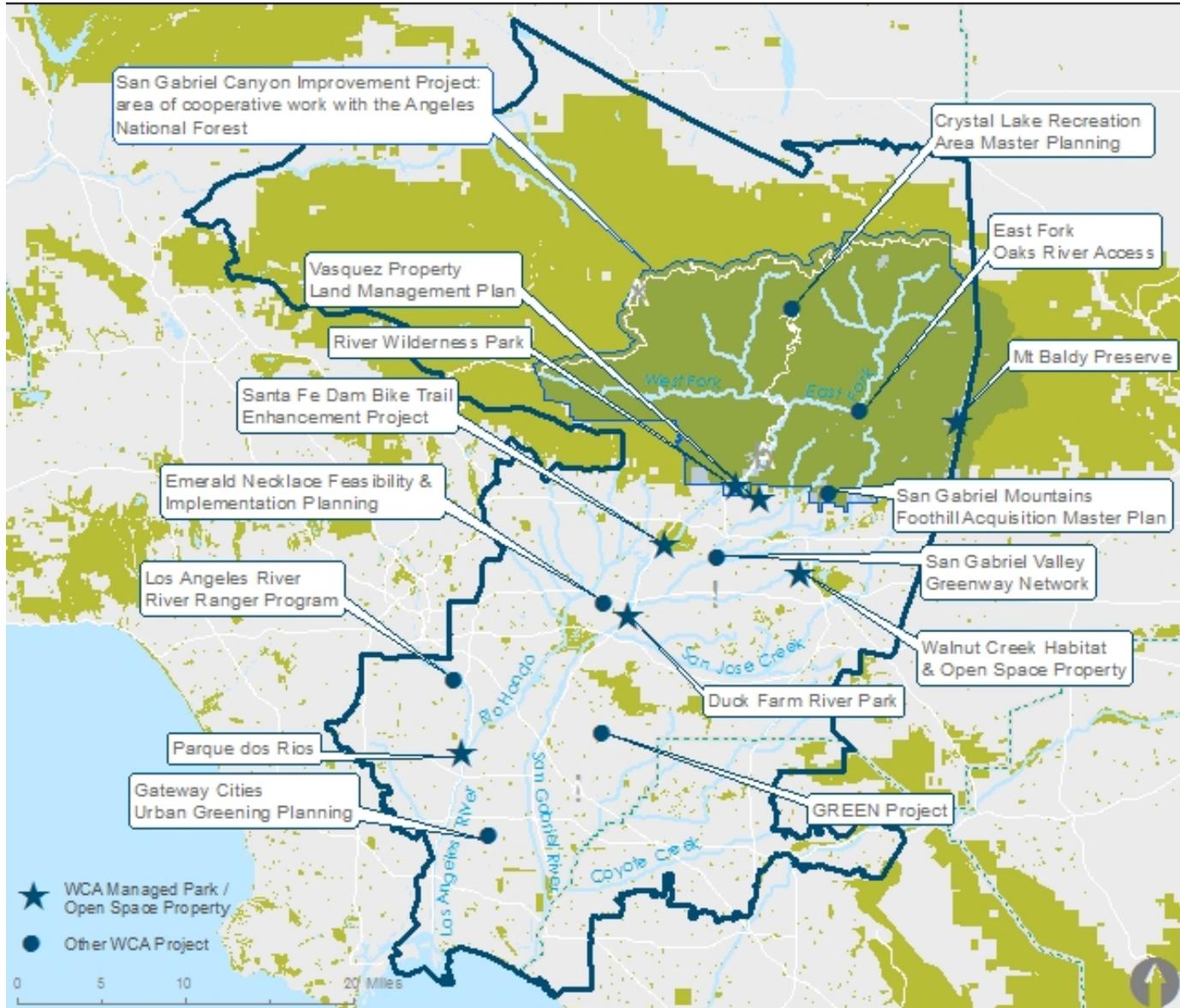
***Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Program Highlights & Opportunities***

- Duck Farm River Park implementation project – the 30-acre park will be completed during the new fiscal year and arrangements will be made to open the park to the public.
- Parque dos Rios/South Gate Riparian Project – the 7-acre habitat restoration and overlook bike stop along the Lower LA River will be completed in August 2020 and will soon after be open to the public.
- Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Project – Partial funding has been secured through grants from the RMC and an application for SEP funding is pending. WCA will apply for gap funding through the upcoming County Measure A grant program which is anticipated to be released in early Fall.
- Crystal Lake Improvements – WCA, under a participatory agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, will complete this fiscal year a series of small project improvements in the Crystal Lake Recreation Area including two new camp host sites, trash transfer station, restroom and outbuilding demolition and visitor center exterior upgrades and landscaping.
- Emerald Necklace – The working group will continue to meet in an effort to identify funding, prepare grant applications and seek to partner to develop projects identified in the Emerald Necklace Plan.
- Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan – WCA will soft launch the website that contains the Vision Plan and greening toolkit for stakeholder feedback during the summer and early fall. A full public launch is expected by the end of this fiscal year. The plan will be integrated into the GREEN project portal in the future.
- GREEN project including design of a sustainable equestrian center at the Duck Farm and Framework for a GREEN portal, as well as, the San Gabriel Mountains Foothill Acquisition Master Plan and Vasquez Overlook Acquisition projects will be completed by April 2021.
- Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis – this scientific study is being facilitated by the WCA who will continue to spearhead the outreach and stakeholder engagement to inform the study.
- River Ranger Program Implementation Project – WCA, the RMC and a variety of stakeholders and potential program consultants are actively meeting to develop program scope and contracts necessary to launch a pilot project in the first REACH zone at the Confluence of the Rio Hondo and Lower LA River.
- River Wilderness Park – WCA is finalizing design and seeking gap funding to complete infrastructure utility improvements for the river park project in Azusa. WCA continues to coordinate with City of Azusa and Caltrans to achieve necessary project approvals and permits.

# Watershed Conservation Authority Organizational Chart



# Watershed Conservation Authority Territory Map



## Budgeting and Financial Processes

### Budget Requirements and Processes

The Watershed Conservation Authority is a Joint Powers Authority established to serve the interest of its partners, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) and is governed by a Joint Powers Authority Agreement, which requires the WCA to adopt a budget each fiscal year that is approved by its Governing Board, as well as, the Governing Boards of the RMC and the District. Public funds approved in the adopted budget may be expended. However, budgetary amendments may occur, through Governing Board approval on each fiscal item, through the revenue and expenditure report, as necessary for changes in revenue and/or expenditures. The intention is for a budgetary amendment process to be developed in the coming fiscal year to address the nature, timing, and magnitude as to when budgetary amendments will occur in any one fiscal year and as establishment between an administrative budget amendment and those requiring Governing Board approval.

The WCA's annual budget process involves a continual assessment of the needs required to maintain all owned properties. In the winter of each year, a cost to date analysis is completed to identify areas where there is potential for cost savings or cost increases passed along from vendors. An analysis of funding sources on-hand is completed, as well as, an assessment of available funding that can be carried into the next fiscal year. Of particular importance is a resource planning and indirect cost assessment to determine the diversity of funding available and how that funding can be utilized to both capture direct and indirect labor expenses. This assessment allows the WCA to determine the level of growth, including staffing, that the Authority can sustain to ensure timely project delivery and maximized organizational efficiency.

Ongoing review of budgeted figures to actual revenues and expenditures is the responsibility of staff and is completed and presented to the Governing Board at each meeting.

A preliminary and final budget is presented to the Governing Board in May and June, respectively, of each year and submitted for adoption by the RMC Board and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

### Fiscal Controls and Processes

The WCA, as required by its JPA Agreement, utilizes the District's accounting department, also referred to as the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller, as its custodian and controller over the majority of WCA funds. Any receipts and expenditures are processed through the District/County's accounting system. The following establishes the responsibilities held by both parties concerning the accounting process and budgeting process:

WCA is responsible for:

- Development and adoption of an annual budget with continuous monitoring of budget vs. actual progress throughout the fiscal year
- Reporting and control of financial operations and accountability for WCA's operations, contracts, and grant programs and projects

- Establishing a framework of internal controls to safeguard against fraud and error
- Ensuring the validity of all requests for payment of obligations or deposit of receipts according to the WCA's supporting documents such as contractual payments, invoices, etc.
- Executing all managerial and financial decisions for the agency.

Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller is responsible for:

- Depositing and acting as custodian to WCA funds which are held in County's Treasury Pool for purposes of accruing interest.
- Verifying and reporting on a quarterly basis to the Authority the activity in each fund.
- Performing activities as the auditor and controller of the funds.

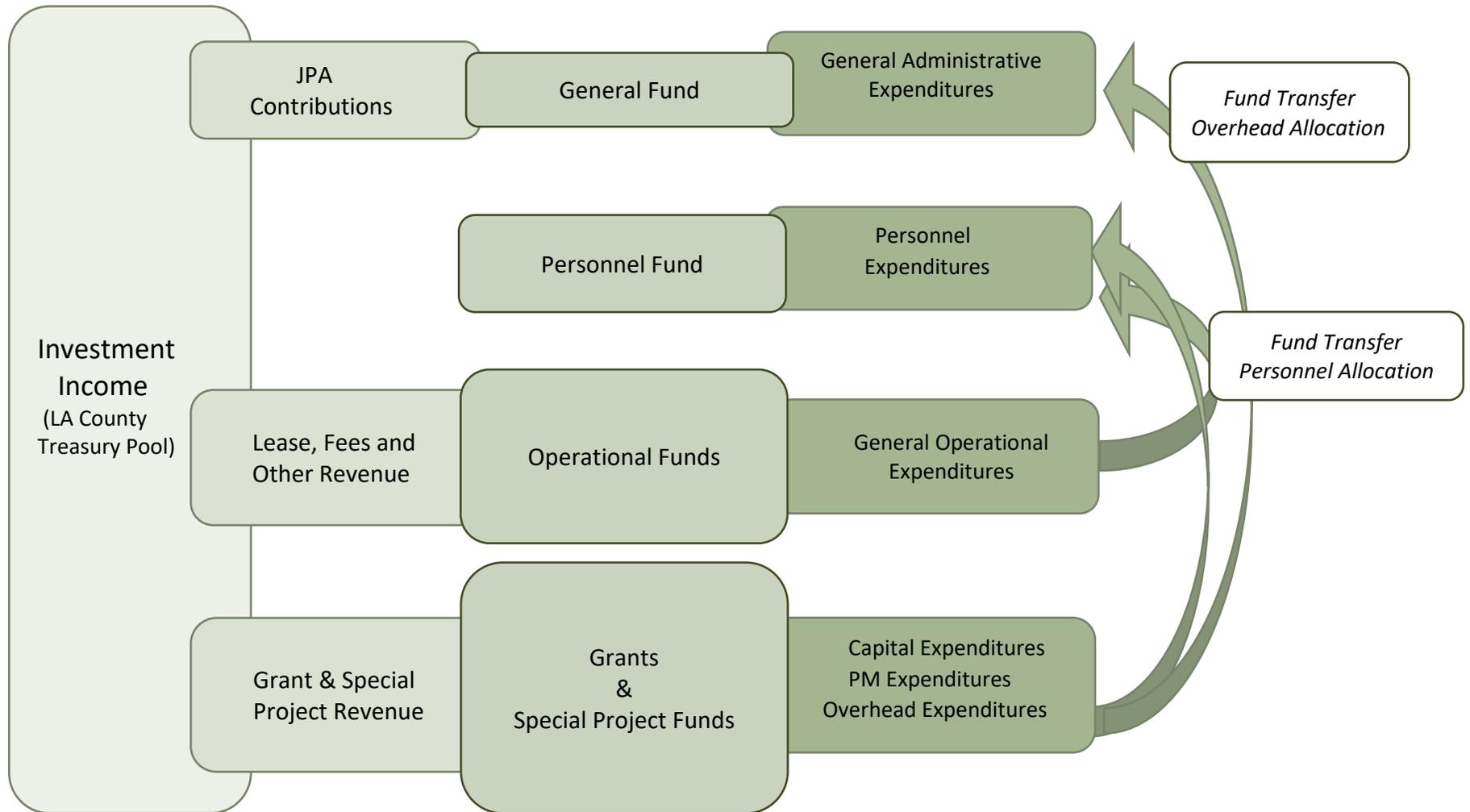
The financial statements are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and are governed by accounting and financial reporting principles as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The fiscal year of the WCA is established as July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The WCA uses the modified accrual basis of accounting, where the WCA recognize revenues as cash is received during or soon after the end of the year and when it is earned and both measurable and available (generally expected within 60 days), and expenditures are recognized when the liability is incurred. The WCA's funds are categorized as enterprise/proprietary funds, which distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items.

WCA continues to utilize a formal Billable Rate Structure Plan, developed in 2014, as a model that can be updated on a regular basis as approved by the Governing Board to allocate indirect costs among the agency's available funding sources. The model establishes four hourly rates, three of which are OMB compliant for each employee classification that could be allocated against various grant and contracts dependent on the varying degrees of allowable indirect costs. Indirect costs captured are utilized towards covering costs related to WCA general operating expenses, including administrative employees' wages and benefits. The Billable Rate Structure is updated as part of the budgeting process and may be updated during the year if a significant change in the budget occurs.

### **Policy Adoption**

A Purchasing and Contracting Policy was adopted alongside the Joint Powers Authority Agreement adoption in 2003, to establish rules and limitations to how the WCA would purchase goods and services and ensure a competitive and fair process for its contractual agreements. As the WCA expands, there exists the need to review and modify existing policies as well as introduce policies over additional WCA processes. The WCA continues to strategically plan and develop critical success factors that will guide the sustainability, growth, and realistic performance measures by which the agency is evaluated.

### Schematic of Fund Structure



## Description of Major Funds

**General Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to account for the annual JPA contributions and general administrative expenses.

**Personnel Funds** – The purpose of these funds is to hold funds for the purposes of expending payroll and creating a reserve for accrued employee leave.

**Duck Farm Operational Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to account for lease and/or other revenue and O&M expenditures for the Duck Farm, as well as, those incurred on non-revenue generating WCA properties or cover general operational expenditures.

**El Encanto Operational Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to account for lease and/or other revenue and O&M expenditures for the El Encanto/River Wilderness Park where the WCA offices are currently housed.

**Southgate Riparian Habitat Operational Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to account for lease and/or other revenue and O&M expenditures for the South Gate/Parque Dos Rios property, as well as, those incurred on non-revenue generating WCA properties or cover general operational expenditures.

**Walnut Creek Operational Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to account for lease and/or other revenue and O&M expenditures for the Walnut Creek property.

**Cattle Canyon Recreation Improvements Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record funds from the National Forest Foundation and Resources Legacy Fund granted to the Authority for the Oaks Sustainable River Access Project.

**Crystal Lake Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record funds from the U.S. Forest Service to address the need for development that will support sustainable recreation.

**Duck Farm EEMP Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program funds granted to the Authority for the use of Duck Farm Implementation project.

**Duck Farm House Project Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for use of Duck Farm House Landscape and Water Conservation Project.

**Duck Farm Phase 1A Implementation Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for use of Duck Farm Phase 1A Implementation project.

**Duck Farm Phase 1A-Step 2 Project Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for use of Duck Farm Phase 1A – Step 2 project.

**Duck Farm Phase 1A Prop A Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record Prop A funds granted to the Authority for use of Duck Farm Implementation project.

**Duck Farm Project River Parkway Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record River Parkway funds granted to the Authority for use of Duck Farm Implementation project.

**Duck Farm Supplemental Environmental Project Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record SEP funds granted to the Authority for use of Duck Farm Phase 1A Implementation project.

**Duck Farm Tree Planting Enhancement Prop A Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record Prop A funds granted to the Authority to facilitate tree planting as part of the Duck Farm Implementation Project.

**Duck Farm River Overlook Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record LACFCD funds granted to the Authority for use on the Duck Farm River Overlook project.

**East Fork Sustainability River Access Project Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for use on the planning for the East Fork Sustainability River Access Project at the Oaks Areas.

**Gateway Cities & River Urban Greening Plan Fund** – The purpose of this fund is used to record California Resource Agency funds granted to the Authority to develop a plan to create inventory of greening opportunities, storm-water filtration and pedestrian linkages along gateway cities termed the Urban Greening Plan project.

**Gateway Greening Fund** – The purpose of this fund is used to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for use of providing preliminary planning concepts and connection opportunities to the rivers, green streets, open space, parks greenways and overall water and air quality improvements within the 27 cities that are included within the Gateway Cities of Southeast Los Angeles County.

**GREEN Project Fund** - The purpose of this fund is used to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for collaborative planning and implementation of watershed-based greening efforts for the Green Regional Environmental Enhancement Network Project.

**LA River Flow Study Fund** – The purpose of this fund is used to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for the analysis of potential recreation and wildlife impacts to the Lower Los Angeles River.

**LA River Ranger Fund** – The purpose of this fund is used to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for use of LA River Range Program Implementation project.

**LA River Ranger Program Reach Zones Fund** – The purpose of this fund is used to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for use of implementation of the LA River Ranger Program Reach Zones.

**River Wilderness Park Arroyos Development Prop 1 Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record Prop 1 funds granted to the Authority for use of the River Wilderness Park Arroyos Development project.

**River Wilderness Park Entry Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for the design of the River Wilderness Park Front Entry improvements.

**River Wilderness Park Entry Prop A Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record Prop A funds granted to the Authority for the design of the River Wilderness Park Front Entry project.

**River Wilderness Overlook Prop 50 Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for the design of the River Wilderness Park Front Entry improvements.

**San Gabriel Foothill & Mountains Master Plan Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for San Gabriel Foothills & Mountains Acquisitions Master Plan Project.

**San Gabriel River Confluence Cattle Canyon Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for the confluence of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River.

**South Gate Riparian/Parque Dos Rios Prop A Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record Prop A funds granted to the Authority for use of the Parque Dos Rios Implementation project.

**San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Fund** – The purpose of this fund is to record LACFCD funds granted to the Authority for use of San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan.

**Subvention Aids** – The purpose of these funds is to hold funds for the purposes of ensure the Authority has available cash outside of its restricted and operational funds to continue the implantation and construction of projects.

**Vasquez Property Acquisition Fund** – The purpose of this fund is used to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for acquisition planning activities for the underdeveloped land in the Azusa Foothills area above the City of Azusa

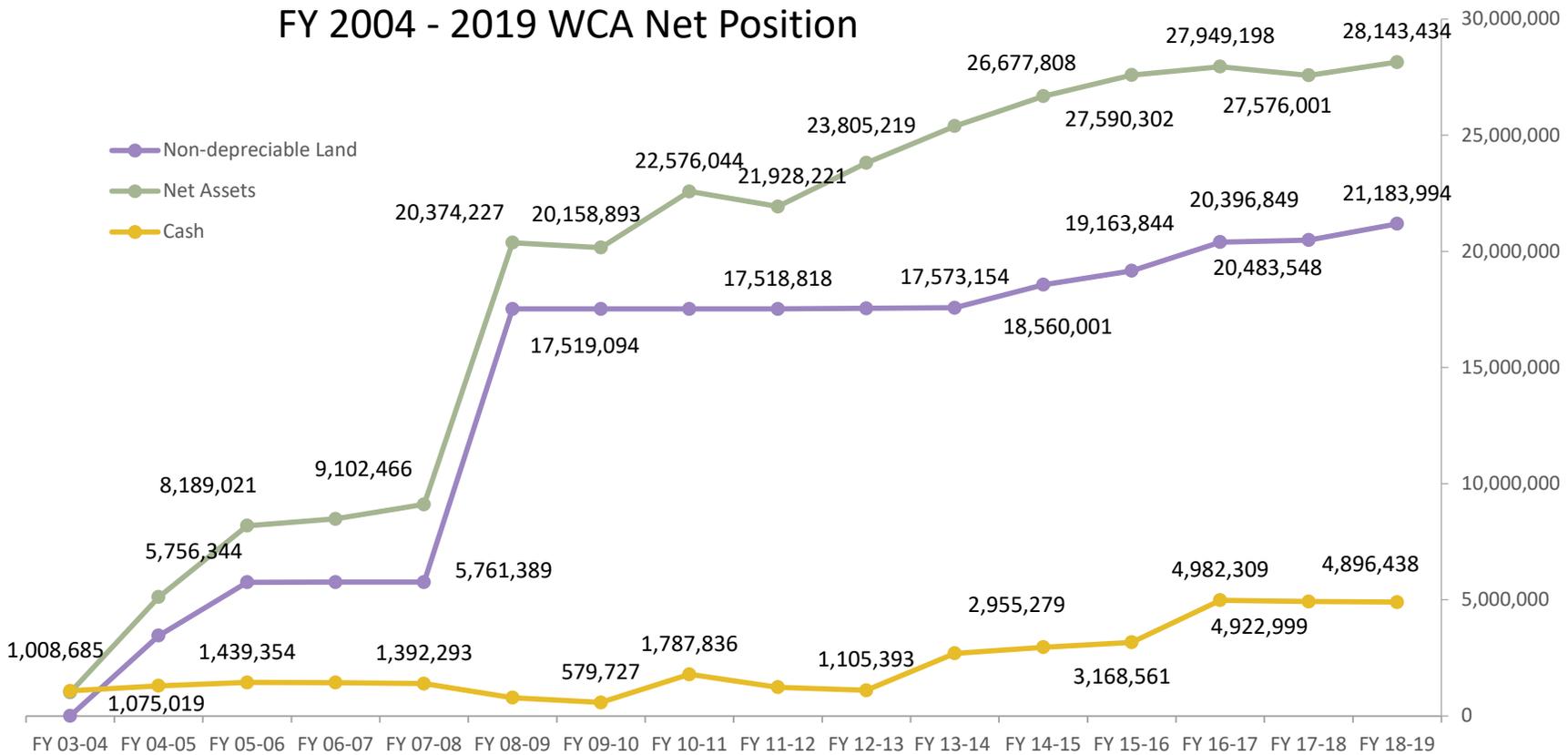
**Vasquez Overlook Acquisition Fund** – The purpose of this fund is used to record RMC funds granted to the Authority for the acquisition of Vasquez Overlook.

**Note:** All other funds set up with the LA County Auditor Controller’s office are either inactive, in the process of being closed, or have projects that have been completed.

## Analysis of Net Position

Net position measures the growth of an agency’s book value and is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. An analysis of an agency’s net position will show the agency’s growth and ability to manage its assets and liabilities diligently and efficiently and paints a picture of the financial stability of the agency. A majority of the Authority’s net assets are the result of an increase in the acquisitions of property since the agency’s inception and other capitalized construction in progress (CIP), buildings & improvements. The following chart analyzes the growth of the Authority’s net position since its inception through FY 18/19, the date of the last audited financials. Classification of the Authority’s net position is determined in accordance with GASB No. 34 and 63, which requires the classification of net position into three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted; and unrestricted. Net position is being presented in this chart as a total of all three components.

### FY 2004 - 2019 WCA Net Position

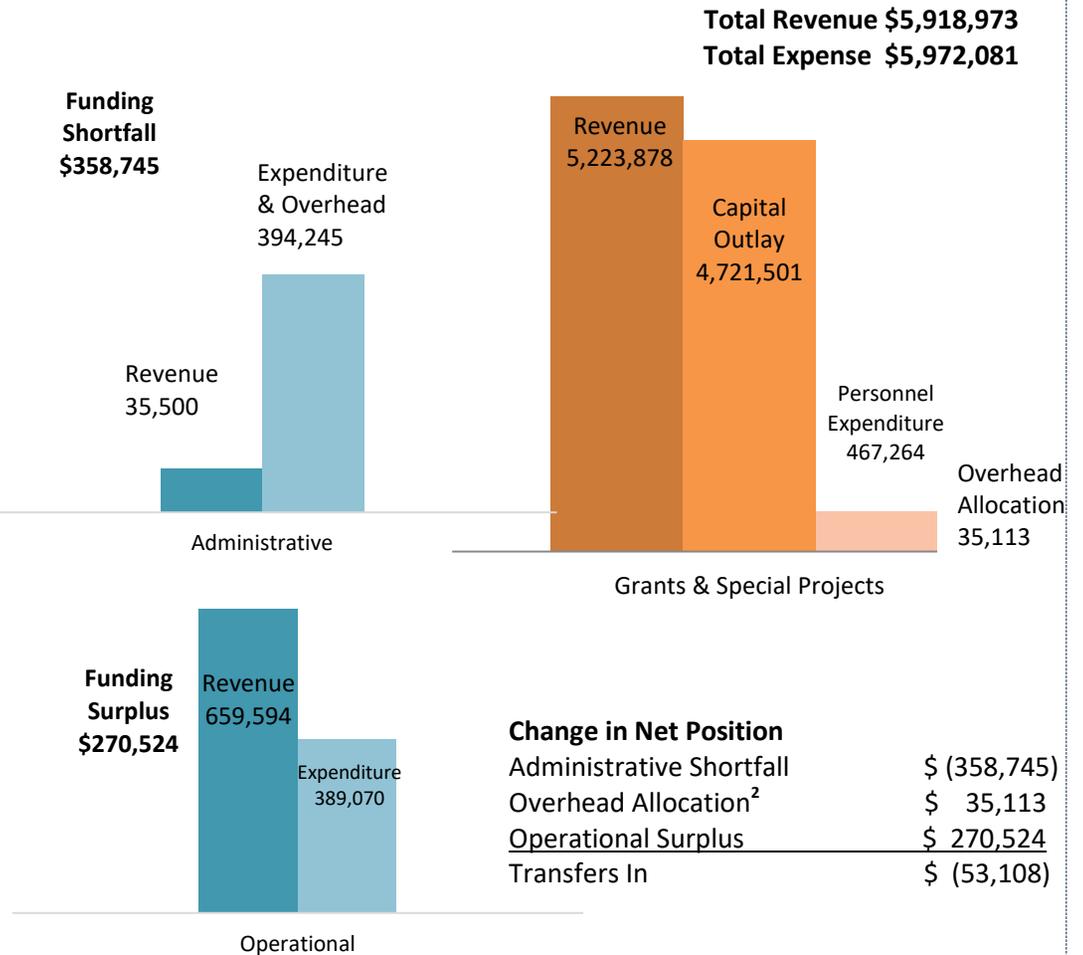


# Budget Overview

## CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

	Budget FYE 2020 <sup>1</sup>
General Administrative Revenue	35,500
General Operational Revenue	659,594
Grants and Special Projects Revenue	5,223,879
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,918,973</b>
General Administrative Expenses	179,797
Personnel	681,713
General Operational Expenses	389,070
Grants and Special Projects Total Expense-Capital Outlay	4,721,501
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5,972,081</b>
<b>Change in Net Position Before Transfers</b>	<b>(53,108)</b>
<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>53,108</b>
<b>Transfers Out</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Change in Net Position<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>-</b>

## REVENUE/EXPENDITURE COMPARISON BY CATEGORY



<sup>1</sup> – Budgeted figures do not include interest that might be accrued on funds held in the LA County Treasury Pool or Escrow funds or annual depreciation. The Authority presents a balanced budget in which revenue equals the Authority’s obligations including any budgeted reserves, if applicable. Any change in net assets comes primarily from acquisition of property and other capitalized buildings and improvements.

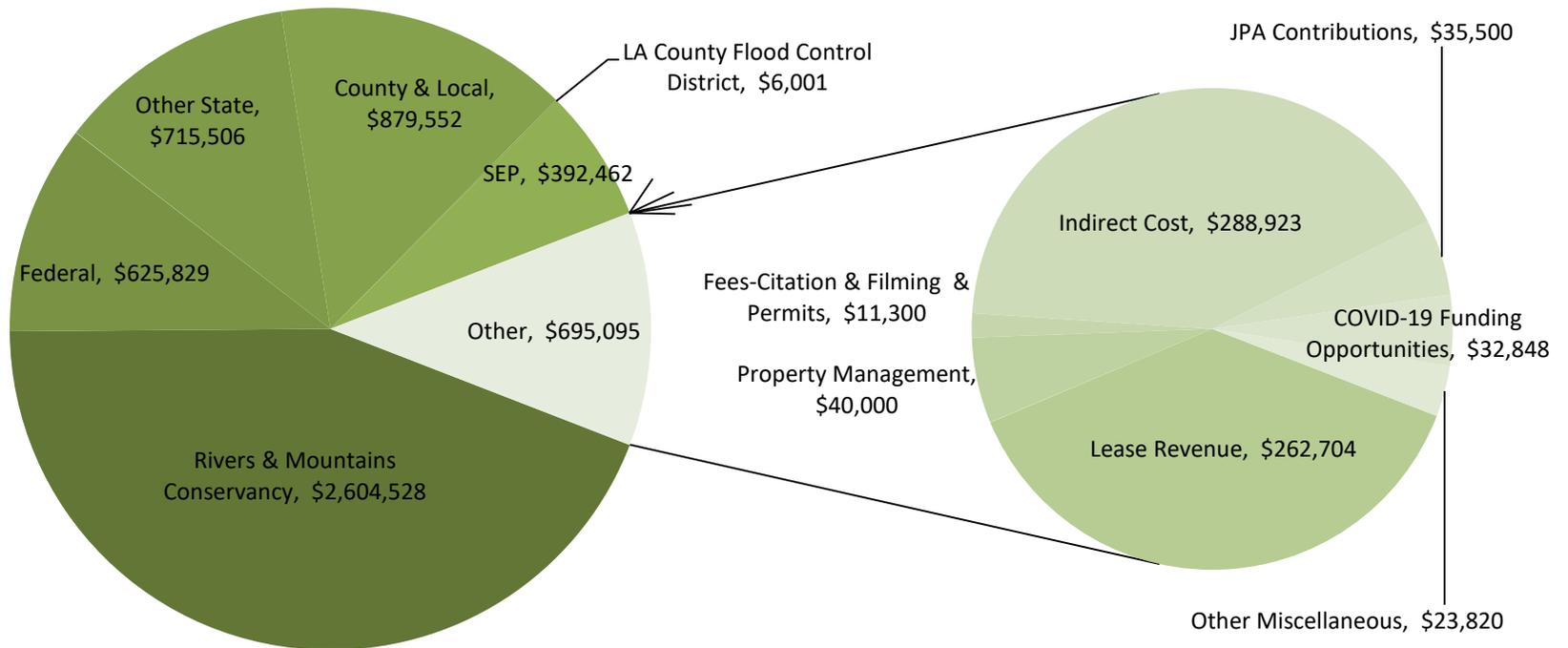
<sup>2</sup> – The overhead allocation is intended to cover a portion of administrative/operational expenditures incurred. Overhead Allocation is calculated based on an assumption of a precise level of chargeable staff completing work on a number of projects that allow overhead to be retained.

<sup>3</sup> Indirect allocation of up to 10% is being applied to eligible grant fund sources that allow application to offset remaining administrative expenditure.

## Revenue Overview

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 revenues are projected to total \$5,918,973. Revenue available for general administrative and operational expenditures totals \$695,094 or 12% of all revenue. Of the general administrative and operational revenue, \$262,703 is received from lease revenue generated on WCA owned properties. Revenue expecting to be available and utilized for grant and special projects during the fiscal year totals \$5,223,878, of which \$2,619,351 or 50% is expected to be derived from federal, state, county, local funds, consultant contracts and other project revenue and 50% or \$2,604,528 is expected to be derived from grants from the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy. In prior year fiscal budgets, Rivers & Mountains Conservancy revenue accounted for approximately 20% (FY 17/18), 34% (FY 18/19) and 50% (FY19/20) of the total grant and special project revenue. The WCA continues to strive for a diversified funding portfolio to allow for greater flexibility and allow for increased growth and sustainability and is continuing to achieve this goal with each fiscal year.

### FY 2020-2021 Total Revenue



## Administrative & Operational Revenue

When the RMC and the District established the WCA as a Joint Powers Authority the parties agreed to contribute annually to the Authority a value not to exceed \$50,000 and \$25,000, respectively, plus an additional \$500 annually to cover postage expenditures.

### Administrative

Of the annual JPA contributions, the revenue for administrative expenditures totals \$35,500, consisting of member contributions of \$25,500 from the District and \$10,000 from RMC. These revenues have remained the same since 2010.

### Operational

Revenue available for operational expenditures totals \$370,671 which includes lease revenue generated from WCA owned properties (\$262,703), the annual property management contribution and a one-time contribution for ADA/seismic upgrade support from the RMC (\$40,000/\$19,500), citation fees (\$7,300), filming and park use permits (\$4,000), utility fee revenue (\$4,320) and COVID-19 funding opportunities (\$32,848).

Lease revenue has historically been budgeted at 95% of the total lease revenue to allow for potential tenant turnover and the cost and time needed for the Authority to locate a new tenant.

For FY20/21, the Authority will experience a 30% and 15% reduction in Billboard revenue from Duck Farm and South Gate property respectively due to the COVID-19 response. It is important to note that the Authority relies heavily on its lease revenue to cover maintenance expenditures at all its properties. Both the Duck Farm and South Gate properties currently produce more revenue than is needed to cover its current expenditures, which allows funds to be transferred and used at other properties that generate insufficient revenue to cover their respective expenditures.

The budgeted revenue for the Nursery at the Duck Farm property is also budgeted at 95% rather than 65% in former years as the lease was turned over to another financially stable commercial nursery entity.

Budget FY20/21			
<i>Lease Revenue Detail</i>		Total Annual	Total Budgeted
<b>Duck Farm</b>			
451 S. Rall	Equestrian	\$20,400	\$19,380
455 S. Rall Ave.	Residential	\$26,658	\$25,326
Nursery	Commercial	\$56,328	\$53,512
Freeway Billboard	Commercial	\$37,400	\$37,400
<b>El Encanto</b>			
Unit 96	Residential	\$18,000	\$17,100
Unit 98	Residential	\$19,274	\$18,310
Unit 100a	Residential	\$19,037	\$18,085
Rainbow Ranch	Commercial	\$4,482	\$4,258
Unit 100-RMC	Commercial	\$49,560	\$47,082
<b>South Gate</b>			
Freeway Billboard	Commercial	\$ 22,250	\$22,250
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$273,389</b>	<b>\$262,703</b>

Citation and filming revenue generally is difficult to anticipate. However, staff projects an approximate citation receivable of \$7,300 for FY20/21. In addition, staff continues to look for an emergency financial assistance to cover any potential losses on lease revenue and expenditures due to the COVID-19 response.

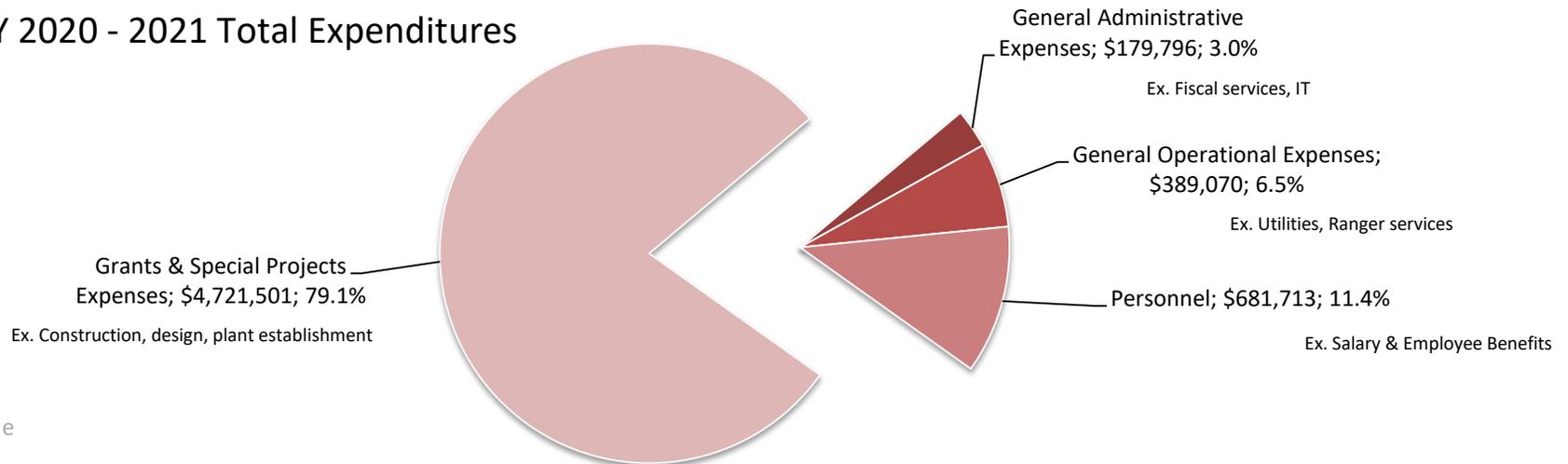
### Grants & Special Projects Revenue

One of the goals highlighted during the strategic planning process has been to expand and diversify the Authority’s resources to allow the agency to become more financially sustainable and independent as well as support goals for growth into identified and targeted specialized industry areas. The Authority has successfully been awarded numerous grants in the previous fiscal year that support those goals and it continues to apply for grants that allow the agency to move forward with the completion of all planned phases of a project. Income from grants and other sources vary annually based on the number of active grants as identified in the Description of Major Funds, the timing for completion of those grants, agency staffing levels to complete the work required, and the estimated funding to be utilized in that particular fiscal year. In FY 20/21, there is an anticipated \$5,223,878 in revenue from grants and special projects. The proposed budget does not include revenues from projects and/or grants applied for and not yet awarded nor does it include grants in which a grant agreement and timeline has not been executed and established. After each Board meeting during the fiscal year, staff will review activity and changes that will require an amendment/modification and will recommend changes to projected revenues to the Board in accordance with an established budget amendment policy.

### Expenditure Overview

For FY 20/21, expenditures are projected to total \$5,972,080. This total reflects 38% or \$3,719,596 decrease from FY 19/20 budgeted expenses. The decrease is primarily due to an anticipated decrease in capital outlay projects and costs from awarded grants and contracts for the agency’s grants and special projects. The expenditure components are as follows: 1) General Administrative Expenses, \$179,797 or 3%, 2) General Operational Expenses, \$389,069 or 7%, 3) Personnel, \$681,713 or 11%, and 4) Grant & Special Projects Capital Outlay Expenses, \$4,721,501 or 79%.

### FY 2020 - 2021 Total Expenditures



## Personnel Expenditure

### Personnel Budget Explanation

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budgeted expenditures for personnel are expected to total \$681,713, which includes salaries (\$403,441), employee benefits (\$116,208), compensation plan adjustment (\$117,777), fixed fees (\$1,520), employer taxes (\$42,767), no cost of living adjustment and no merit pool. Currently, the WCA staff comprises of seven full time employees which the Authority replaced an outgoing Project Manager II with a new staff member who began in April 2020. Additionally, the Authority has a plan to bring on a part-time accounting clerk soon. The change in staffing relates to capacity building needed to meet a planned project portfolio for FY20/21 and expenditures for personnel come solely from grant and special project revenue.

In June 2020, the WCA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) and will award a contract with a qualified consulting firm to develop a compensation analysis plan and associated compensation recommendations. The intent of the compensation plan is to achieve comparable equity with the local market and peer agencies in order to attract and retain experienced and dedicated staff and ensure competitiveness in the marketplace. The completed plan will be brought before the Governing Board for consideration to adopt the plan and recommendations at a future meeting.

Medical, dental and vision premium have been increased of approximately 5% each year and the Authority has projected \$10,718 decrease in its overall health coverage for the year renewal which occurs in December. No other changes have been made to employee benefits.

### Employee Benefit Summary

In February 2010, the WCA became an employer entity and worked with an outside consultant to develop employee policies that would become part of an employee handbook and to establish competitive employee benefits and salaries to establish the WCA as a viable employer in the marketplace. Since that time, staff has implemented numerous policies on how its benefits are applied as part of an employee's benefit package. Each fiscal year during the budgeting process, WCA's benefits are reevaluated to ensure that its benefit packages remain reasonable and competitive in comparison to similarly operated agencies. When benefits such as health and dental insurance renew each year, staff recommends plan changes that may result in cost savings or increased costs and resulting additional or reduced benefits to employees. Any plan changes or overall budget reductions require WCA to evaluate the level of benefits provided to employees and determine the amount of costs that might be passed along to employees if the WCA is unable to cover the increases. The Employee Handbook is also reviewed annually to ensure its compliance with any new federal or state legal requirements and the resulting budgetary impact, if any. An updated Employee Handbook will be presented to Board at the next meeting.

Employee Benefits	Standard Employer Contribution
Health Insurance	100% employee \$0 dependent
Dental Insurance	100% employee \$0 dependent
Vision Insurance	100% employee \$0 dependent
Life Insurance	\$25,000 employer paid optional addt'l amount paid by employee
Retirement (457b)	8% gross wage contribution optional addt'l deferral paid by employee
Accrued Vacation/Sick or Annual Leave	Accrual based on years of service, max. accrual 250 hours
Holidays	12 per year
<p><b>Note:</b> Certain employment stipulations dictate whether the WCA pays 100% of the benefit such as FT or PT designation. Most benefits also have varying waiting periods. Any dependent coverage added is the responsibility of the employee.</p>	

**Billable Rate Model and Overhead Cost Allocation**

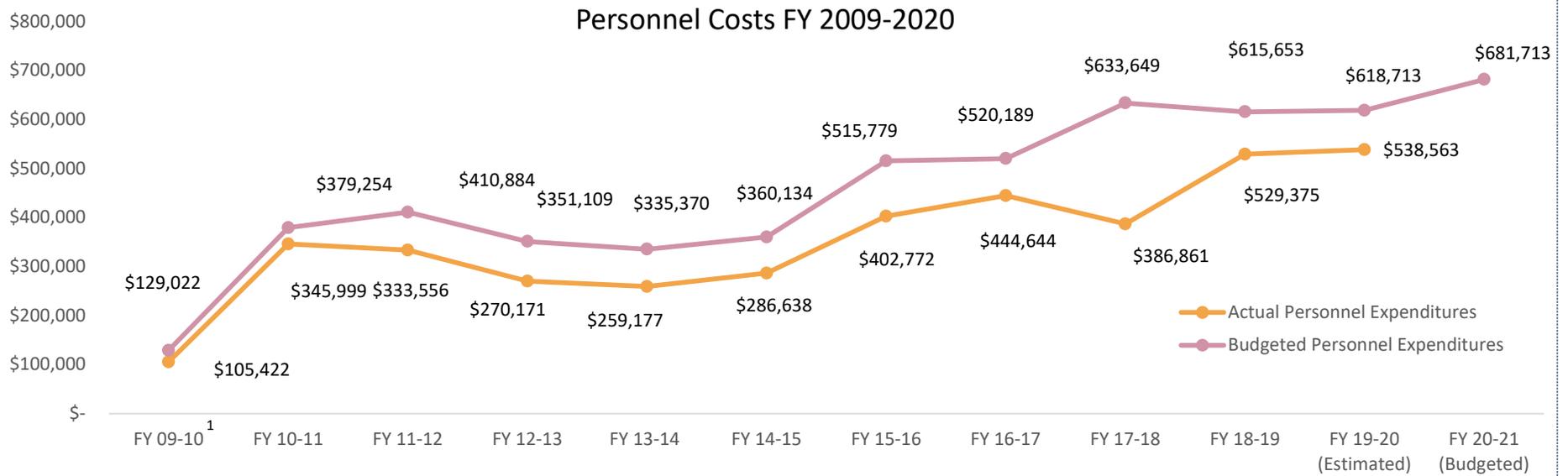
As intended by the Billable Rate Structure Plan developed in 2014, all of the personnel costs (\$681,713) are expected to be offset by grant and special project revenue and indirect costs charged against eligible grants and project funds. In prior fiscal years, the WCA had employed a consultant to implement an indirect standard rate plan to allocate indirect costs to programs, grants, contracts, and agreements. The plan was limited in its application given the progress the Agency had made in program development and diversification of funding. The Standard Rate Plan was prepared using the WCA’s current fiscal budget. The evaluation and resulting rate schedule model provide an accountable means to allocate labor, overhead and administrative costs as allowed within the confines of the work program and according to the stipulations governing the WCA’s various funding mechanisms and is implemented in accordance with guidelines under federal OMB Circular A-87. It is essential for the WCA to continue to diversify its funding streams to ensure that an acceptable mix of programs, grants, contracts, and agreements allow enough overhead to be captured to cover personnel costs for the agency’s administrative positions and administrative/operational costs incurred in running the agency’s main office, El Encanto.

**Analysis of Historic Personnel Costs**

The following analysis provides a means of correlation between average number of employees and fiscal year audited salaries and benefits costs. Staffing for FY20/21 represents eight (8) staff members that include an Executive Officer (Services without compensation), Deputy Executive Officer, Fiscal

Manager, new Accounting Clerk, three (3) Project Manager II, and Administrative Assistant and the personnel costs are expected to total \$681,713 in FY 20/21, the highest personnel cost that the WCA has incurred since it became an employer in 2010.

Budget FY20/21	
<b>Expense Detail</b>	
Salaries	\$ 403,441
Compensation Plan Adj	\$ 117,777
Benefits	\$ 116,208
Fixed Fees	\$ 1,520
Employer Taxes	\$ 42,767
<b>Personnel Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 681,713</b>



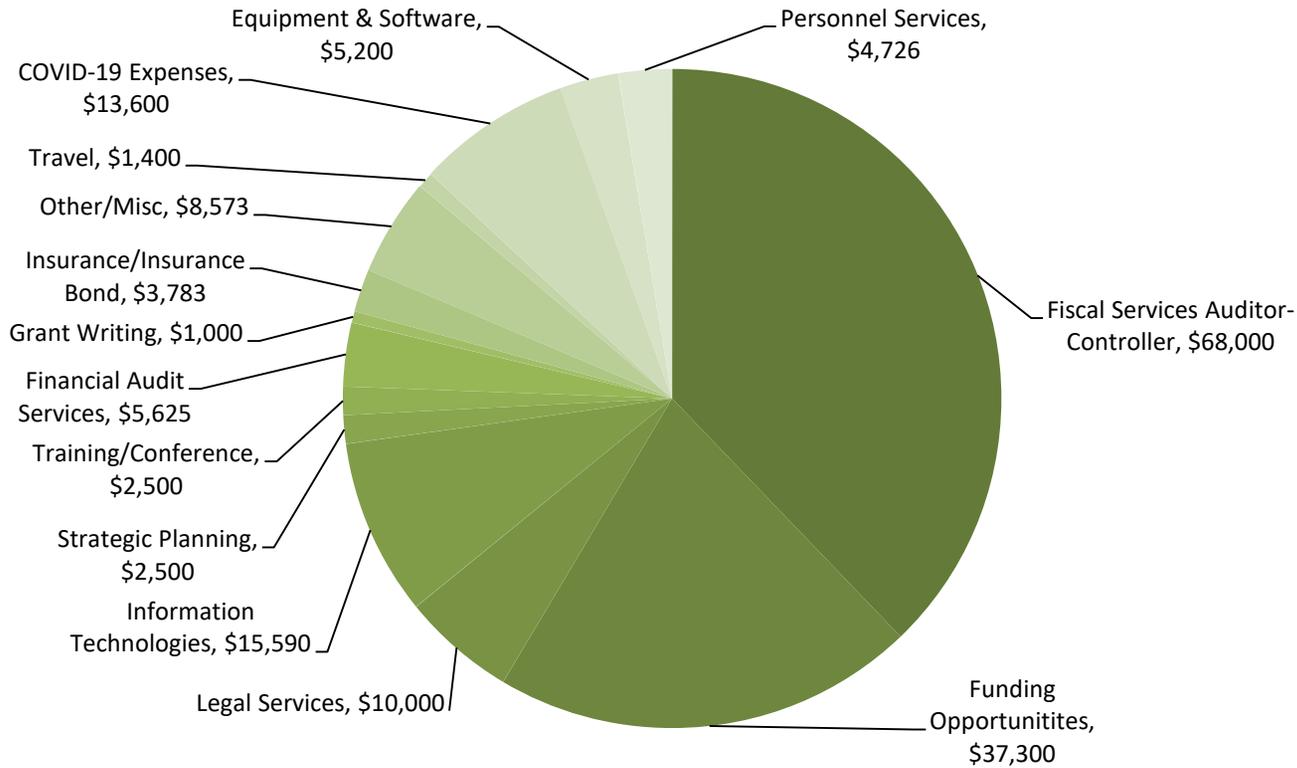
<sup>1</sup> WCA became an employer entity in February 2010; as such, FY 09-10 personnel costs are significantly low as they represent only 42% (or, 5 of 12 months) of that FY.

<sup>2</sup> Actual personnel expenditures appear less than budgeted personnel expenditures every fiscal year primarily due to timing of new hires to budgeted forecast.

## General Administrative Expenditure

General Administrative expenditures total \$179,797. Though JPA contribution revenue available for administrative costs total only \$35,500, the difference of \$144,297 is expected to be funded by the WCA Billable Rate Structure Plan and indirect costs charged against eligible grants and project funds. Planned administrative expenditures for FY 20/21 will increase by \$6,614 or 3% from previous year mainly due to a combination of increased line items for COVID-19 expenses, Equipment & Software and Postage & Delivery but partially offset by decreased line items for Legal Services, Information Technologies, Strategic Planning, Grant Writing, Travel and Training/Conferences.

FY 2020-2021 General Administrative Expenditures



**Note- Other/Misc. category includes budgeted expenditures for office supplies, postage & delivery, printer supplies, non-capital equipment & software, dues & subscriptions, meeting supplies, and wireless phones combined.**

## General Operational Expenditure

General Operational expenditures total \$389,070 and the revenue available for operational costs total \$659,594. The surplus of \$270,524 will be utilized to partially offset administrative expenses and administrative overhead.

Below is an explanation of categories with key changes:

- General liability and umbrella insurance premiums – California wildfires in 2018 have dramatically impacted insurance estimates for potential losses. This year continuance of major fires in Northern California has caused a reevaluation by insurance providers to those holding open space assets within California, spiking premiums significantly. The Authority had already addressed approximately 62% or \$20,819 increases in the April 2020 budget update; therefore, staff anticipates at least 5% potential increase in the total cost of insurance for FY20/21.
- In October 2019, the Authority contracted a part-time Park Host/Caretaker, David Andrade, for El Encanto property. In exchange for the duties that David performs, staff recommends offering approximately \$300 monthly stipend to help offset expenses.
- Deferred maintenance contingency has historically been budgeted at 5% of lease revenue that allows the WCA to expend these funds on potential unplanned maintenance repairs that may need to be completed on tenant leased properties.
- Ranger services – Staff anticipates at least 5% potential increase for these specialty services continuing to be provided by the MRCA. MRCA provides support services that allow the rangers to patrol WCA-owned properties and provide on-call support for emergencies and events.
- COVID-19 Expenses – Janitorial, Waste Removal & Ranger Services - Due to coronavirus disease outbreak, staff recommends inclusion of these three new expenditure line items to cover potential expenditures due to the COVID-19 response. Expenses include additional disinfecting (\$2,686) and restroom (\$3,163) cleaning services at agency's main office, El Encanto and extra ranger services provide by the MRCA (\$13,400); therefore, necessitating a budget increase in the total cost of \$19,249 for FY20/21.

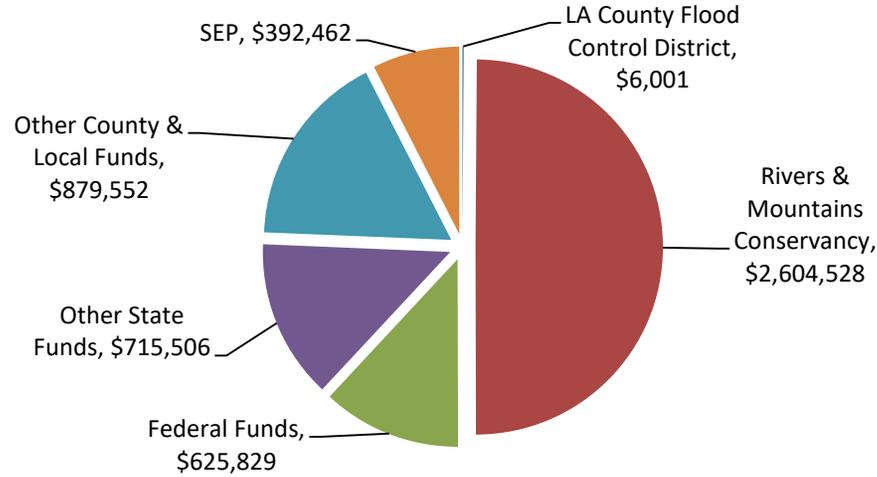
## FY 2020-2021 Projected Operational Expenditures

Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Projected Operational Expenditures	Operational Duck Farm	Operational Mt. Baldy	Operational Citrus Heights	Operational El Encanto	Operational South Gate	Operational Walnut Creek	Budget FY 20/21	Budget FY 19/20
Insurance	7,282	15,131	126	33,955	504	125	57,123	33,583
Security	1,875	0	0	2,251	0	0	4,126	3,916
Building Maintenance and Repair	3,500	0	0	15,000	0	0	18,500	18,500
Grounds Maintenance and Repair	1,500	850	0	1,350	1,000	300	5,000	8,300
Electricity	630	0	0	9,570	0	0	10,200	16,907
Propane	0	0	0	8,000	0	0	8,000	8,000
Other Utilities	0	0	0	918	0	0	918	900
Waste Removal	2,620	0	0	6,900	0	0	9,520	9,536
Water System Operation/Irrigation	6,233	0	0	40,030	0	0	46,263	40,240
Property Management	7,200	6,000	250	16,800	1,500	1,100	32,850	32,650
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	7,039	0	0	46,200	0	0	53,239	75,314
Janitorial Services	0	0	0	10,771	0	0	10,771	10,583
Ranger Services	17,850	26,250	0	42,000	5,250	5,250	96,600	92,000
Weed Abatement	10,000	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	16,000	16,000
Property Tax	0	711	0	0	0	0	711	561
COVID-19 Expenses - Janitorial Services	0	0	0	2,686	0	0	2,686	0
COVID-19 Expenses - Waste Removal	0	0	0	3,163	0	0	3,163	0
COVID-19 Expenses - Ranger Services	2,476	3,641	0	5,827	728	728	13,400	0
<b>General Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>68,205</b>	<b>55,583</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>248,421</b>	<b>8,982</b>	<b>7,503</b>	<b>389,070</b>	<b>366,990</b>

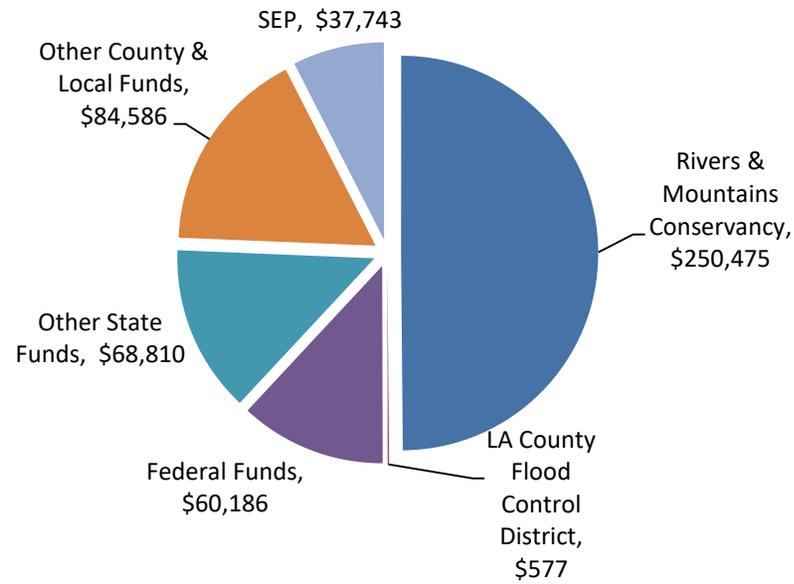
## Grants & Special Projects Expenditure

The WCA anticipates that it will utilize \$5,223,878 of its grants and special project funding in FY 20/21, with a portion on hand being carried from the previous fiscal year. The WCA currently has over 35 grants or contracts from a variety of agencies including the RMC, County of Los Angeles, United States Forest Service, and other local city and non-profit agencies and a myriad of programs and revenue pools from which those projects are funded. Some of its grants are being utilized towards the completion of one project such as in the case of both the Duck Farm and River Wilderness projects. The timeline and stipulations as to how the funds are spent are dictated by the granting agency. Staff is responsible for ensuring the timeliness of delivery of the project in accordance with the established timeline, and ensuring that budgeted targets have been met and are in accordance with allowable costs. Though the totality of grants and project funds granted exceed what is budgeted for in this fiscal year, WCA projects revenue and expenditures based on the aforementioned criteria on how much is expected to be received and utilized during the fiscal year. WCA historically analyzes and separates grant and projects funds into two categories: funds allocated for the administration or completion of the project by staff and those allocated to capital associated activity. Expenditures allocated to capital activity are expected to total \$4,721,501. Capital activity accounts for all project expenditures with the exception of personnel expenses and administrative overhead. Capital activity varies with each grant or project and is expended in accordance with the grant agreement and/or contract specific budget. These costs are monitored on a continuous basis in totality as part of this budget process but are additionally monitored as part of the requirements for each grant or project. The remaining \$502,377 is allocated to cover personnel expenses and administrative overhead as permitted by the grant and project agreements and in accordance with the WCA's Billable Rate Plan.

### FY2020-2021 Grant & Special Project Expenditure Capital Outlay



### FY2020-2021 Grant & Special Project Expenditure Allocated Personnel & Overhead



Appendix

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

	Annual Update FYE 2020	Actual as of 05/31/20	Additional Projected through 06/30/20	Forecasted FYE 2020	Budget FYE 2021	\$ Change Budget '20 vs. Budget '21
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>General Administrative &amp; Operating Revenue</b>						
JPA Contributions						
LA County Flood Control District	25,500	25,500	-	25,500	25,500	0
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	0
Lease Revenue	278,532	262,019	21,016	283,035	262,703	(15,829)
Property Management Contribution	59,500	40,000	-	40,000	59,500	0
Fees-Citation	3,000	-	7,245	7,245	7,300	4,300
Fees- Filming/Permits	2,500	8,576	-	8,576	4,000	1,500
COVID-19 Funding Opportunities	8,500	-	-	-	32,848	24,348
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	195,705	132,553	16,300	148,853	293,243	97,538
<b>Subtotal-General Administrative &amp; Operating</b>	<b>583,237</b>	<b>478,648</b>	<b>44,561</b>	<b>523,209</b>	<b>695,094</b>	<b>111,857</b>
<b>Grants and Special Projects Revenue</b>						
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy <sup>1,5,6</sup>	5,415,350	2,495,632	140,000	2,635,632	2,604,528	(2,810,822)
Grant-LA County Flood Control District <sup>2,5</sup>	280,000	250,000	1,000	251,000	6,001	(273,999)
Grant-SEP <sup>2,5</sup>	123,525	-	11,517	11,517	392,462	268,937
Grant-Federal Funds <sup>1,5,6</sup>	345,026	-	24,725	24,725	625,830	280,804
Grant-Other State Funds <sup>4,5</sup>	1,630,571	409,643	331,724	741,368	715,506	(915,065)
Grant-Other County & Local Funds <sup>2,5</sup>	2,009,923	594,395	95,057	689,452	879,552	(1,130,371)
Grant-Public Foundations <sup>3,5</sup>	82,723	-	-	-	-	(82,723)
Other-Consultant Contracts <sup>3,5</sup>	9,741	-	-	-	-	(9,741)
<b>Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects</b>	<b>9,896,859</b>	<b>3,749,671</b>	<b>604,024</b>	<b>4,353,695</b>	<b>5,223,878</b>	<b>(4,672,980)</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>10,480,096</b>	<b>4,228,319</b>	<b>648,585</b>	<b>4,876,904</b>	<b>5,918,973</b>	<b>(4,561,123)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
<b>General Administrative Expenses</b>						
Fiscal Services Auditor-Controller	65,000	65,000	-	65,000	68,000	3,000
Funding Opportunities	37,300	31,900	2,900	34,800	37,300	0
Legal Services	15,000	-	-	-	10,000	(5,000)
Information Technologies	28,320	16,025	250	16,275	15,590	(12,730)
Strategic Planning	5,000	-	-	-	2,500	(2,500)
Grant Writing	2,000	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)
Travel	4,000	1,694	500	2,194	1,400	(2,600)
Financial Audit Services	5,400	503	4,524	5,027	5,625	225
Insurance/Insurance Bond	3,603	3,603	-	3,603	3,783	180
Training/Conferences	5,000	-	-	-	2,500	(2,500)
Meeting Supplies	500	-	-	-	500	0
Other/Not Classified	4,000	3,631	369	4,000	4,000	0
Wireless Phones	1,140	658	200	858	648	(492)
Personnel Services	4,726	4,029	570	4,599	4,726	0
Office Supplies	650	650	-	650	700	50
Postage & Delivery	500	120	-	120	2,050	1,550
Printer Supplies	250	175	-	175	250	0
Equipment & Software	1,500	937	-	937	5,200	3,700
Dues & Subscriptions	425	425	-	425	425	0
COVID-19 Expenses	4,750	3,906	300	4,206	13,600	8,850
<b>Subtotal-General Administrative</b>	<b>189,064</b>	<b>133,256</b>	<b>9,613</b>	<b>142,869</b>	<b>179,797</b>	<b>(9,267)</b>
<b>Personnel</b>						
Salaries	387,439	329,062	27,280	356,342	403,441	16,002
Compensation Plan Adjustment	148,262	-	-	-	117,777	(30,485)
Benefits	114,565	113,022	8,648	121,670	116,208	1,643
Benefits Plan Provider Admin Cost	1,501	1,097	365	1,462	1,520	19
Employer Taxes	29,946	28,518	2,324	30,842	42,767	12,821
<b>Subtotal-Personnel</b>	<b>681,713</b>	<b>471,699</b>	<b>38,617</b>	<b>510,316</b>	<b>681,713</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>General Operational Expenses</b>						
Insurance	54,402	54,402	-	54,402	57,122	2,720
Security	3,916	3,505	411	3,916	4,126	210
Building Maintenance and Repair	18,500	17,186	1,314	18,500	18,500	0
Grounds Maintenance and Repair	8,300	1,588	1,000	2,588	5,000	(3,300)
Electricity	16,907	10,553	2,000	12,553	10,200	(6,707)
Propane	8,000	8,000	-	8,000	8,000	0
Other Utilities	900	825	75	900	918	18
Waste Removal	9,536	8,452	1,084	9,536	9,520	(16)
Water System Operation/Irrigation	43,326	39,791	3,535	43,326	46,263	2,937
Property Management	32,650	25,380	3,000	28,380	32,850	200
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	46,192	-	-	-	53,239	7,047
Janitorial Services	10,582	9,617	965	10,582	10,771	189
Ranger Services	92,000	57,866	24,000	81,866	96,600	4,600
Weed Abatement	16,000	4,779	-	4,779	16,000	0
Property Tax	561	690	-	690	711	150
COVID-19 Expenses - Janitorial Services	-	-	-	-	2,686	2,686
COVID-19 Expenses - Waste Removal	-	-	-	-	3,163	3,163
COVID-19 Expenses - Ranger Services	-	-	-	-	13,400	13,400
<b>Subtotal-General Operational</b>	<b>361,772</b>	<b>242,635</b>	<b>37,383</b>	<b>280,018</b>	<b>389,070</b>	<b>27,297</b>
<b>Grants and Special Projects Total Expense-Capital Outlay</b>						
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	5,121,293	2,247,158	4,851	2,252,009	2,211,527	(2,909,766)
Grant-LA County Flood Control District	252,535	85,987	-	85,987	-	(252,535)
Grant-SEP	84,890	41,272	-	41,272	392,462	307,572
Grant-Federal Funds	333,640	94,236	-	94,236	593,029	259,389
Grant-Other State Funds	1,568,885	566,202	-	566,202	666,529	(902,356)
Grant-Other County & Local Funds	1,931,367	658,790	-	658,790	857,954	(1,073,413)
Grant-Public Foundations	68,493	73,313	-	73,313	-	(68,493)
<b>Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects</b>	<b>9,361,103</b>	<b>3,766,958</b>	<b>4,851</b>	<b>3,771,809</b>	<b>4,721,501</b>	<b>(4,639,602)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>10,593,652</b>	<b>4,614,548</b>	<b>90,464</b>	<b>4,705,012</b>	<b>5,972,080</b>	<b>(4,621,572)</b>
<b>Change In Net Position Before Transfers</b>	<b>(113,556)</b>	<b>(386,229)</b>	<b>558,120</b>	<b>171,891</b>	<b>(53,108)</b>	

- 1 - Labor Reimbursed at Salary & EB Only
- 2 - Labor Eligible to be Reimbursed at Admin & Billable Rate
- 3 - Labor Reimbursed at Consultant Rate
- 4 - Labor Reimbursed at Grantor Approved Compensation Rate
- 5 - Payment by Reimbursement Only
- 6 - Eligible for additional 10% for Indirect Costs

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
EXPANDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

	General Fund	Operational Duck Farm	Operational Mt. Baldy	Operational Citrus Heights	Operational El Encanto	Operational Parque Dos Rios	Operational Walnut Creek	Payroll and Accrued Leave	Grant & Special Project	Preliminary Budget FY 2019-2020
<b>Revenues</b>										
<b>General Administrative &amp; Operating Revenue</b>										
JPA Contributions	35,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,500
Lease Revenue	-	135,618	-	-	104,493	22,250	-	-	-	262,361
Property Management Contribution	-	7,200	3,500	500	24,800	2,000	2,000	-	-	40,000
Fees-Citation	-	-	5,000	-	300	-	2,000	-	-	7,300
Fees- Filming	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	4,000
COVID-19 Funding Opportunities	13,600	2,476	3,641	-	11,675	728	728	-	-	32,848
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	288,923	720	-	-	3,600	-	-	-	-	293,243
<b>Subtotal-General Administrative &amp; Operating</b>	<b>338,023</b>	<b>146,014</b>	<b>14,141</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>146,869</b>	<b>24,978</b>	<b>4,728</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>675,252</b>
<b>Grants and Special Project Income</b>										
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,604,528	2,604,528
Grant-LA County Flood Control District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,001	6,001
Grant-SEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	392,462	392,462
Grant-Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	625,830	625,830
Grant-Other State Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	715,506	715,506
Grant-Other County & Local Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	879,552	879,552
Grant-Public Foundations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other-Consultant Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,223,878</b>	<b>5,223,878</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>338,023</b>	<b>146,014</b>	<b>14,141</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>146,869</b>	<b>24,978</b>	<b>4,728</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,223,878</b>	<b>5,899,131</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
<b>General Administrative Expenses</b>										
Fiscal Services Auditor-Controller	68,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,000
Funding Opportunities	37,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,300
Legal Services	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Information Technologies	15,590	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,590
Strategic Planning	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Grant Writing	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Travel	1,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,400
Financial Audit Services	5,625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,625
Insurance/Insurance Bond	3,783	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,783
Training/Conferences	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Meeting Supplies	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Other/Not Classified	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
Wireless Phones	648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	648
Personnel Services	4,726	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,726
Office Supplies	700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	700
Postage	2,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,050
Printer Supplies	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Equipment & Software	5,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,200
Dues & Subscriptions	425	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	425
COVID-19 Expenses	13,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,600
<b>Subtotal-General Administrative</b>	<b>179,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>179,797</b>
<b>Personnel</b>										
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	403,441	-	403,441
Merit Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117,777	-	117,777
Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116,208	-	116,208
Benefits Plan Provider Admin Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,520	-	1,520
Employer Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,767	-	42,767
<b>Subtotal-Personnel</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>681,713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>681,713</b>

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EXPANDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

	General Fund	Operational Duck Farm	Operational Mt. Baldy	Operational Citrus Heights	Operational El Encanto	Operational Parque Dos Rios	Operational Walnut Creek	Payroll and Accrued Leave	Grant & Special Project	Preliminary Budget FY 2019-2020
<b>General Operational Expenses</b>										
Insurance	-	7,281	15,131	126	33,954	504	125	-	-	57,122
Security	-	1,875	-	-	2,250	-	-	-	-	4,126
Building Maintenance and Repair	-	3,500	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	18,500
Grounds Maintenance and Repair	-	1,500	850	-	1,350	1,000	300	-	-	5,000
Electricity	-	630	-	-	9,570	-	-	-	-	10,200
Propane	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	8,000
Other Utilities	-	-	-	-	918	-	-	-	-	918
Waste Removal	-	2,620	-	-	6,900	-	-	-	-	9,520
Water System Operation/Irrigation	-	6,233	-	-	40,030	-	-	-	-	46,263
Property Management	-	7,200	6,000	250	16,800	1,500	1,100	-	-	32,850
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	-	7,039	-	-	46,200	-	-	-	-	53,239
Janitorial Services	-	-	-	-	10,771	-	-	-	-	10,771
Ranger Services	-	17,850	26,250	-	42,000	5,250	5,250	-	-	96,600
Weed Abatement	-	10,000	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	16,000
Property Tax	-	-	711	-	-	-	-	-	-	711
COVID-19 Expenses - Janitorial Services	-	-	-	-	2,686	-	-	-	-	2,686
COVID-19 Expenses - Waste Removal	-	-	-	-	3,163	-	-	-	-	3,163
COVID-19 Expenses - Ranger Services	-	2,476	3,641	-	5,827	728	728	-	-	13,400
<b>Subtotal-General Operational</b>	-	68,205	55,583	376	248,420	8,982	7,503	-	-	389,070
<b>Grants and Special Project Total Expense-Capital Outlay</b>										
Grant-Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,211,527	2,211,527
Grant-LA County Flood Control District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant-SEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	392,462	392,462
Grant-Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	593,029	593,029
Grant-Other State Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	666,529	666,529
Grant-Other County & Local Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	857,954	857,954
Grant-Public Foundations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other-Consultant Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,721,501	4,721,501
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>179,797</b>	<b>68,205</b>	<b>55,583</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>248,420</b>	<b>8,982</b>	<b>7,503</b>	<b>681,713</b>	<b>4,721,501</b>	<b>5,972,080</b>

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
PERSONNEL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

	Annual Update FYE 2020	Actual as of 05/31/20	Additional Projected through 06/30/20	Forecasted FYE 2020	Budget FYE 2021	\$ Change Budget '20 vs. Budget '21
<b>Expense Detail</b>						
Salaries	387,439	329,062	27,280	356,342	403,441	(16,002)
Compensation Plan Adjustment	148,262	-	-	-	117,777	30,485
Benefits	100,565	113,022	8,648	121,670	116,208	(15,643)
Fixed Fees	1,501	1,097	365	1,462	1,520	(19)
Employer Taxes	43,946	28,518	2,324	30,842	42,767	1,179
<b>Personnel Subtotal</b>	<b>681,713</b>	<b>471,699</b>	<b>38,617</b>	<b>510,316</b>	<b>681,713</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>681,713</b>	<b>471,699</b>	<b>38,617</b>	<b>510,316</b>	<b>681,713</b>	<b>(0)</b>

Personnel Detail			FY 19/20	FY20/21	Hrs	Proposed FY20/21 Salary	Benefits	Employer Taxes	Total Comp
Deputy Executive Director (FT)	Active	\$	39.32	\$ 39.32	2080	\$ 81,786	\$ 25,921	\$ 8,656	\$ 116,363
Fiscal Manager (FT)	Active	\$	29.49	\$ 29.49	2080	\$ 61,339	\$ 12,302	\$ 6,445	\$ 80,086
Project Manager II (FT)	Active	\$	30.99	\$ 30.99	2080	\$ 64,459	\$ 19,641	\$ 6,681	\$ 90,781
Project Manager II (FT)	Active	\$	31.60	\$ 31.60	2080	\$ 65,728	\$ 16,466	\$ 6,770	\$ 88,964
Project Manager II (FT)	Active	\$	31.60	\$ 31.60	2080	\$ 65,728	\$ 16,441	\$ 6,770	\$ 88,939
Accounting Clerk (PT) <sup>1</sup>	Active	\$	19.00	\$ 19.38	1664	\$ 31,932	\$ 9,110	\$ 3,633	\$ 44,675
Admin Assistant (FT)	Active	\$	15.61	\$ 15.61	2080	\$ 32,469	\$ 16,328	\$ 3,811	\$ 52,608
						<b>\$ 403,441</b>	<b>\$ 116,208</b>	<b>\$ 42,767</b>	<b>\$ 562,416</b>

**Note:**

1 - Eligible for up to 2% increase pending satisfactory completion of six-month review.

July 20, 2020 – Item 12

RESOLUTION 2020-29

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES  
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING THE  
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FINAL FY 2020/2021 BUDGET

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 is a state agency created 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 and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (“DISTRICT”), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve the Watershed Conservation Authority final budget; 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.

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- 3 ADOPTS the staff report dated July 20, 2020.
- 4 APPROVES the final budget for FY 2020/2021 budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS  
CONSERVANCY on July 20, 2020.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Edsall, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General

**DATE:** July 20, 2018

**TO:** RMC Governing Board

**FROM:** Joseph Gonzalez, Project Analyst II

**THROUGH:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Item 14: Consideration of resolution approving RMC Proposition 1 and 68 Small Grants Program Draft Guidelines

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the RMC adopt a resolution approving RMC Proposition 1 and 68 Small Grants Program Draft Guidelines.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Exhibit A – RMC Proposition 1 and 68 Small Grants Draft Program Guidelines

The RMC Proposition 1 and 68 Small Grants Draft Program Guidelines (“Small Grants Program”) explain the process and criteria that the Conservancy will use to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants with Proposition 1 and 68 funds underline with the Conservancy’s mission through use of its programs.

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In addition, the amount awarded will also depend on the quality of submittals, leverage of matching funds, and multi-beneficial, watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide priorities. It is anticipated that the funds will be spent by Spring 2023.

RMC will release the Small Grants Program’s Draft Guidelines, which will include posting to the RMC website and providing notification to stakeholders about the Draft Guidelines and soliciting feedback. RMC will consider and summarize any comments received in finalizing the Small Grants Program’s Guidelines and will provide that update to the Board with Final Guideline recommendations.

**BACKGROUND:** With the passage of the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) in June 2018. Prop 68 requires each state agency that receives funding for competitive grant rounds to develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation guidelines; conduct three public meetings to consider comments before finalizing the guidelines; and have Secretary of Natural Resources Agency verify that the guidelines are consistent with applicable statutes for the purposes of Prop 68. RMC updated and approved guidelines consistent with the Prop 68 bond language at the January 2019 Board Meeting (Reso 2019-06).

RMC published the RMC Prop 68 Regional and LLAR grant draft solicitation and evaluation guidelines on our website in October 2018. RMC held four meetings in November 2018 in the San Gabriel Valley, the Gateway Cities, Santa Clarita area, and Orange County. RMC Staff set up an email address to allow potential grantees and public at large to submit comments and questions, which is still the Prop 68 Grant Program’s email. The Small Grants guidelines have been adapted from the RMC Proposition 68 Regional and Lower LA River (LLAR) Final Guidelines; differences were highlighted in the project description.

Additionally, Prop. 68 funding allows for technical assistance to disadvantaged communities. During previous grant guideline outreach, multiple themes emerged that highlighted both

opportunities and challenges for applicants as they contemplated applying for bond funding, including: lack of staff capacity, readiness concerns, understanding the grant priorities, and the need for funding for planning and design phases. The Conservancy provides technical assistance through its staff and now can also through grants through the Small Grants Program to help develop and implement multi-benefit projects.

The voters of California approved the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (“Proposition 1”) in November 2014 codified as Division 26.7 of the Water Code which authorized \$7.545 billion dollars in general obligation bonds for State water projects, including surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and drinking water protection. Purposes of Proposition 1 include implementing the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan which are more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure.

The RMC Proposition 1 LLAR Guidelines are based on RMC Proposition 1 Regional Guidelines, which were developed with public comment from workshops in July 2015 and approved by the Board in September 2015 (Reso 2015-19). Public meetings were held in Newhall, West Covina, Fullerton, and Downey, with over 100 participants attending the workshops collectively. During this outreach, multiple themes emerged that highlighted both opportunities and challenges for prospective applicants, including: lack of staff capacity, readiness concerns, understanding Prop 1 priorities, and needing more funding for planning and design phases.

**Funding:** The Small Grants Program will be implemented by the Conservancy will be using:

Proposition 68: from the \$37.5 million for the Lower Los Angeles River (Chapter 7) and \$30 million in direct allocation to the Conservancy (Chapter 8). The Small Grants Program will be limited to 15% of each allocation. It is anticipated that the funds will be spent by Spring 2023.

Proposition 1: from the \$50 million for the Lower Los Angeles River in direct allocation to the Conservancy [§79735(a)]. The Small Grants Program will be limited to 15% of the allocation. It is anticipated that the funds will be spent by Spring 2024 (with some funding reverting summer 2023).

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES:** California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018. (Proposition 68) is codified Division 45 (commencing with Section 80000) and Sections 5096.611 and 75089.5 of the Public Resources Code and Section 79772.5 of the Water Code. Proposition 68 authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy’s Proposition Grant Program Guidelines specifically pertain to grants funded by Proposition 68 and administered by the Conservancy.

Chapter 7 of Proposition 68, entitled “California River Recreation, Creek and Waterway Improvement Program,” allocates one hundred sixty-two million dollars (\$162,000,000) for projects to protect and enhance an urban creek. Thirty-seven million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$37,500,000) of the funds available in Chapter 7 is allocated to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for projects that protect or enhance the Lower Los Angeles River watershed and its tributaries pursuant to Section 79508 of the Water Code and Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600) and Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000).

Chapter 8 of Proposition 68, entitled “State Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board, and Authority Funding,” allocates one hundred and eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000) to state conservancies for projects according to their governing statutes for their specified purposes. Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) of the funds available in Chapter 8 is allocated to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

Proposition 1 - the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 - is a \$7.545 billion general obligation bond measure approved by California voters on Nov. 4, 2014 ballot. The measure will provide funding for needed investments as part of a statewide, comprehensive water plan for California. In part, the Act was passed to help the state address the drought and the impacts of climate change on water supplies and ecosystems.

Chapter 6 of Proposition 1, “Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams, Coastal Waters, and Watersheds,” Section 79730 states that “The sum of one billion four hundred ninety-five million dollars (\$1,495,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature from the fund, in accordance with this chapter, for competitive grants for multibenefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities..”

(Proposition 1, Chapter 2, Section 79701 (e)). Chapter 6 of Proposition 1, pursuant to Section 79735(a), Of the funds authorized by Section 79730, up to \$100 million may be allocated to the RMC or the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, or a combination of both, for projects to protect and enhance an urban creek as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 7048.

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:

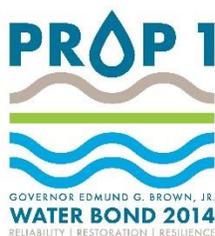
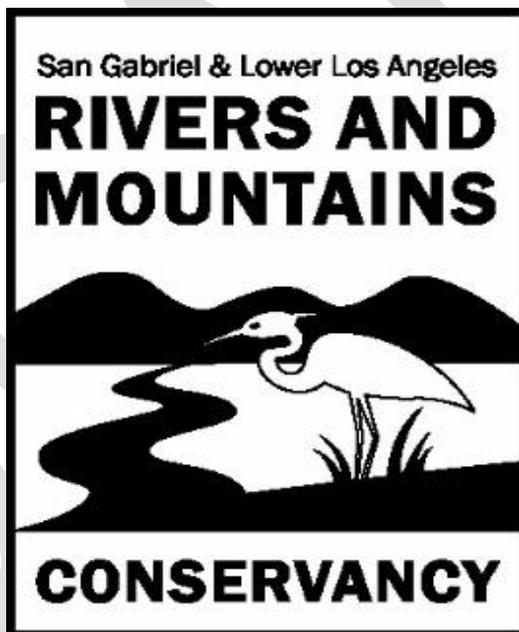
- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (b) Approve conservancy funded projects that 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 32614.5:

- (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.

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# SECTION 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

The mission of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) is to preserve open space and habitat in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within our jurisdictions. This work supports the public's enjoyment and enhancement of recreational and educational experiences on public lands in a manner consistent with the protection of lands and resources in those watersheds.

Additionally, the RMC has adopted an Environmental Justice Policy with three key environmental justice principles: (1) community driven empowerment/organizing campaigns, 2) identification of incompatible land uses, and 3) recognize opportunities to create green infrastructure such as community open space and alternative transportation modes including bicycling and walking (RMC Resolution 2014-19).

RMC is one of ten conservancies within the Natural Resources Agency established in 1999 (Chapters 788 and 789, Statutes of 1999). RMC's jurisdiction includes eastern Los Angeles County and western Orange County, comprised of the San Gabriel River Watershed and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed and its tributaries, Upper Santa Clara River and its tributaries, northern slope of the Angeles National Forest, the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, Puente Hills and the San Jose Hills ([Division 22.8](#) of the [Public Resources Code California 32600-32621](#)), please see Exhibit I, RMC Region Map.

## 1.2 Grant Funding Source—Proposition 68 – Regionwide and Lower LA River

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Section 80001. (b) It is the intent of the people of California that all of the following shall occur in the implementation of this division:

(1) The investment of public funds pursuant to this division will result in public benefits that address the most critical statewide needs and priorities for public funding.

(2) In the appropriation and expenditure of funding authorized by this division, priority will be given to projects that leverage private, federal, or local funding or produce the greatest public benefit.

(3) To the extent practicable, a project that receives moneys pursuant to this division will include signage informing the public that the project received funds from the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

(4) To the extent practicable, when developing program guidelines for urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects, administering entities are encouraged to give favorable consideration to projects that provide urban recreation and protect or restore natural resources. Additionally, the entities may pool funding for these projects.

(5) To the extent practicable, a project that receives moneys pursuant to this division will provide workforce education and training, contractor, and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities.

(6) To the extent practicable, priority for funding pursuant to this division will be given to local parks projects that have obtained all required permits and entitlements and a commitment of matching funds, if required.

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1.1. To the extent practicable, as identified in the "Presidential Memorandum--Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Our National Parks, National Forests, and Other Public Lands and Waters," dated January 12, 2017, the public agencies that receive funds pursuant to this division will consider a range of actions that include, but are not limited to, the following:

Conducting active outreach to diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities, to increase awareness within those communities and the public generally about specific programs and opportunities.

Mentoring new environmental, outdoor recreation, and conservation leaders to increase diverse representation across these areas.

Creating new partnerships with state, local, tribal, private, and nonprofit organizations to expand access for diverse populations.

Identifying and implementing improvements to existing programs to increase visitation and access by diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities.

Expanding the use of multilingual and culturally appropriate materials in public communications and educational strategies, including through social media strategies, as appropriate, that target diverse populations.

Developing or expanding coordinated efforts to promote youth engagement and empowerment, including fostering new partnerships with diversity-serving and youth-serving organizations, urban areas, and programs.

Identifying possible staff liaisons to diverse populations.

To the extent practicable, priority for grant funding under this division will be given to a project that advances solutions to prevent displacement if a potential unintended consequence associated with park creation pursuant to the project is an increase in the cost of housing.

## **Grant Funding Source-Proposition 1 – Lower LA River only**

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## SECTION 2 Eligibility and Priorities

### 2.1 RMC Small Grant Program Guidelines

RMC Small Grant, Proposition 1 and 68 Grant Program Guidelines establish the process and criteria that the RMC will utilize to solicit applications, evaluate proposals and award grants, pursuant to RMC guiding principles. The implementation of the Small Grant Program places an emphasis on smaller quick start projects with grant awards between \$10,000 and \$300,000. Proposals for very small grants under \$10,000 will be considered on a case-by-case basis, focused on high and very-high need areas

All projects funded by the RMC with Propositions 1 and 68 grant funds must be consistent with the RMC's enabling legislation *Common Ground from the Mountains to the Sea* (Common Ground), and any updates, *Open Space Plan Phase II Final Report*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* which was adopted by the RMC in 2001 (available at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/>) for the distribution of grant funds.

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In addition, the amount awarded will also depend on the quality of submittals, leverage of matching funds, and multi-beneficial, watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide priorities.

## 2.2 Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for projects located within the boundaries of the RMC are:

- Cities
- Counties
- Districts
- Local Agencies
- Joint Powers Agencies
- State Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Public Utilities
- Federally recognized tribes, and state Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission’s California Tribal Consultation List
- Nonprofit organizations (existing under Section 501(c) 3 of the IRS Code). Status does not need to be approved at the time of application but must be approved at the time of award.

Individuals and corporations are not eligible for this grant program; however, RMC encourages multiple partners or joint projects. As long as the lead agency is one of the above listed eligible applicants, applications will be accepted from joint projects with non-eligible agencies.

## 2.3 RMC Objectives

The RMC Board will adopt the Small Grant Program Guidelines which set forth the evaluation criteria for its competitive grant programs and may be updated accordingly if necessary (See Appendix B for the Project Evaluation Criteria). The project evaluation criteria are set by the RMC objectives which are articulated in *Common Ground* and the *Open Space Plan Phase II Final Report*. The types of projects proposed to be supported by this grant program are also consistent with Propositions 1

and 68. The RMC's *Common Ground* objectives and the types of projects supported by this grant program are as follow:

- Projects must promote the RMC's statutory programs and purposes as stated in [Division 22.8](#) of the [Public Resources Code 32600-32621](#)
- Projects must be consistent with the purposes of the funding source (Propositions 1 and 68)
- Projects must promote and implement the State's Water Plans and Policies, such as the California Water Action Plan ([2016 update](#)).
- Create, expand, and/or improve public open space throughout the region by improving water quality supply, create, enhance or improve a reliable water supply and/or restore an important species and habitat
- Improve access to open space and low impact recreation for all communities and promote healthy lifestyles
- Improve habitat quality, quantity, and connectivity through creation, enhancement, preservation, and restoration
- Connect open space with a network of trails, accessible as appropriate to the site
- Promote stewardship of the landscape via stakeholder involvement and long-term maintenance (long-term means for a period not less than 20 years)
- Encourage sustainable growth that balances environmental, social, and economic benefits
- Maintain and improve flood protection through natural and non-structural systems and ecosystem restoration
- Establish riverfront greenways to cleanse water, hold floodwaters and extend open space
- Optimize water resources by improving the quality of surface and ground water and enhance ground water recharge, to reduce dependence on imported water
- Coordinate watershed planning across jurisdictions and boundaries
- Encourage multi-jurisdictional and multi-beneficial planning and implementation projects
- Involve the public through education and outreach programs
- Projects will utilize the best available science to inform decisions regarding, state and local water resource. In addition, special consideration will be given to projects that employ new or innovative technology or practices, including decision support tools that support the integration of multiple jurisdictions, including, but not limited to, water supply, flood control, land use, and sanitation.

The RMC Board has established policies (see Appendix A) and project evaluation criteria (see Appendix B) derived from the above objectives. The major elements of the project evaluation criteria are as follows:

1. Access Value
2. Urban Land Value
3. Water Resource and Quality Value
4. Habitat Value
5. Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities
6. Matching Funds
7. Readiness
8. Stakeholder/Partners Resource Value
9. Stewardship and Management Plan Value

## 2.4 Geographic Program Areas

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

Project applicants will be asked to identify which program area their project falls into. Projects cannot qualify for inclusion in more than one program area, as described below:

- **Urban Lands**—All land within the developed, urban core of the RMC Region that is NOT within the area identified for River/Tributary Parkways, or within the Mountains, Hills, and Foothills.
- **River/Tributary Parkways**—Land falling within one-quarter mile on either side of the centerline of a river or tributary within the RMC Region, but NOT within the Mountains, Hills and Foothills or Urban Land areas.
  - Lower LA River Prop 1 focuses on the main stem of the LA River, starting at the north end in Vernon and ending in Long Beach, on projects identified in the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP, 2018) or others within 1-mile of the LA River—more information on the LLARRP can be found at <https://lowerlariver.org/>. Projects in close proximity to the corridor may be considered. Lower LA River Prop 1 projects are all in the River/Tributary Geographic Program Area.
  - Lower LA River Prop 68 also focuses on implementing projects from the LLARRP and others within 1-mile of the Lower LA River. Lower LA River Prop 68 Projects can be in either the Urban Land or River/Tributary Geographic Program Areas.
- **Mountains, Hills, and Foothills**—Land lying within the area of a named system of mountains, hills and foothills. More specifically, land lying within the geographic area of the San Gabriel Mountains, the San Jose, San Rafael, Montebello, Puente, Chino, Coyote, or Signal Hills, the San Gabriel foothills, and within the Region of the RMC but NOT within the Urban Lands or River/Tributary Parkways.

## 2.5 Eligible Project Categories

The guidelines identify general project categories and program areas that may be eligible for funding. All eligible projects must meet the eligibility requirements in order to be considered for funding.

- **Implementation Projects**— At least **75%** of the funds available may be allocated to support implementation projects. The RMC will seek to prioritize multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide priorities.
- **Planning Projects**— Up to **10%** of the funds available may be allocated to support planning-related applications.
- **Disadvantaged Community Investment and Co-Benefits**— *The Conservancy will allocate at least 20% of the funds available for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide information regarding this qualification.*
- **Technical Assistance Projects (Prop 68 only)**— Pursuant to Section 8008(b)(1) of Proposition 68, up to **10%** of the funds available may be allocated for technical assistance to disadvantaged communities. The RMC Technical Assistance Program (TAP) supports

local communities, and especially high-need or very high-need areas, with direct proactive and flexible assistance grants with the goal of facilitating access to the Conservancy’s funding programs throughout the grant continuum— such as support with being able to apply for funding (feasibility, design, application process), administering grant funds, and completing and maintaining projects.

The goal of the technical assistance program is to help build capacity in high-need communities to more easily seek Prop 68 and matching funding to develop and implement open space projects in their communities. Another area of Technical Assistance is supporting project development through regional planning efforts to develop, share and coordinate data, development of toolkits and portals, urban greening guides, and maintenance guides and reporting support, etc, that support the development, implementation, and maintenance of multi-benefit, open space projects.

As shown in Figure 1 below, different TAP elements can be available at appropriate stages throughout the grant continuum.

**Figure 1: TAP along the Grant Project Continuum**

		Grant Project Continuum			
		Project Development	Grant Application and Award	Grant Administration	Project Completion (and O&M)
<b>Technical Assistance Program - Elements</b>	1. Web Design and Development	RMC website – development of resource library			
		Online GMS - streamline grant application, administration, and close-out processes			
		Geospatial Web Development - integrated web portal			
	2. Resource Toolkit	Meeting facilitation handbook, community engagement best practices, technical assistance directories, tracking of matching funding, stock photos			
		Design and Planning handbook; UG toolkits	Grant Writing handbook	Grant Administration Guides	Maintenance guides
	3. Technical Advisors	Technical support, strategic planning, and evaluation of projects			
	4. Training and Education	Intro to RMC grant process	Grant Writing Support	Grant Administration	Long-term O&M
		Park and Open Space planning 101	Community Outreach & Engagement	Project Management, including finances	
	5. Ongoing RMC Prop 68 Support	One-on-One Assistance			
		Outreach about Prop 68 and TAP	TAP Case Managers	Project Administration	Grant Close-out Guidance
		TAP Needs survey	Workshops		TAP Evaluation

	6. Professional Services	Technical support, Project Design	Grant Writing Support	Construction Admin Support	Maintenance Guides, Maintenance reporting
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For more information, please see RMC's Prop 68 Technical Assistance Program on the RMC website at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/>.

Please contact RMC for TAP-related requests: [Prop68@rmc.ca.gov](mailto:Prop68@rmc.ca.gov)

## 2.6 Promotion and Implementation of State Plans and RMC's Environmental Justice Policy

The RMC Propositions 1 and 68 Guidelines require that projects be consistent with statewide plans and priorities, and projects be consistent with the RMC adopted environmental justice policy (adopted November 24, 2014), although it may be amended as necessary.

It is the policy of the RMC that the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures and income shall be fully considered during the planning, decision-making, development and implementation of all RMC programs, policies, and activities. The intent of this policy is to ensure that the public within the RMC catchment area including minority and low-income populations are not discriminated against, treated unfairly, or caused to experience disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects from environmental and land-use decisions, and children and their families have access to safe open space and healthy neighborhoods.

The RMC adopted the following key principles:

1. Make environmental justice considerations a standard in the way we do business. We will keep an environmental justice perspective in our programs, activities, and training, as we set priorities, identify program gaps, and assess the benefits and adverse impacts our programs have on communities in our catchment area.
2. Work with local elected officials, staff of cities, and community groups, to address concerns about lack of access to safe open space, especially in low-income and minority communities.
3. Review and evaluate RMC programs and activities to ensure that the environmental justice perspective through its programs does not contain any substantive gaps.
4. Develop and incorporate an environmental justice program element into our employee-training curriculum.
5. Annually provide a staff briefing to the Board at a public meeting regarding ongoing and planned activities. Issue a written annual status report identifying action items accomplished and a proposed work plan outlining the action items for the next year. The work plan shall include quantitative goals for working in disadvantaged communities and populations adversely impacted by industrial and transportation proximities.
6. Strengthen our public outreach, education, and organizing efforts in all communities, especially low-income communities and where we see a need for the implementation.

7. Identify partners within land-use and transportation agencies that are responsible for the environmental benefits or adverse impacts in our neighborhoods and address potential mitigation activities.

8. Work with cities, County of Los Angeles, and community groups in identifying relevant populations living in close proximity to industrial and transportation locations that may benefit from RMC programs and activities.

9. Taking a proactive role in working with cities in adopting and/or updating their General Plans to implement environmental justice policies.

10. Work in conjunction with other federal, state, regional, and local agencies to ensure consideration of disproportionate impacts on relevant populations and create action-oriented mitigation plans.

11. Fostering broad access to existing and proposed data sets and technology to better identify, analyze, and respond to environmental justice issues (database bank).

RMC commits to integrating environmental justice principles into its programs and plans and will continue to improve our outreach efforts in all communities of our catchment area, ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to participate fully in the development and implementation of our programs. As an oversight agency we will work closely with local cities and County of Los Angeles, and other stakeholders to jointly develop environmental justice awareness so that it is in line with our funding grant programs for project design and development. Our commitment is to take consideration of neighborhoods where people encounter environmental pressures given their close proximity to industrial and transportation zones, as well as incompatible land uses. The RMC's goal is to ensure that the populations in our area, especially children and families, are empowered to play a role in creating a healthful environment.

## **2.7 Promotion and Implementation of State Plans and RMC's Tribal Consultation Policy**

The RMC Propositions 1 and 68 Guidelines require that projects be consistent with statewide plans and priorities. On September 19, 2011, Governor G. Brown, Jr. issued Executive Order B-10-11, which provides, among other things, that it is the policy of administration that every state agency and Department subject to executive control to implement effective government-to-government consultation with California Indian Tribes. On July 24, 2017, the RMC Governing Board approved a Tribal Consultation Policy consistent with the approved policy adopted by the California Natural Resources Agency. Details can be found on the RMC website here: [http://rmc.ca.gov/Tribal\\_Policy\\_Resources%20Agency.pdf](http://rmc.ca.gov/Tribal_Policy_Resources%20Agency.pdf)

Additionally, Assembly Bill No. 52 (AB52) specifies that projects with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. With regards to CEQA, the bill requires a lead agency to begin consultation with a California Native American Tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project, if the tribe requested to the lead agency, in writing, to be informed by the lead agency of proposed projects in that geographic area and the tribe requests consultation, prior to determining whether a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report is required for a project.

## 2.8 Definitions

For definitions of the terms used in this application, please refer to Appendix C

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## SECTION 3 : Application Process

### 3.1 Application process for RMC's Small Grants Program

This is an open call for projects for grant applications starting July 20, 2020. The implementation of the Small Grant Program places an emphasis on smaller quick start projects with grant awards between \$10,000 and \$300,000. RMC will also consider proposals for very small grants under \$10,000 on a case-by-case basis (must demonstrate need) and be completed within a year. Requests will be accepted on an on-going basis until all funding is expended or call is closed.

Complete applications will be reviewed and scored. All grant applications will be scored in accordance with the Project Evaluation Criteria. Grant applications that receive an average score of 70 percent or better will be considered the most competitive for funding recommendation. RMC staff will determine if funding is available and if the project is ready for recommendation to the RMC Board. Proposals for very small grants under \$10,000 will be considered on a case-by-case basis, focused on high and very-high need areas, and will be approved by the RMC Executive Officer and ratified by the RMC Board.

Application reviews will be performed quarterly and Applicants will need to submit applications by the end of the quarter to be included in the next review round. Grant recommendations will be brought before the RMC Board starting in September 2020 and at subsequent Board meetings. Potential grantees should expect to be notified by RMC staff at least one month before a Board meeting where their project is being considered for award recommendation.

If projects do not meet the minimum administrative thresholds for grant award, they will be assigned a Tier and placed in a queue which will be regularly reviewed and considered for award against subsequent applications that also did not meet the minimum threshold. This extended consideration process will ensure that the most competitive projects are recommended for funding and prioritization is not based on proposal submittal date.

*Guidelines and Criteria are subject to change at any time. The regular RMC Board meeting schedule, which is adopted at the beginning of each calendar year, convenes on the fourth Monday of January, March, May, June, July, September, and November. Schedule is subject to change. More information about RMC Board Meetings is available on the RMC website.*

*–Last updated 7/20/20*

## SECTION 4 : Important Considerations

### 4.1 Eligible Uses

The following uses are **eligible for reimbursement from RMC** grant funds:

- 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.
- Facilities development projects must demonstrate a strong relationship and value to natural resource stewardship or environmental education.
- Rehabilitation and restoration projects must be biologically and technically feasible.
- Planning and pre-project costs can be included, though shall not exceed 20 percent of total Grant Funds. (For complicated and extensive projects, this maximum may be increased to 25 percent on an exceptional basis. Please contact RMC with questions.) These costs may include consultant fees, plan documentation, specifications, CEQA/NEPA planning, and direct project management costs.
- Indirect and Overhead expenses are allowed, though shall not exceed 10 percent of total Grant Funds. Projects that have lower overhead will be deemed more competitive.

## 4.2 *Ineligible Uses*

The following uses are ***not*** eligible for reimbursement from RMC grant funds:

- Operations and Maintenance related costs.
- Projects that are located on school properties and not open to the general public or designed solely for school students, unless part of a multi-use project which allows for access from the general public.
- Playground equipment and/or infrastructure such as swing sets and skate parks.
- Facilities that do not have an environmental education focus or theme, such as basketball courts, hockey courts, etc. Multi-use projects may include these elements, but this program will not fund planning or development of such facilities.
- Projects that cause erosion or contribute to flooding.
- Projects on land or improved property acquired by condemnation from an unwilling seller.
- BMP (Best Management Practices) directed projects that lack an improved habitat, low impact public recreation access, or environmental education components.
- Projects traditionally provided by the private, non-government sector or by concessionaires, such as gift shops, equipment rentals, concession stands, etc., unless it can be shown that no private entrepreneur is willing to provide services, and there is demonstrated need for the Project.
- Projects that exclusively fulfill other mitigation requirements.

## 4.3 *Additional Considerations*

- Each project must include information that addresses RMC Project Evaluation Criteria.
- Applicants shall submit an individual application for each eligible project within their jurisdiction.
- The Grantee must complete the project and submit all documentation within three years of grant award.
- Grants shall be paid on a reimbursement basis.
- All funded projects must comply with the adopted RMC policies attached as Appendix A.

- The Grantee shall provide for public access and low-impact recreation, unless it is specifically prohibited or not ecologically or biologically feasible.
- Projects should have an education element and habitat component.
- Projects that have multiple benefits will be considered more competitive.
- Projects which have a clearly articulated monitoring and assessment plan will be considered more competitive.
- All real property shall be acquired from a willing seller and in compliance with current State laws governing Relocation and Acquisition of real property by public agencies. Appraisals will be subject to prior approval of fair market value by the State Department of General Services.
- All projects must comply with CEQA and/or NEPA as appropriate. These costs may be funded under this program as part of planning dollars. Status will be carefully evaluated and projects that have completed CEQA/NEPA and/or are advanced in the environmental process prior to the application will be considered more competitive.
- If RMC funds will be used for the CEQA/NEPA process and the Grantee has made a full-faith effort to complete CEQA/NEPA, but is unable to complete CEQA/NEPA or otherwise proceed with the Project due to issues related to the CEQA/NEPA process, costs incurred by the Grantee that are directly related to the CEQA/NEPA process can be applied up to the limit of 20 percent of the total original grant.
- Grantee shall comply with all applicable laws and applications.
- All information contained in the grant applications is confidential until the grant awards are announced. After that time, all applications will become public information.
- Grantees must sign an agreement with RMC before funds can be disbursed.
- Grantee shall post signs acknowledging the source of funds pursuant to guidelines established for this grant Program (Reference Appendix E).
- RMC will determine when reports will be required by the grantee, including progress, financial, and monitoring and assessment reports. Under usual circumstances, reports shall not be required more frequently than on a quarterly basis.
- Projects need to meet the criteria set forth in *Common Ground* and *Phase II Final Report*, as well as any planning criteria approved by agencies within the project jurisdiction, such as master plans or watershed management plans.
- Grantee must meet the minimum land tenure requirements set forth by the RMC.
- Projects with one or more partners will be deemed more competitive
- Although matching funds or services are not required, priority shall be given to projects that include a commitment for a matching contribution. Matching funds may include prior project planning, operations and maintenance, volunteer support, and ongoing monitoring and assessment. Contributions may be in the form of money, property, or services and must be verifiable.

## SECTION 5 : Application Procedures

Submit completed application package and all supporting documentation, to the extent feasible. Incomplete applications will not be disqualified, but applicants should take every effort to make their complete application as complete as possible. Complete applications are more likely to be considered as competitive, Tier 1 projects.

## 5.1 What to Submit

A complete application package will consist of **one (1) complete digital copy** of the required materials emailed to [prop68@rmc.ca.gov](mailto:prop68@rmc.ca.gov). An esignature must be included on the Application Form via an online document signing application (i.e. DocuSign). Applicants shall provide the electronic format in PDF and provide using an online cloud storage link (i.e. Dropbox or Google Drive). A wet-signed, hard copy of the Application Form will be required before a project is recommended for award. Please provide a digital copy on a CD or flash drive before award recommendation as well. Photos, images, maps, etc. should be included in the PDF. *The submittal requirements have been updated to consider difficulties related to COVID-19 Pandemic, please contact the RMC if submittal any of the application requirements are still an issue.*

The following materials are required for a complete application (some submittal requirements may not be applicable to all submittals):

1. Application Form (Refer to Appendix D)
2. Project Description and Supporting Documents
3. Photo(s) of the Site (Optional)

*\*Project Proposals for Very Small Grants (under \$10,000) must include: Signed Cover Letter (on Agency letterhead), Complete Project Description (2a-g below), Tasklist and Timeline (5), Budget (6), and other Application submittal requirements as applicable.*

Information required for the Application is proposed to include:

1. **Grant Application Form** (Refer to Appendix D)
2. **Project Description** includes: (Sections 2a-2g should not exceed 7 pages, single-space, 11-point font minimum).
  - a. Complete Project Description: for acquisition projects include APN, acreage and purpose for acquisition; for planning and implementation include specific tasks and deliverables.
  - b. Statement of Need for the Proposed Project: a summary of the needs for the project and how the project meets the RMC's policies and project evaluation criteria, and exceeds Proposition 68, Chapter 6 objectives of the water bond legislation (RMC Grant Guidelines Section 2.3).
  - c. Description of audience and geographic area served: provide a summary of the communities, cities, and populations that will be served once the project is completed.
  - d. Description of Goals and Objectives: the goals and objectives should clearly define measurable and outcome-oriented goals and objectives for the project, performance measures to track progress toward objectives, and a reporting system to present the analysis of performance measures against the deliverables and tasks.
  - e. Community Outreach: how will the community be involved in the project design and implementation, include how the project is consistent with the RMC Environmental Justice Policy and RMC Tribal Consultation Policy (RMC Grant Guidelines Section

2.4 and 2.5, include specific plans for community outreach, education, community involvement).

- f. **Monitoring and Assessment Plan:** the monitoring and assessment plan should include the tracking of the progress of the measurable goals and objectives of the project during as well as after the project is completed. Outline of a monitoring and assessment plan should include measurable and quantifiable targets for a planning and implementation project. And, for acquisition projects include the long-term management and maintenance plan. The RMC is interested in measuring the progress of each of its activities in achieving results or outcomes. Hence, the focus of each project evaluation must be on outcomes, defined as the project results or impact on users and society. Output and other measures are important, but the focus should be on results.
  - g. **Organizational capacity:** include a brief history of your organization and the ability to fully complete and maintain the project long-term.
3. **California Conservation Corps:** Applicants applying for funds to complete restoration and ecosystem protection projects are strongly encouraged to consult with representatives of the California Conservation Corp (CCC) and the California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC), the entity representing the certified CCC, to determine the feasibility of the CCC in completing the proposed project (Public Resource Code 80016). CCC and CALCC have developed the consultation process for inclusion in Proposition 1 and 68 funding, please complete Exhibit H, and find the complete application form at:
- a. Prop 68: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/Documents/Prop%2068%20Corps%20Consultation.pdf>
  - b. Prop 1: <https://ccc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Prop-1-Corps-Consultation-Form-Rev.-Dec.-2019-03.2020.pdf>

Note, the Corps already has determined that it is not feasible to use their services on projects that solely involve either planning or acquisition. Therefore, applicants seeking funds for such projects are exempt from consultation requirement and should check the appropriate box on the Grant Application Form, Appendix D (#12).

4. **Certified Youth Employment Plan (as an alternative to CCC program) (suggested but not required):** please include the organization's capacity to develop, manage and implement a training program for young adults in the environmental discipline that leads to permanent employment in the green industry (maximum one page).
5. **Tasklist and Timeline:** The tasklist should include a detailed description of each task and should include tasks for evaluation, monitoring, and assessment. An example of a tasklist can be found on the RMC website at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/>.
6. **Budget:** The budget will include any matching funds that may be used for the project. Please also identify any other grants for which you have applied for this project (include amount, potential funding agency, and contact). See the RMC website for an example of a project budget at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/>. Applicants should endeavor to submit a budget in the format presented in the example on the RMC website.

7. Resolution: The applicant's governing body certifies that their governing board gives the authorized signatory the authority to apply, receive and manage the project.
8. Environmental Compliance: Identify the status of the environmental assessment. This information may include a notice of exemption filed with the county clerk, an initial study, or a brief description of how the applicant will comply with CEQA/NEPA once the grants are awarded.
9. Permits, Easements, or Certifications: Identify status of all permits related to the proposed project for implementation of the project and/or brief description of how applicant will obtain all permits (plan/schedule).
10. Operation and Maintenance: The applicant must demonstrate, specifically for development projects an outline of how the project will address future operations and maintenance needs (no more than one page).
11. Agreements: The applicant must include proof of ownership and compliance with Land Tenure Requirements or the applicant must demonstrate movement to secure land tenure through a willing seller letter, memorandum of agreement, or other binding agreements in place
12. Non-profit: If applicable, provide proof of non-profit status (Copy of IRS Determination Letter)
13. Design/Construction Documents and/or Project Site Photographs: Digital format is preferred, on CD, and each photograph should be saved as a separate file (no more than six (6) photographs, not larger than 8 ½" by 11").
14. Project location map: the applicant must submit a map of the project location.
15. Letters of Support: The applicant is required a minimum of three support letters to fulfill this requirement, but additional support letters may be included.

## 5.2 Project Completeness and Selection Criteria

RMC staff will review grant applications for completeness, and incomplete grant applications will be returned to the applicant with the potential for technical support for resubmittal. Following is the initial selection criteria which all grant applications must adhere to:

- The applicant is an eligible entity
- The applicant has submitted a complete grant application, as previously stated in Section 3.4, Items 1-15
- The project meets the RMC's required grant selection criteria per the RMC Small Grant Program Guidelines
- The project meets the RMC's Common Ground and the Proposition 68, Chapter 7 as well as Proposition 1 objectives
- The project consists of work that is eligible for bond funds under the General Obligation Bond Law

Applications that do not pass the initial selection criteria will not proceed to the scoring process. The RMC has the discretion to either return the application or assist the applicant with gathering additional information and modifying the proposal to enable the application to pass the screening process.

### **5.3 Scoring**

Complete applications that have passed the initial selection will be reviewed and scored by a minimum of three professionals with relevant expertise. Reviewers may include local, state and federal agency staff and others with relevant expertise, including consultants and academics. All reviewers other than the RMC staff will be required to document that they do not have a conflict of interest in reviewing any proposals. The total score of the three reviewers will be averaged and then weighted against other grant proposals. All reviewers will score each grant application in accordance with the Project Evaluation Criteria—grant applications that receive an average score of 70 percent or better will be considered the most competitive for a funding recommendation. Recommendation for funding is dependent on numerous factors such as funding availability and project readiness and not solely dependent on a high evaluation criteria score. Staff will determine if funding is available and if the project is ready for recommendation to the RMC Board.

Proposals for very small grants under \$10,000 will be considered on a case-by-case basis, focused on high and very-high need areas, and will be approved by the RMC Executive Officer and ratified by the RMC Board.

## SECTION 6: General Requirements

### 6.1 Typical Grant Process

The following table outlines the typical grant process for successful applicants.

Responsible Entity	Task
RMC	Announces draft guidelines and holds public meetings for submittal of comments.
RMC	Approval of Grant Guidelines at the RMC Board Meeting.
RMC	Announces Grant Funding Cycle and release of application and guidelines.
Applicant	Submits grant application and supporting documents to the RMC .
RMC and Grant Selection Committee	Staff determines if grant application is complete and submits to the Grant Selection Committee for evaluation and scoring which occurs quarterly.
RMC	Staff notify project applicants of their status, either complete or incomplete.
Grant Selection Committee	If complete, the Grant Selection Committee evaluates grant applications, may perform site visits on semi-finalists, and recommends projects for funding to the RMC Board.
RMC Board	Board approves or denies funding recommendations
RMC	If approved by Board, Staff sends a Grant Agreement to the Grantee.
Grantee	Returns the signed Agreement to RMC.
RMC	State/Staff sends a fully executed Grant Agreement to the Grantee.
Grantee	Completes environmental documentation and permitting as needed.
Grantee	Commences work on the Project.
Grantee	Submits required reports (i.e. Quarterly), plans, and documents, as required, to RMC.
Grantee	Grantee posts signs during construction per attached Sign Guidelines.
Responsible Entity	Task
Grantee	Requests progress payments.
Grantee	Upon completion of the Project, posts signs acknowledging source of funds.
Grantee	Submits Project completion packet upon completion of the Project.
RMC	Staff checks final documentation for completeness and accuracy and makes final inspection of Project.
RMC	Staff processes the final payment.
Grantee	Submits documents for audit, if requested.

### 6.2 Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality

All participants are subject to federal and State conflict of interest laws. Failure to comply with these laws, including business and financial disclosure provisions, will result in the application being rejected and any subsequent contract being declared void. Other legal action may also be taken. Accordingly, before submitting an application, applicants are urged to seek legal counsel regarding

potential conflict of interest concerns that they may have and requirements for disclosure. Applicable statutes include, but are not limited to, Government Code Section 1090, and Public Contract Code Sections 10410 and 10411 for State conflict of interest requirements.

Applicants should note that by submitting an application, they waive their rights to the confidentiality of that application. RMC staff will review each application. Once the application is signed and submitted to RMC any privacy rights as well as other confidentiality protections afforded by law will be waived.

### 6.3 Project Withdrawal

If a Grantee wishes to withdraw a Project, Grantee shall notify RMC in writing. In the event an approved project cannot be completed, and if grant funds were advanced, those funds, plus any accrued interest, must be returned to the State. If the CEQA/NEPA work is done after the grant has been awarded, and the determination is an impediment to completing the project, RMC will reimburse the applicant for costs expended up to 20 percent of the total grant as outlined above.

### 6.4 Eligible Costs

All eligible costs must be supported by appropriate documentation.

<i>Costs</i>	<i>Explanation</i>	<i>Examples</i>
Preliminary Costs (not to exceed 20% of grant total)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Costs incurred after a Contract with RMC has been fully executed, including planning, plan documentation, designs, appraisals and negotiations, permit costs, consultant costs</li> <li>■ Expenditure subject to maximum of 20% of total grant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ CEQA/NEPA compliance</li> <li>■ Construction plans</li> <li>■ Permits/Appraisals</li> <li>■ Acquisition documents, etc.</li> </ul>
Personnel or Employee Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Must be computed according to the Grantee's prevailing wage or salary scales</li> <li>■ Must be computed on actual time spent on Project</li> <li>■ Must not exceed the Grantee's established rates for similar positions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Wages and benefits</li> <li>■ Work performed by another section/department in agency</li> </ul>
Consultant Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Costs paid to consultants necessary for the Project</li> <li>■ Consultants must be paid in compliance with the Grantee's customary method and rate</li> <li>■ No consultant fee shall be paid to the Grantee's own employees without prior approval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Costs paid to consultants necessary for the Project</li> </ul>
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All necessary construction activities</li> <li>■ Construction management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Site preparation, grading</li> <li>■ Facility development</li> <li>■ Inspection and construction management</li> </ul>

<b>Costs</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Examples</b>
Construction Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Grantee may only charge the cost of the actual use of the equipment during the time it is being used for Project purposes</li> <li>■ The Grantee may use the California Department of Transportation's equipment rental rates as a guide</li> <li>■ The Grantee shall prorate the value of the purchased equipment toward the Project based on hours of usage</li> <li>■ The equipment use charges must be made in accordance with the Grantee's normal accounting practices</li> <li>■ The Grantee must describe the work performed, the hours used, and related use to Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Rental equipment</li> <li>■ Leased equipment</li> <li>■ Purchased equipment</li> </ul>
Fixed Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Equipment permanently fixed to Project facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Fixed resting areas/benches</li> </ul>
Construction Tools/Supplies/Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ May be purchased for specific Project, or may be drawn from central stock if claimed costs are no higher than those the Grantee would pay</li> <li>■ Costs may be capitalized according to the Grantee's standard policy</li> <li>■ The Grantee may only claim those costs reasonably attributable to the Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Materials such as concrete, wood, etc.</li> <li>■ Supplies such as fasteners, nails, or other hardware and non-fixed equipment</li> </ul>
Relocation Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Costs resulting in displacement of a person/business</li> <li>■ The Grantee shall comply with State Relocation Act requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ See Chapter 16, Section 7260, <a href="#">Government Code</a>.</li> </ul>
Acquisition Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Appropriate costs of acquiring real property</li> <li>■ DGS approved appraisal costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Purchase price/Appraisals</li> <li>■ Title/Escrow fees</li> <li>■ Surveying/Improvements</li> </ul>
Indirect/Overhead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Costs shall not exceed 10% of grant total and of each submitted reimbursement payment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Administrative overhead</li> </ul>
Restoration/Rehabilitation Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All required materials for restoration/rehabilitation work</li> <li>■ Includes removal and disposal of exotic/invasive species</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Planting/Soil improvements</li> <li>■ Irrigation systems (temporary or permanent, as applicable)</li> </ul>
Environmentally Aimed BMP Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Components to storm water management projects that include habitat supporting measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Filtration systems</li> <li>■ Erosion control materials</li> </ul>
Education Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All fixed materials that serve interpretive or educational purposes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Signs/Interpretive aids/Kiosks</li> </ul>
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Other Project-related costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Communications expenses</li> <li>■ Construction insurance</li> <li>■ Signs/Interpretive aids</li> <li>■ Transportation costs</li> </ul>

## 6.5 Ineligible Costs

The following is a non-exclusive list of ineligible project costs:

<b>Costs</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Examples</b>
Operations and Maintenance Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costs necessary for the short or long term operation and maintenance of property or facilities once the property has been acquired or the facility or area has been restored, rehabilitated, or developed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel or employee services</li> <li>Equipment, supplies</li> </ul>
Non-fixed Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment that is not permanently fixed to the project facility or used for construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer equipment (hardware and software)</li> <li>Portable equipment</li> </ul>
Playground Equipment or Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active recreation equipment costs are ineligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swingsets, skateparks, pools, ball field apparatus, basketball courts</li> </ul>
Mitigation Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costs associated with exclusively fulfilling mitigation requirements for this or other projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land acquisition, development, restoration or rehabilitation for mitigation for this or other projects</li> </ul>
Ceremonial or Publicity Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds may not be used for ceremonies, parties, or other publicity expenses (except for required signage)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food and beverages</li> <li>Facility rental</li> </ul>
Ineligible Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel costs not directly associated with the project</li> <li>Travel claimed when no work time was claimed for the same period</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel expenses</li> </ul>
Lobbying/Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costs associated with grant application preparation, for this grant or for others associated with this or any other project</li> <li>Costs associated with lobbying legislature or other bodies for funds for this or any other project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff time</li> <li>Lobbyist fees</li> <li>Travel expenses</li> </ul>
Contract Cost Overruns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unapproved contract costs overruns exceeding the allowable amount as per contract budget specifications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unapproved costs</li> </ul>

Questions associated with eligible or ineligible costs should be directed to the Grant Program Administrative Contact **prior to** submittal of application or budget. The RMC highly recommends grantees to review and follow the most recent publication of [OMB Circular A-87 Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Government](#) for identifying direct and indirect costs eligible for grant reimbursement.

## 6.6 Changes to Project Scope

A Grantee wishing to change the scope of an approved project shall submit the proposed change in writing to RMC for approval. Any change must be consistent with the authorizing legislation and *Common Ground and Phase II Final Report*.

## 6.7 Time Extensions

The Grantee is expected to complete the project according to the time identified in their project timeline. However each contract will have a project performance period of two years to allow for unexpected events. An extension beyond the two-year performance period, or beyond Spring 2023, is unlikely. In no case shall a grant be extended past the last date for expenditure of bond funds.

## 6.8 Payments of Grant Funds

- Disbursements of grant funds will be made incrementally, as separate components of the Project are satisfactorily completed.
- Payments shall be on the basis of costs incurred, less ten percent (10%) to be withheld from all invoiced amounts.
- Requests for reimbursement are preferred on a quarterly basis. Requests must include documentation that demonstrates that costs have been incurred and an itemized description of all work done for which reimbursement is requested. Payment requests should clearly identify the specific elements of the work plan to which they pertain, such as an updated budget and tasklist.
- Any requests for indirect costs must include the methodology and justification for the indirect costs. Payment requests may be reduced or denied if these costs are not sufficiently supported. Indirect costs should already be listed as a task/line item in the grant's approved budget.
- Grantees should allow four to six weeks to receive payment after submitting a complete payment request package.
- Any request that is submitted without supporting documents will not be approved for payment.

## 6.9 Advance Payment Requests

- ***As a general rule, advance payments for Project costs are not allowed.*** RMC, at its sole discretion, may honor advance payment requests, if warranted by a documented compelling and immediate need.
- If an advance payment is requested, the Grantee will complete a Payment Request Form accompanied by a written request for advance payment and an itemized schedule of all cost estimates for services, equipment and supplies (plus supporting documentation) to support the immediate need of the requested advanced amount.
- If any advance payments are received from the RMC, they must be deposited into a sole and separate account from other grantee funds. Any interest earned on advances shall be spent on eligible Project costs subject to prior approval by RMC. Unless spent on approved costs, the grant Agreement shall be reduced by the amount of the interest earned.
- Advanced funds must be fully expended within thirty (30) days of the date on the warrant. A Payment Request Form (with "Advance Reconciliation" selected) must be completed and submitted to the RMC within sixty (60) days from the date on the warrant. If the advanced funds were not fully expended within the allotted thirty (30) days, grantees must return the balance of the advanced funds plus any accrued interest with the Payment Request Form.

With the exception of Acquisition Projects, though grantees may submit several requests for advanced funds throughout the life of the grant, the maximum total aggregated amount of advanced funds cannot exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total grant amount.

- For Acquisition Projects, advances are made after the property is in escrow. Immediately upon receipt, such advances shall be placed into escrow.

## 6.10 Final Payment Request

The funds withheld from Project payments are referred to as the Final Payment Request. The Project Completion procedures **are specified in the Grant Agreement.**

## 6.11 Site Visits

The Grantee shall permit and arrange periodic site visits including a final inspection by RMC to determine if the work performed is in accordance with the approved Project Scope.

## 6.12 Loss of Funding

The following actions may result in a loss of part or all of the funding allocation to the Grantee:

A Grantee fails to return a signed agreement with the RMC within 60 days of receipt of the grant agreement.

A Grantee withdraws from the Program.

A Grantee fails to complete all funded Projects and/or fails to submit all documentation no later than three years from grant award unless otherwise approved for extension by the RMC.

## 6.13 Land Acquisition Instructions

**Estimated fair market value of land and improvements**—Under the terms of the grant Program, RMC and the State Department of General Services must approve the appraised fair market value of the Acquisition. State participation in projects is limited to value approved by DGS.

**Willing Seller**—Provide evidence that landowner(s) are willing participant in any proposed real property transactions. RMC does not have authority of eminent domain and grant funds can not be used for that application.

**Relocation Costs**—Attach additional pages as needed. Provide a parcel-by-parcel analysis of the extent of the relocation assistance required by the State Relocation Act requirements, (Chapter 16, Section 7260, Government Code). Include at a minimum:

- The number of persons/businesses displaced
- The types of displaced entities (families, small retail businesses, large wholesale or manufacturing enterprises, farms, churches, hospitals, etc.)
- The Tenure (month-to-month rent, long-term lease, or fee title) of the displaced entities
- Any special problems inherent in relocating the displaced entities (lack of adequate replacement housing, large inventory of merchandise to be moved, or unique quality of the enterprise difficult to duplicate at any other location)

**Contingency**—Cannot be used to increase the fair market value appraisal.

**Attach:**

- Annotated Assessor's Plat showing proposed Acquisition and approximate location of Project improvements that will affect the Project; if a creek or other drainage way crosses the property, sketch its approximate location
- Written description of parcel from the recorded deed on file in Assessor's office
- Copies of any easements, mineral rights, or other conditions that may affect the proposed parcel on file in Assessor's Office
- USGS 1:24,000 scale Quad map with the parcel clearly marked on it

## 6.14 Land Tenure Requirements

Applicants must certify to RMC that they have adequate control of, and Tenure to, properties to be improved under this program. Adequate controls include, but are not limited to ownership, lease, easement, joint-powers agreement, or other long-term interest in the property, or have a satisfactory Agreement with the legal owner/administering agency. RMC recognizes that specific activities may change over time; however, the property must remain available for compatible public use.

The Grantee and/or landowner shall:

1. Maintain and operate the property funded under this program for a period of:
  - At least 20 years for grants up to \$1 Million
  - At least 25 years for grants over \$1 Million
  - For urban stream restoration projects, alternate maintenance and operation periods may be negotiated, as appropriate for individual projects
2. Use the property only for the purpose for which the Grant was made and to make no other use or sale or other disposition of the property. With the approval of RMC, the Grantee or the Grantee's successor may transfer the responsibility to maintain and operate the property in accordance with this section. A lease or other short-term agreement cannot be revocable at will by the lessor.
3. The Grantee shall not use or allow the use of any portion of the real property for mitigation (i.e. to compensate for adverse changes to the environment elsewhere).

## 6.15 Accounting Requirements

Grantees shall maintain an accounting system that does all of the following:

- Accurately reflects fiscal transactions, with the necessary controls and safeguards
- Follows generally accepted accounting principles.
- Provides good audit trails, especially the source documents (purchase orders, receipts, progress payments, invoices, time cards, cancelled warrants, warrant numbers, etc.)
- Provides accounting data so the total cost of each individual Project can be readily determined
- Grantees are recommended to have a record retention policy that includes the record retention of bond funded projects and their respective expenditures. These types of expenditures should be retained for the life of the bond (generally 25-30 years).

## 6.16 Audit

Projects are subject to audit by the State for three years following the most recent payment including the final payment of grant funds. The purpose of the audit is to verify that project expenditures were

made in accordance of the respective bond act(s), RMC grant guidelines, and that expenditures were properly documented.

If your project is selected for audit, you will be contacted at least 30 days in advance. The audit will include all books, papers, accounts, documents, or other records of the Grantee, as they related to the project for which RMC funds were granted. The Grantee shall have the Project records, including the source documents and cancelled warrants, readily available to the State. The Grantee must also provide an employee having knowledge of the Project and the accounting procedure or system to assist the State's auditor. The Grantee shall provide a copy of any document, paper, record, or the like requested by the State.

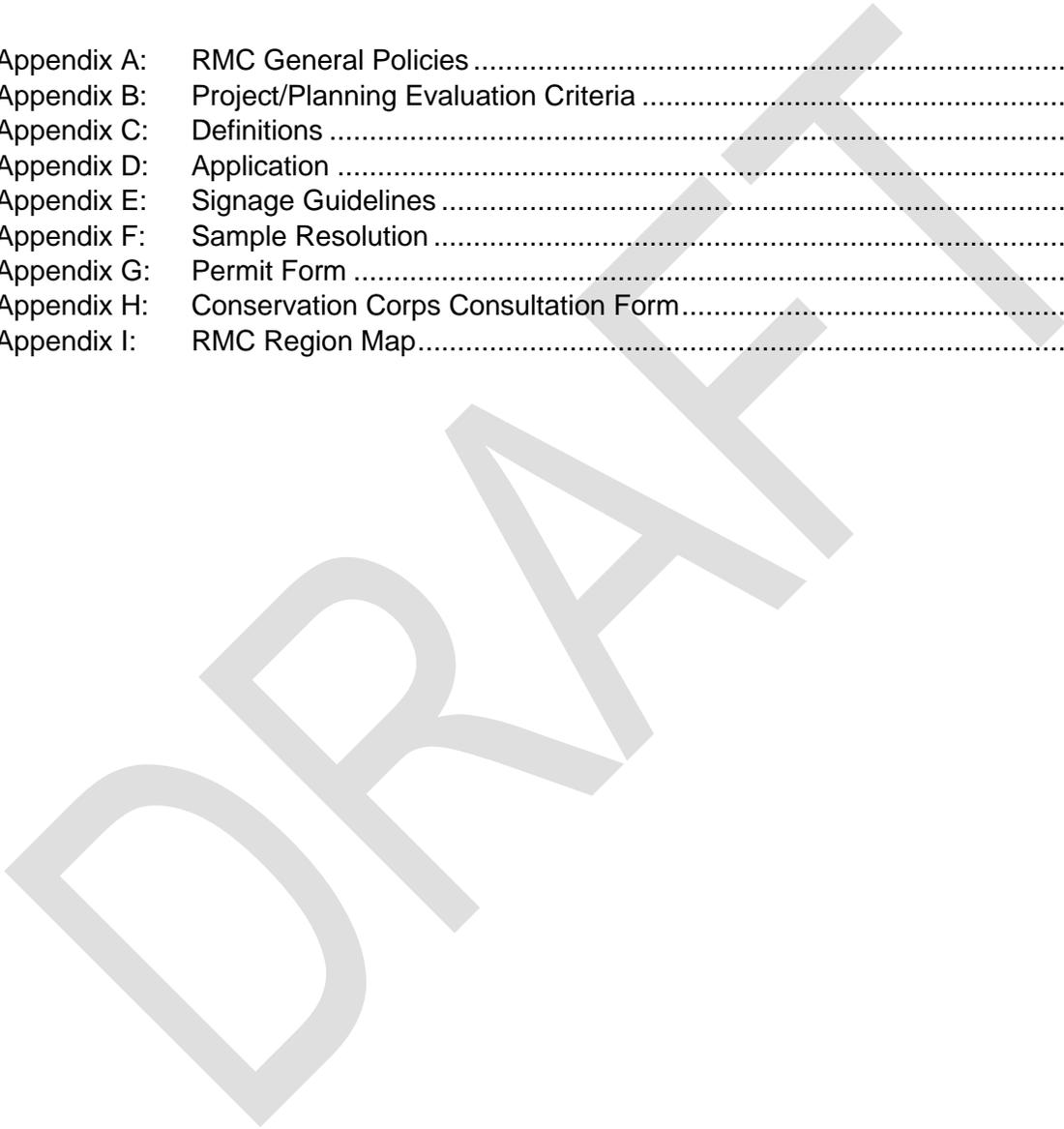
All Project records must be retained for at least five years following an audit or final disputed audit findings.

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## Appendix A: RMC General Policies

### A. Guiding Principles

The overall policy guidelines for the RMC are found in two primary references: the statute which created the RMC, Public Resources Code Section 32600, and *Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea*, the watershed and open space plan for the *Los Angeles and San Gabriel River watersheds* which was adopted by the RMC and further identifies the policies of the agency. Both documents can be found at: <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/>.

Further, the RMC requires that all proposed projects, as applicable, follow the guidelines and principles identified in the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, Los Angeles River Master Plan, San Gabriel River Master Plan, the Watershed Plans for the Rio Hondo, Coyote Creek, Compton Creek, and Upper San Gabriel River (if available). Consistency with these policies is an essential element of the grant agreement required for execution by all successful project applicants.

Further, RMC is committed to promoting projects which meet multiple objectives such as, providing water quality protection through storm water best management practices on urban land which creates new open space with passive recreation elements and educational/interpretive elements. The RMC further promotes project partnerships which increase stakeholder involvement and commitment, and projects that bundle multiple funding sources which increase project resources.

Data-based Geographic Information System (GIS) decision support tools are available to help applicants evaluate projects to ensure that they meet RMC funding criteria, prioritizations, and policy objectives and will be used by RMC staff to evaluate and validate information submitted on some projects. Pertinent data on regional analysis can be found on an [interactive map](#) on the RMC website. The Trust for Public Land's Climate Smart Cities' Los Angeles mapping portal provides a robust decision support tool that provides reports down to the parcel level (requires users to create a login in order to use)—[https://web.tplgis.org/csc\\_losangeles/](https://web.tplgis.org/csc_losangeles/). Additional tools include State Parks' [Community FactFinder](#) and Department of Water Resources' (DWR) [DAC Mapping Tool](#).

### B. RMC's Three Program Areas

**Urban Land:** Land within the developed, urban core of the RMC Region that does not fall directly within the other two categories of River/Tributary Parkways and Mountains, Hills and Foothills. **It is the primary intent of this program to create new accessible urban passive open space and recreational opportunities.**

**River/Tributary Parkways:** Land falling within one-quarter mile on either side of the centerline of a river or tributary within the RMC Region, but not within a Mountains, Hills, and Foothills or Urban Land area. **The primary intent of this program is to provide for a revitalized accessible river parkway along the main stems of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and their tributaries, increase riparian corridors, and provide enhanced recreational opportunities.**

**Mountains, Hills, and Foothills:** Land lying within the area of a named system of mountains, hills, and foothills. More specifically, land lying within the geographic area of the San Gabriel Mountains, the San Jose, San Rafael, Montebello (Repetto), Puente, Chino, Coyote, or Signal Hills, the San Gabriel foothills, and within the Region of the RMC and NOT within the Urban Lands or

River/Tributary Parkways area. **The primary intent of this program is watershed, habitat, and wildlife corridor protection, trails and public access as appropriate to the site.**

## C. Project Criteria

RMC requires that all proposed projects, as applicable, meet the following criteria. Criteria which are applicable to the project must be described adequately in the Project Development Plan.

### 1. ACCESS VALUE

The RMC considers access to parks, open space, trails, bikeway, natural areas and low impact recreation for all persons within a ¼ or 10 minute walk from their homes to be a primary objective in our programs. Further, access to all members of our communities must be consistent with the physical and/or cultural needs within all our communities.

**Projects will be designed with accessible park staging areas and trails** meeting the minimum guidelines established by the U.S. Access Board. The Access Board is the Federal agency responsible for creating guidelines and standards for accessible environments (<http://www.access-board.gov/news/outdoor-nprm.htm>). The minimum requirements found in the Outdoor Developed Areas Final Report are based on the following principles:

- A) Protect resource and environment
- B) Preserve experience
- C) Provide for equality of opportunity
- D) Maximize accessibility
- E) Be reasonable
- F) Address safety
- G) Be clear, simple, and understandable
- H) Provide guidance
- I) Be enforceable and measurable
- J) Be consistent with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) as much as possible
- K) Be based on independent use by persons with disabilities.

The RMC is committed to providing **bike, hiking and equestrian** trails, improving access to trails and adding trails within its Region.

1. All trails will be designed for multiple uses as appropriate to the site and community.
2. When planning a trail, the guiding principles in “Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind” available on the RMC website ([www.rmc.ca.gov](http://www.rmc.ca.gov)) must be utilized in the trail design.
3. A useful resource for trail design and management is “*Trails for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Planning, Design and Management Manual for Multi-Use Trails*” (Flink et al: 2001). This resource has useful information on sustainable design and construction as well as wildlife concerns in design and management of trails.

### 2. URBAN LAND VALUE

“Green” infrastructure, particularly in urban areas, provides much needed opportunities for recreation and community areas for residents to enjoy nature. RMC is committed to working with public and private partners to create new parks, open space, and trails in areas with the greatest need. Many urban areas lack adequate parkland to meet the needs of community residents, especially youth and low-income residents. RMC is working with our partners to facilitate increased opportunities for parks

through a variety of strategies that include joint-use agreements, land acquisition, development of existing public land, and restoration of negatively impacted sites.

The RMC is committed to improving the quality of life for the communities in which we work. Low impact recreational opportunities in parks, open space, and trails enhance the overall health and well-being – critical to personal quality of life. Recreational opportunities facilitate social interactions, as well as improve moods, reduce stress and enhance a sense of **physical and mental** wellness. RMC projects will create areas that allow for communities to engage in low impact physical activity.

### **3. WATER RESOURCES AND QUALITY VALUE**

The RMC encourages projects which provide for water conservation, groundwater recharge, improve stormwater quality, drinking water quality, and flood management using natural and non-structural systems.

1. Site grading, bio swales, and/or porous materials will be used to retain storm water on site to the maximum extent feasible, consistent with the Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Program adopted by the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board.
2. Porous materials and/or recycled paving materials will be used instead of impervious paving materials for projects requiring pavement (i.e., parking lots, trails, etc.) unless prohibited by local building codes.
3. Storm water best management practices (BMPs) must be utilized on the project site. In areas where grading, vegetation clearing, or planting is planned, BMPs must be utilized to control excessive erosion while vegetation becomes established.
4. Any irrigation installed on the project site must be a water efficient irrigation system. In projects where turf is planned, both a rain sensor and a soil moisture meter are required to ensure water efficient irrigation practices. A rain sensor will halt irrigation on days it is raining, eliminating excessive water runoff. A soil moisture meter will automatically shut off irrigation when the root zone of the turf becomes saturated, preventing excessive irrigation runoff. Projects should try to utilize recycled water.
5. All projects funded by the RMC must be consistent with applicable water supply, water quality and flood control policies and conform to the requirements of [Public Resources Code Section 32621](#).
6. Projects that include open water should include design elements and maintenance schedules that inhibit mosquito breeding and reduce the need for vector control.

### **4. HABITAT (Creation, Enhancement, Preservation, and Restoration) VALUE**

RMC's habitat goals are to create, enhance, preserve, protect, and restore important terrestrial, avian, and aquatic habitats in the watersheds and to preserve or establish habitat linkages and/or corridors.

1. The benefits for native habitat diversity, species biodiversity, and target species richness must be addressed if the creation of new natural habitat (that did not formerly exist on site) is within the scope of the project.
2. The benefits for native habitat diversity, species biodiversity, and target species richness must be addressed if the enhancement of existing natural habitat is within the scope of the project.
3. The benefits for native habitat diversity, species biodiversity, and target species richness must be addressed if the preservation of existing natural habitat is within the scope of the project.

4. The potential for a project to result in habitat alterations or other similar disturbances must be considered and addressed. If the project negatively impacts existing habitat as part of the enhancement or restoration, a strategy to mitigate adverse impacts and for quantifying the success of the mitigation must be identified. All necessary permits must be obtained for projects that include major habitat modifications.
5. A minimum of 75% of the landscaping will be comprised of locally native plant species included in the RMC adopted plant palette. To maintain and support the integrity of local genetic biodiversity, plants shall be propagated from appropriate local sources consistent with Objective C-1 of the Los Angeles River Master Plan Landscape Guidelines, or the San Gabriel River Watershed Plant List, as it becomes available. Projects located in natural areas are required to use native plant species appropriate to that region. Referenced guidelines and plant lists adopted by RMC are located at: <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/>.
6. Plant materials shall exclude the use of invasive exotic plant species, as listed in the document “*California Invasive Plants Inventory*” published by the California Invasive Plant Council. For more information refer to the planning palette section of: <http://www.cal-ipc.org/ip/inventory/index.php>. Furthermore, any invasive exotic plant species that currently exist on the project site must be removed as part of the landscaping plan (phased removal is acceptable).
7. Facilities shall have infrastructure that facilitates and promotes the use of environmentally sound transportation to and from the site (bike racks, etc.). Parking facilities should be designed to limit environmental impacts.

RMC is committed to addressing global climate change and sustainable practices through the creation of new parks, open space, and trails, promotion of water conservation and recycling, use of sustainable materials, enhancing multi-use transit opportunities, and developing partnerships to reduce the carbon footprint of communities.

## 5. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

People who live in disadvantaged communities face health disparities due to poor air quality, exposure to harmful pollution, and lack of public amenities and services. The RMC is committed to immediate investment in such areas to mitigate the disproportionate negative impacts felt in low-income and high polluted areas. In addition to the required investment in defined disadvantaged communities, applicants are encouraged to submit projects that are identified as high or very high need in the Los Angeles County Park Needs Assessment or are located in or adjacent to a disadvantaged community as defined by [CalEnviroScreen 3.0 tool](#).

Applicants are also encouraged to describe non-climate related co-benefits, such as job creation, youth employment and job training, recreation, public health benefits, or programs that engage local communities through outreach, education, and interpretation, particularly as it relates to long-term stewardship and climate change awareness.

## 6. MATCHING FUNDS

The RMC does not require matching funds; however, it is important to recognize the efforts of local communities to secure other funding, therefore special consideration will be given to projects which identify substantive matching funds for otherwise competitive project proposals. Projects that have low overhead costs will also be more competitive.

## 7. READINESS

To the extent practicable, priority for funding pursuant to this division will be given to local parks projects that have obtained all required permits, entitlements, and environmental analysis, if required.

## 8. STAKEHOLDERS/PARTNERS RESOURCE VALUE

The RMC is committed to projects that are well designed and appropriately used by the community once completed. The stakeholder process is a critical element to all successful projects. Each project will identify and include a plan to involve stakeholders/partners in their project. Stakeholders/Partners on a project are those that can give strategic and expert information to ensure the project is successful. These groups may include, but are not limited to; the surrounding community, agencies with jurisdiction over the project, non-profit organizations in the community, and other staff/departments of the project applicant's organization. Community meetings should be presented in a language that is reflective of the community and further, these meeting should be held at times when the target audience is likely to attend.

The RMC encourages partnerships with State or local youth employment programs (e.g., California Conservation Corps, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Conservation Corps of Long Beach and/or similar youth employment programs).

1. Each project will include stakeholder communication and participation in the development, design, and construction of a project, where appropriate.
2. The project will include active stakeholder participation during all phases. Some examples of stakeholder participation are:
  - A) Focus groups: a specific small group of the community with expertise, knowledge or that will be affected by the project.
  - B) Community meetings: a series of meetings where a large portion of the community surrounding or influenced by the project, as well as agencies, non-profits, school personnel, etc., are invited to be informed and updated then asked to give input to the project.
  - C) Technical groups/committees: a series of meetings where government agencies, experts, academics (appropriate to the project) are asked to give expert advice on a project.

The RMC is committed to protecting sites that include archaeological, cultural or historical resources. If a project will result in adverse impacts to any such resources, the project scope will include appropriate measures to mitigate adverse impacts.

Educational and Interpretive elements allow the project to communicate its place in the watershed, and potentially provide the community with tools to understand the watershed and appropriate behaviors within the watershed.

1. Any educational/interpretive and/or informational elements and signage must be included in all development projects and must be consistent with applicable plans, i.e., the Los Angeles River Master Plan and San Gabriel River Corridor Master Plan, the Signage Guidelines.
2. All signage will be accessible to most users.
3. All signage will be culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community of users.
4. The educational/interpretive message will include natural history, cultural history, and watershed stewardship.
5. The planning and design for the project will include active stakeholder participation.

There will be measurable goals with regard to public education in any educational element

## **9. STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PLAN VALUE**

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

1. Each project will have active stakeholder participation in the long-term management of the facility/site.
2. A post-restoration habitat maintenance plan must accompany habitat restoration plans.
3. Committed involvement by qualified community groups in future habitat stewardship is highly encouraged.
4. Applicant has organizational capacity and experience maintaining and operating projects of similar size and scope.

## Appendix B: Evaluation Criteria

Staff will deem a grant application complete when it has passed the initial selection process. Staff will submit completed grant applications to the Grant Selection Committee for evaluation and scoring by utilizing the evaluation criteria set forth below. Applications achieving an average score of 70 percent or higher will be more likely to qualify for recommendation of grant funds to the RMC Board. RMC has established two evaluation criterions, one for implementation projects and one for planning, technical assistance, and acquisition projects.

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#### Project Implementation Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Rivers & Tributaries	Urban Land	Mountains & Foothills	Lower LA River Prop 1
<b>1.0 Access Value</b>				
1.1. Project is identified in an Open Space, Park, or Watershed-Improvement Plan, such as: urban greening plan, river revitalization plan, watershed management plan, active transportation plan, etc. <b>--OR--</b>	5	5	5	5
1.2. Project includes improvements to a non-motorized trail system or improves connections to an existing trail, community facility, recreation area, or school.				1
1.3. Project includes directional signage program that enhances public access.	1	1	1	1
1.4. Project is within ¼ mile or 10 minutes walking distance of a residential area.	1	2	1	1
1.5. Project is within ¼ mile or 10 minutes walking distance of a major public transportation hub (e.g. high-use or regional bus stop and/or transit station) or Class I Trail or Class II Bike Lane.	2	2	1	2
1.6. Project would accommodate a new trail into an inaccessible area.	2	2	2	2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>2.0 Urban Land Value</b>				
2.1. 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 or recycling of materials and resources, and 5) Carbon sequestration	5	5	5	5
2.2. Project contributes to the removal of a nuisance or contaminated property/use from the community.	1	3	0	1

2.3 Project contributes to an existing or new park, natural area, or greenway in an urbanized area.	3	3	1	3
2.4 Project involves joint-use of a site (e.g. a school yard, is a public park during off-school hours).	1	2	1	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>

### 3.0 Water Sustainability/Water Quality/Water Infrastructure

3.1. Project provides a new opportunity for substantial water conservation and/or water quality improvements.	3	3	4	4
3.2. Project maintains and improves flood protection through natural and non-structural systems and ecosystem restoration and/or includes treatment of water runoff	3	3	4	3
3.3. Project promotes and implements the California Water Action Plan objectives which include: more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure.	2	1	3	2
3.4. Establish riverfront greenways to cleanse water, hold floodwaters and extend open space.	2	1	1	2
3.5. Project utilizes recycled water (e.g. greywater or purple pipes project).	1	1	0	1
3.6. Project is part of or consistent with Watershed Management Plans (WMPs), Enhanced Watershed Management Plans (EWMPs), and/or Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plans within the Greater LA County region.	2	2	1	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

### 4.0 Habitat and Restoration Resource Values

4.1. 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> –				
4.2. 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	6	3
4.3. Project preserves and/or enhances existing natural habitat and protects native flora and fauna biodiversity.				
4.4. Project maintains a more than a 75% native plant palette or substantial in-stream or native riparian habitat.	2	2	2	2
4.5. Project supports restoration of river parkways as defined by the California River Parkways Act of 2004, Section 79732 (a)(3). Project must involve natural creeks, streams, and/or rivers, and includes recreation, habitat, flood management, parkway conversion, conservation, and/or interpretive education elements.	2	1	3	2

4.6. Project supports resiliency and adaptation to climate change and compliant with Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, (AB 32). Activities could include land protection, urban forestry, wildfire mitigation, and restoration of wetlands, woodlands, riparian areas, and/or seagrass.	3	2	5	2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>

### 5.0 Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities

5.1. Cal-Enviro Screen standards- <a href="https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30">https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30</a> Up to 10 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 3.0 score of 61% -70% ; 7 points = CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score of 71% -80% ; 10 points = CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score of 81% or higher	10	10	10	10
5.2. *Project creates a sense of community through educational outreach, community activities, and programs.	1	1	1	1
5.3. 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 2016.	2	2	2	2
5.4. Project will serve a park poor community defined as having less than 2 acres/0.8 hectares of open space per 1,000 residents—see <a href="http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities">http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities</a> .	2	2	1	2
5.5. Project creates new park space or improvements to an existing park space in a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC) or serves a SDAC defined as a census tract with a population that has less than 80% of the state's annual median income, see <a href="https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/">https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/</a>	5	5	5	3
5.6. Project design and/or location provides relief from the negative impacts of urban density such as incompatible land uses, industrial impacts, or effects of a nearby freeway.	2	2	1	2
5.7. Project conforms to the RMC Environmental Justice Policy per Section 2.4 (e.g. community driven empowerment, ID of incompatible land uses, and green infrastructure promoting open space and trails).	3	3	3	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>

### 6.0 Matching Funds

6.1. 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	7
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6.2. 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	5
6.3. Contribution of matching funds will count towards completion of the entire project being submitted for funding	3	3	3	3
6.4. Projects has low or no overhead costs	2	2	2	2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>

**7.0 Readiness**

7.1. Project has completed CEQA/NEPA requirements or are advanced in the environmental analysis and review process.	2	2	2	2
7.2. Project has received permit approvals (Fed, State, Local). --OR-- For Acquisitions, completed Due Diligence, such as Title Report, Willing Seller Letter, and Appraisal.	3	3	3	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

**8.0 Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value**

8.1. 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, agency, or non-profit organization.	3	3	3	3
8.2. 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. At least 3 letters must be submitted for points (letters from government agencies receive less credit).	3	3	3	3
8.3. 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).	3	3	3	3
8.4. Educational/Interpretive and/or informational elements are included.	1	1	1	1
8.5. *Signage or educational/interpretive message includes the natural history, cultural history, and watershed stewardship, and/or that promote physical activity and "healthy living" practices such as mileage markers, walking trails and other physical activities (not included in criteria).	1	1	1	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>

**9.0 Stewardship and Management Plan Value**

9.1. Project will be managed in such a manner as to provide maximum long term habitat protection and has an established long-term maintenance plan (at least 20-25 years) as evidenced by an adopted guidelines or agreement, such as with a non-profit.	3	3	3	3
9.2. 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	1
9.3. Applicant has organizational capacity and experience maintaining and operating projects of similar size and scope (e.g. 5+ years of experience or recent successes).	2	2	2	2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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### Project Planning/Technical Assistance/Acq. Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Rivers & Tributaries	Urban Land	Mountains & Foothills	Lower LA River Prop 1
<b>1.0 Access Value</b>				
1.1. Project is identified in an Open Space, Park, or Watershed-improvement Plan, such as: urban greening plan, river revitalization plan, watershed management plan. active transportation plan, etc. <b>--OR--</b>	6	6	6	5
1.2. Project includes improvements to a pedestrian, equestrian and/or bicycle connection to an existing trail, trail system, community facility, recreation area or school.				2
1.3. Project is within ¼ mile or 10 minutes walking distance of a residential area.	1	2	1	1
1.4. Project is within ¼ mile or 10 minutes walking distance of a major public transportation hub (e.g. high-use or regional bus stop and/or transit station) or Class I Trail or Class II Bike Lane.	2	2	1	2
1.5. Project would accommodate a new trail into an inaccessible area.	2	2	2	2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>

#### 2.0 Urban Land Value

2.1. 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 or recycling of materials and resources, and 5) Carbon sequestration	5	5	5	5
2.2 Project contributes to the removal of a nuisance or contaminated property/use from the community.	1	3	0	1
2.3 Project contributes to an existing or new park, natural area, or greenway in an urbanized area.	3	3	1	2
2.4 Project involves joint-use of a site (e.g. a school yard, is a public park during off-school hours).	1	2	1	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>

### 3.0 Water Sustainability/Water Quality/Water Infrastructure

3.1. Project provides a new opportunity for substantial water conservation and/or water quality improvements.	3	3	5	4
3.2. Project maintains and improves flood protection through natural and non-structural systems and ecosystem restoration and/or includes treatment of water runoff	3	2	3	3
3.3. Project promotes and implements the California Water Action Plan objectives which include: more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure.	2	2	3	2
3.4. Establish riverfront greenways to cleanse water, hold floodwaters and extend open space.	2	1	1	2
3.5. Project will utilize recycled water (e.g. greywater or purple pipes project).	1	1	0	1
3.6. Project is part of or consistent with Watershed Management Plans (WMPs), Enhanced Watershed Management Plans (EWMPs), and/or Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plans within the Greater LA County region.	2	2	1	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

### 4.0 Habitat and Restoration Resource Values

4.1. 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> –				
4.2. Project preserves threatened natural habitat and protects native floral and faunal biodiversity that may be lost to a planned development. – <b>OR</b> –	5	3	8	4
4.3. Project preserves and/or enhances existing natural habitat and protects native flora and fauna biodiversity.				

4.4. Project supports restoration of river parkways as defined by the California River Parkways Act of 2004, Section 79732 (a)(3). Project must involve natural creeks, streams, and/or rivers, and includes recreation, habitat, flood management, parkway conversion, conservation, and/or interpretive education elements.	2	1	3	2
4.5. Project supports resiliency and adaptation to climate change and compliant with Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, (AB 32). Activities could include land protection, urban forestry, wildfire mitigation, and restoration of wetlands, woodlands, riparian areas, and/or seagrass.	5	5	8	4
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>5.0 Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities</b>				
5.1. Cal-Enviro Screen standards- <a href="https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30">https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30</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 3.0 score of 61% -70% ; 10 points = CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score of 71% -80% ; 15 points = CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score of 81% or higher	15	15	15	15
5.2. 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 2016.	3	3	3	3
5.3. Project will serve a park poor community defined as having less than 2 acres/0.8 hectares of open space per 1,000 residents—see <a href="http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities">http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities</a> .	2	2	1	2
5.4. Project creates new park space or improvements to an existing park space in a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC) or serves a SDAC defined as a census tract with a population that has less than 80% of the state's annual median income, see <a href="https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/">https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/</a>	7	7	5	7
5.5. Project design and/or location provides relief from the negative impacts of urban density such as incompatible land uses, industrial impacts, or effects of a nearby freeway.	2	3	1	2
5.6. Project conforms to the RMC Environmental Justice Policy per Section 2.4 (e.g. community driven empowerment, ID of incompatible land uses, and green infrastructure promoting open space and trails).	3	3	3	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>

**6.0 Matching Funds**

6.1. 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	7
6.2. 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	5
6.3. Contribution of matching funds will count towards completion of the entire project being submitted for funding	3	3	3	3
6.4. Projects has low or no overhead costs	2	2	2	2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>

**7.0 Stakeholders/Partners Resource Value**

7.1. 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, agency, or non-profit organization.	5	5	6	5
7.2. 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. At least 3 letters must be submitted for points (letters from government agencies receive less credit).	3	3	3	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>

**8.0 Capacity**

8.1. Applicant has organizational capacity and experience maintaining and operating projects of similar size and scope (e.g. 5+ years of experience or recent successes).	5	5	5	5
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

*\*Criterion that are marked with an asterisk are not eligible for funding, however these elements will contribute to an applicant's overall score. Applicants must demonstrate that supplemental funding is available for non-eligible costs.*

## Appendix C: Definitions

"**Acquisition**" means to obtain from a willing seller fee interest or any other interest, including easements and development rights, in real property.

"**Allocation**" means a distribution of funds or an expenditure limit established for a Grantee for one or more projects.

"**Applicant**" means the local, state, or federal agency, nonprofit organization, or Federally Recognized California Indian Tribe, requesting funding from a program administered by RMC.

"**Application**" means the individual Application Form and its required attachments and supporting documentation for grants pursuant to the enabling legislation and/or program.

"**Appraisal**" means a written statement independently and impartially prepared by a qualified appraiser setting forth an opinion of defined value of an adequately described property as of a specific date, supported by the presentation and analysis of relevant market information.

"**Appropriation**" means a budget authorization from a specific fund to a specific agency/or program to make expenditures or incur obligations for a specific purpose and/or period of time.

"**California Indian Tribe**" means any California Indian tribe, band, nation, consortia, or other organized group or community.

"**CEQA**" means the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.; Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000, et seq. (For more information, please see <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/more/faq.html>) Applicants must assess the possible environmental consequences of projects, which they propose to undertake.

"**Competitive**" means the allocation of moneys for one or more projects for the acquisition, development, or interpretation of recreational lands and facilities, and historical or archeological resources on a project-by-project basis, based upon stated criteria, through the competitive process.

"**Common Ground**" refers to the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan prepared by RMC and approved by a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, and by the Central Basin Water Association and the San Gabriel Valley Water Association.

"**Connectivity**" means continuity in open space enabling linkages between open space, and wildlife habitat areas and typically including trails and passive or active recreation nodes.

"**Contract**" means the agreement between the RMC, grantee, property owner, and/or mortgage lender, specifying the payment of funds for the performance of a project scope within the project performance period by the grantee.

"**Contractor**" means the prime person or firm that has been selected by the grantee to perform the project work.

"**Development**" means improvements to real property by construction of new facilities or rehabilitation, restoration, renovation or additions to existing sites, property, or facilities.

**“Disadvantaged community”** (DAC) has the meaning set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 79505.5, is a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income or a community with an annual per capita income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual per capita income (term may be amended). A Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool has been developed by Department of Water Resources to identify DACs for the purpose of Prop 1, please visit <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>

**"District"** means an agency of the state, formed pursuant to general law or special act, for the local performance of governmental or proprietary functions within limited boundaries, such as a regional park district, regional open space district, water district, conservation district, or flood control district.

**"Ecological Value"** means the project will support the relationships between living organisms and their environment.

**"Ecosystem"** means a balanced natural system of living organisms and their environment.

**"Enhancement"** means to modify current conditions and may be used to describe a project that would result in a natural resource, habitat, cultural or historic site, recreational area, or existing facility achieving a desired level of improvements while considering the protection of the natural environment. It is distinguishable from "restoration" in that it does not imply merely a return to historic natural conditions but may include the provision of recreation or other aspects that were not original features.

**"Environmental Education"** means programs and related facilities and processes that increase knowledge and awareness about the environment and help develop skills that enable responsible decisions and actions that impact the environment.

**"Environmental Justice"** is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people –regardless of race, ethnicity, and income or education level – in environmental decision-making. Environmental justice programs promote the protection of human health and the environment, empowerment via public participation, and the dissemination of relevant information to inform and educate affected communities.

**"Exotic species"** means any non-indigenous plant or animal species.

**"Federally Recognized California Indian Tribe"** means any California Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community certified by the Secretary of the Interior as eligible for special programs and services provided by the Secretary of the Interior.

**"Grantee"** means an Applicant who has a contract for grant funds.

**“Green Building”** means a building which is designed, constructed, and operated consistent with the rating system for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system developed by the US Green Building Council.

**"Habitat linkage"** means connections between otherwise isolated areas of habitat that may (1) provide for daily and seasonal movements of animals; (2) facilitate dispersal, gene flow, and rescue effects (for animals or plants); (3) allow for range shifts of species; and (4) maintain flows of ecological processes (e.g., fire, wind, sediments, water).

**“Habitat creation”** means the formation or increase of at least one of the following: terrestrial, avian, or aquatic habitats or creates new linkages or corridors.

**"Habitat preservation"** means keeping threatened natural habitat and protects native floral and faunal biodiversity that may be lost to a planned urban development.

**"Habitat restoration"** means to return the site's hydrology, topography and natural vegetative communities to historic predisturbance conditions so that the site provides food and shelter for wildlife, and performs natural processes including reducing the volume and velocity of runoff, and increasing the water infiltration rates.

**"Historical Resource"** includes, but is not limited to, any building, structure, site area, place, artifact, or collection of artifacts that is historically or archaeologically significant in the cultural annals of California.

**"Indirect Costs"** means expenses of doing business that are of a general nature and are incurred to benefit at least two or more functions within an organization. These costs are not usually identified specifically with a grant, contract, project, or activity, but are necessary for the general operation of the organization. Examples include salaries and benefits of employees not directly assigned to the project; functions such as personnel, accounting, and salaries of supervisors and managers; and overhead such as rent, utilities, supplies, etc.

**"In-Kind"** means applicant's land, materials and/or services provided as matching funds for a project in lieu of monetary type funding.

**"Instream flows"** means a specific streamflow, measured in cubic feet per second, at a particular location for a defined time, and typically follows seasonal variations.

**"Integrated regional water management plan"** (IRWMP) has the meaning set forth in Part 2.2 (commencing with Section 10530) of Division 6, as that part may be amended.

**"Interpretation"** means an intelligent and meaningful presentation and explanation of the significance and value of natural resources or historical or archeological resources.

**"Jurisdiction"** means the legal boundary of the grant Applicant, i.e. the city, county, or district.

**"Large or multi sub watershed project"** means a project intended to: 1) address water quality, habitat, or other watershed restoration issues identified in more than one watershed plan; 2) address more than one habitat issue identified by the Green Visions planning tools; 3) provide substantive water quality benefits to more than one designated impaired water body; or 4) provide open space or passive recreational benefits in a location that is regionally accessible.

**"Local Conservation Corps"** means the local division of the California Conservation Corps, a state administered organization for youth volunteers to protect and enhance California's environment and communities and provide assistance in emergencies.

**"Local Agencies"** means a city, county, or district entity formed for purposes pursuant to a joint powers agreement between two or more local entities that are eligible for Grant Programs administered by RMC.

**"Low Impact Recreation"** means any development, rehabilitation, or enhancement of resource-based facilities and the associated visitor activities that result in minimized impacts on natural areas and natural systems. Low impact activities are generally human powered and may include walking, picnicking, hiking, cycling, non-motorized boating or equestrian use, bird watching, fishing, star-gazing or photography; and organized events such as interpretive tours, nature walks or educational programs.

**"Management Plan"** means a plan that identifies responsibility for future management of a given area to preserve, protect, and enhance natural resource values, and where appropriate, provides for multiple objectives, and identifies funds for that management.

**"Match"** means funds or equivalent in-kind contributions in addition to RMC Grant Funds. Increased consideration will be given to projects that provide matching funds or equivalent in-kind contributions.

**"Medium sub watershed project"** means a project intended to: 1) address water quality, habitat, or other watershed restoration issues identified in an applicable watershed plan or by the Green Visions planning tools; 2) provide substantive water quality benefits to a designated impaired water body; or 3) provide open space or passive recreational benefits in a location that is generally accessible to multiple local communities.

**"Monitoring and Assessment"** means an assessment process to evaluate the success of the proposed action or improvement, and monitoring progress towards meeting project goals. The standards for monitoring each project approved for funding will be developed in concert with RMC.

**"Multi-jurisdictional"** projects that provide shared solutions for multiple communities, for example a community that lacks safe, affordable drinking water and is served by a small community water system, state small water system, or a private well when improved can service more than one community. Projects that create, preserve, restore open space that will benefit a regional Region. As another example, a watershed management plan update that serves an entire watershed.

**"Multiple Benefit"** means projects that involve more than one public benefit objective including habitat enhancement or protection, water quality improvement, historic resource protection or improvement, public access development, environmental education or any combination of such objectives.

**"Natural habitat"** means relatively undisturbed lands and vegetation communities that provide food and shelter for wildlife and also perform natural functions such as, reducing the volume and velocity of storm runoff, and enabling water infiltration.

**"NEPA"** means the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended Public Law 91-190, Title 42 United States Code Sections 4321-433347, January 1, 1970, as amended by Public Law 94-52, July 3, 1975, Public Law 94-83, August 9, 1975, and Public Law 97-258, Section 4 (b), September 13, 1982). NEPA requires federal agencies to assess the possible environmental consequences of projects, which they propose to undertake, fund or approve.

**"Nonprofit Organization"** means any private, nonprofit organization, existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and has among its principal charitable purposes the preservation or enhancement of land for scientific, historic, educational, recreational, scenic or open-space values, the protection of the natural environment, or the preservation and enhancement of fisheries and wildlife or their habitat.

**"Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work"** means the notice completed by the grantee and filed with the county recorder in the county where the property is located, upon completion and acceptance of any and all construction work related to a project.

**"Open Space"** means any area that can potentially serve as wildlife habitat, facilitate natural processes, or allow for public access for passive forms of recreation.

**"Plans"** means the detailed drawings or exact reproductions that show location, character, layout, dimensions, and details of the work to be constructed under the contract for a historical resource Project.

**"Planning"** means specific preparations necessary to execute eligible projects. Planning includes conceptual designs, pre-schematic work, such as initial architectural or engineering plans prepared during the preliminary project phase; schematic documents; technical consulting; construction design; CEQA/NEPA documentation; preparation of construction bidding documents; permits or appraisals. Planning costs are distinct from hard project costs of actual construction or land acquisition.

**"Project"** means the acquisition, development, (rehabilitation and restoration), or interpretation activities to be accomplished with grant funds.

**"Project Development Plan"** means the plan required by the RMC prior to grant award which describes how the project meets the RMC policies and criteria.

**"Project Manager"** means an employee of RMC, who acts as a liaison with Grantees and administers grants.

**"Project Management Plan"** means the overall plan used to describe how the completed project would be operated and maintained on a long term basis. This document could include habitat, landscape, park, and other facility/resource long term management plans.

**"Project Performance Period"** means the period of time that the grant funds are available, and the time in which the project must be completed, billed, and paid.

**"Project Scope"** means the description or activity of work to be accomplished on the project.

**"Property"** means the land, including all structures attached to such land, upon which the project is located.

**"Property Owner"** means the person or entity that holds the fee simple interest of the Property.

**"Public access"** refers to public access generally with full right of way from a public thoroughfare or public transportation. It could also mean the provision for visitor support facilities, including public parking, trails, bikeways, restrooms, picnic areas and campgrounds and other recreational facilities.

**"Restoration"** means the process of reproducing, re-establishing, or rehabilitating a natural area or a cultural or historical site or feature that has otherwise deteriorated so that it emulates the site's historic condition before degradation.

**"Riparian"** means locations and associated vegetative communities related to or on the banks of rivers, streams, wetlands, marshes or other fresh water bodies.

**"Scenic Value"** means any historic, open space or other natural resource features with significant visual aesthetic values.

**"Severely disadvantaged community"** has the meaning set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 116760.20 of the Health and Safety Code, as a community with a median household income of less than 60 percent of the statewide average. A Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool has been developed by Department of Water Resources to identify DACs for the purpose of Prop 1, please visit <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>

**“Significant”** **1:** having meaning; *especially* : <a *significant* glance>  
**2 a:** having or likely to have influence or effect : <a *significant* piece of legislation>; *also:* of a noticeably or measurably large amount <a *significant* number of layoffs> <producing *significant* profits> **b:** probably caused by something other than mere chance <statistically *significant* correlation between vitamin deficiency and disease>

**“Small or neighborhood project”** means a project intended to address site-specific, or neighborhood-scale, water quality or habitat issues, or that is intended to provide open space or passive recreational amenities intended for local community.

**“Small community water system”** means a community water system that serves no more than 3,300 service connections or a yearlong population of no more than 10,000 persons.

**“Specifications”** means all written directions, provisions, and requirements governing the methods and procedures to be followed in connection with bidding and awarding of contract and performance and execution of the work, the quantities and qualities of materials to be used, the method of measurement of the quantities of work, and the nature of the contractual relationships that will exist during the course of the work.

**“Stewardship”** means the development, implementation, and long-term management of important resources and typically involving the protection, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, improvement of natural systems and/or outstanding features, and historical and cultural resources.

**“Sustainable/Sustainability”** means the ability to meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same. Also, the goal of life, liberty, and social well-being within the means of nature.

**“Target Areas”** means one of the three priority areas within the RMC Region, which may include:

Urban Land: Census tracts within project service areas that meet the disadvantaged community criteria of more than 30% youth and less than 80% of the state’s average annual income.

Mountains, Hills, Foothills: Property acquisition that is necessary to maintain critical wildlife corridors and/or have at least 10 target species on site.

River/Tributary Corridors: Projects which include riparian habitat/wetland restoration and extend or enhance recreational trail corridors.

**“Threatened or Endangered Species”** means species listed as defined by the Federal Endangered Species Act passed in 1973.

**“Threatened Natural Habitats”** include any areas that contain natural habitat that will be destroyed or degraded by a proposed urban development plan which, at the least, has already been submitted to the governing jurisdiction or planning commission.

**“Tier”** means the category into which projects submitted for grant consideration will be placed, either Tier 1 or Tier 2.

**“Tier 1 projects”** are those projects ready for immediate implementation and meet the following criteria:

1. Acquisition/development projects that add NEW acreage for open space or develop NEW areas for recreational uses, and habitat creation/restoration projects that create NEW habitat opportunities, consistent with the planning targets in the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

2. For acquisition projects, compelling evidence of a willing seller (e.g., via a letter of intent or option)
3. For development or restoration projects, compelling evidence that land tenure and all necessary permits are secured
4. Verifiable evidence that the project has sufficient funding resources such that the RMC grant will complete the funding package and allow immediate project implementation

**“Tier 2 projects”** are all projects that do not meet the Tier 1 criteria.

**“Trailhead and Trailside Facilities”** include, but are not limited to parking, utilities, restrooms, benches, bridges, draining structures, fencing, and interpretive and informational signs, exhibit and brochure shelters and related facilities.

**“Urban Greening”** per the adopted guidelines by the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Master plans.

**“Watershed”** means a region or area bound peripherally by a divide or ridge, all of which drains to a particular watercourse or body of water. Most urban sites are now mini-watersheds, with the property line constituting the "ridge" and the storm drain system located in the street constituting the "watercourse" to which it discharges.

**“Willing seller”** means that all landowners are willing participants in any proposed real property transactions.

**APPENDIX D: GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

**RMC SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM  
GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

1. **APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **AGENCY:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **EMAIL/PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS** (if different from agency contact): \_\_\_\_\_
7. **PROJECT NAME** (it is recommended that you include one or more of the following terms in the project name: Acquisition, Restoration, Development, Water Quality Improvement (maximum 50 characters):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** (150 words or less and you may utilize the same project description as your project narrative):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. **Grant Program:** (check ONLY ONE)  
 Proposition 1 (Water Bond)  
 Proposition 68 (Parks and Water Bond)
10. **PROGRAM TYPE:** (check ONLY ONE)  
 Urban Lands  
 Rivers/Tributary Parkways  
 Mountains, Hills and Foothills  
 Lower LA River (within 1-mile)
11. **PROJECT TYPE:** (check all that apply)  
 Planning  
 Acquisition  
 Development  
 Open Space  
 Watershed Improvement-Water Quality  
 Watershed Improvement-Water Conservation  
 Watershed Improvement-Water Supply  
 Watershed Improvement-Water Storage  
 Wildlife Corridor  
 Wetland Habitat Restoration  
 Technical Assistance
12. **PROJECT LOCATION:**  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Council District: \_\_\_\_\_ County Supervisor District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Senate District: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

State Assembly District: \_\_\_\_\_ Lat/Long: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. COMPLETE THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS AND CERTIFIED COMMUNITY CONSERVATION CORPS CONSULTATION PROCESS (Appendix H). CHECK ONLY ONE**

- EXEMPT, this project is a planning or acquisition project
- YES, state the CCC that your agency is proposing to hire to complete your project, state which conservation corps your agency will be hiring: \_\_\_\_\_
- NO, explain why the CCC cannot provide the services for your project (maximum of one page):  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- OTHER, explain the Youth Employment Program (maximum of one page): \_\_\_\_\_

**14. WILL THIS PROJECT RESULT IN NEW PARK/OPEN SPACE?**

- YES, then how many Total Acres \_\_\_\_\_; Trail Miles \_\_\_\_\_
- NO

**15. WILL THIS PROJECT RESULT IN NEW AREAS OF RESTORED HABITAT?**

- YES, then how many Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_; Trail miles: \_\_\_\_\_;  
 Riparian Linear Miles: \_\_\_\_\_; Acres of Wetlands: \_\_\_\_\_
- NO

**16. WILL THIS PROJECT RESULT IN NEW PARK DEVELOPMENT?**

- YES, then how many Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_; Trail Miles \_\_\_\_\_
- NO

**17. WILL THIS PROJECT INVOLVE AN ACQUISITION? (check all that are included in this grant application):**

- YES, then how many Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_;
- Willing Seller Letter
- Appraisal
- Current Title Report
- Environmental Assessments
- NO

**18. DOES YOUR PROJECT INVOLVE DEVELOPMENT/RESTORATION? (check all that apply)**

- Site Control (does your agency own the property for the proposed project)
- Zoning Type (does your agency have the appropriate approved zoning for the proposed project)

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DATE OF APPROVAL/PENDING</u>
<u>identify permits necessary for project implementation</u>			
California Fish and Wildlife			
State Water Control Resources Board			
US Army Corp of Engineers			
US Fish and Wildlife			
Los Angeles County Flood Control District			
City/County Construction Permits			

Coastal Commission			
Other			

**19. DESIGN**

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

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

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

- No CEQA/NEPA work initiated
- Initial Study Completed, date of completion \_\_\_\_\_
- Negative Declaration, date of certification \_\_\_\_\_
- Categorically Exempt, date of certification \_\_\_\_\_
- CEQA/NEPA in process, expected date of completion \_\_\_\_\_
- CEQA/NEPA completed, date of completion \_\_\_\_\_

**20. BUDGET/FUNDING INFORMATION**

Amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your funding request for the full amount necessary to complete this project?  YES  NO

Matching Funds:  YES, total amounts and funding agency \_\_\_\_\_  NO

Agency*	Matching Funds
<b>TOTAL MATCHING FUNDS</b>	

**\*include additional lines for matching funds if needed**

**21. TIMELINE**

Assuming that the RMC grant funds may be awarded in the summer 2016 what is the expected timeline for this project.

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**22. SIGNATURES**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix E: Signage Guidelines

### ■ Authority

All Projects funded by RMC under Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, and Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Prop 1), and Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Prop 84) must include a posted sign acknowledging the source of the funds.

### ■ Purpose

Installation of signs at all Project sites is intended to acknowledge the public's support of the appropriate Bond measure(s) and promote the benefits provided by Bond fund assistance.

### ■ Types of Signs

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

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

Recommended minimum size of sign: 4 feet x 8 feet

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

All Grantees are required to post a sign at the Project site. The sign must be available for the final inspection of the Project. All signs must include the universal logo (see information on the logo below).

There is no minimum or maximum size for the sign (other than the minimum size for the logo) as long as the sign contains the required wording (see below).

### ■ Language for Sign

All signs will contain the minimum language below:

<p><b>[Project Name]</b></p> <p>Another Project to Improve California          Funded by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy          LOGO  <b><i>California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection,          and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Or other Bond as          appropriate)</i></b></p> <p><b>Wade Crowfoot</b>, Secretary for Resources  <b>Gavin Newsom</b>, Governor</p>
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The name of the local agency or other governing body may also be added. The sign may also include the names (and/or logos) of other partners, organizations, individuals and elected representatives as deemed appropriate by those involved in the Project.

## ■ Universal Logo

All signs will contain the RMC logo. The logo will be on a template, available on line at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov>. Your Project manager can also provide the logo on disk.

- The logo must be mounted in an area to maximize visibility and durability.
- The logo must be a minimum of 2'x2'. Exceptions are permitted in the case of trails, historical sites and other areas where these dimensions may not be appropriate.

## ■ Sign Construction

All materials used shall be durable and resistant to the elements and graffiti. The California Department of Parks and Recreation and California Department of Transportation standards can be used as a guide for gauge of metal, quality of paints used, mounting specifications, etc.

## ■ Sign Duration

The goal is to have Project signs in place for a lengthy period of time, preferably a minimum of two years for all Projects and four years for Projects over \$750,000.

## ■ Sign Cost

The cost of the sign(s) is an eligible Project cost. More permanent signage is also encouraged; e.g., bronze memorials mounted in stone at trailheads, on refurbished historical monuments and buildings, etc.

## ■ Appropriateness of Signs

For Projects where the required sign may be out of place (such as some cultural and historic monuments and buildings or where affected by local sign ordinances), the Project Manager in consultation with the Applicant may authorize a sign that is appropriate to the Project in question. Alternate signage must be clearly recognizable as a RMC Bond Project. Archaeological sites are excluded from the sign requirement.

## ■ Signs on State Highways

Signs placed within the state highway right-of-way may require a Caltrans encroachment permit. Contact your local Caltrans District Office early in the planning phases for more information.

## ■ Further Questions

The Grantee should consult with the Project Manager to resolve any sign issues.

## Appendix F: Sample Resolution

*Applicants need not use this specific language as long as the resolution matches the intent and purpose of this sample.*

Date: November XX, 201X

### RESOLUTION 201X-XX

#### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF XXX APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68), FOR THE XXXX PARK WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Project;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of XXX hereby;

Approves the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program for the XXX Park Wetland Restoration Project under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68); and

Certifies that the XXX Park Wetland Restoration Project is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs (or if it is not, that the project is still approved); and

Certifies that the Project is consistent with the goals of Proposition 68 developing urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities; and

Certifies that the Application has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration; and

Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines; and

Appoints the City Manager (or authorized representative) as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit all documents including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of XXX at this meeting of November XX, 201X by the following vote.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

DRAFT

### Appendix G: Permit Form

Please complete the following form regarding any permits, easements, or certifications that may be required by your project (attach additional pages as necessary).

<i>Type of Permit</i>	<i>Granting Agency</i>	<i>Status of Permit</i>	<i>Date approval expected/given</i>
1.			
2.			
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## Appendix H: CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS AND CERTIFIED COMMUNITY CONSERVATION CORPS CONSULTATION

### California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps Proposition 68 – Parks, Environment and Water Bond Guidelines

#### Corps Consultation Process

This process has been developed to ensure compliance with Division 45 of the Public Resource Code, Chapter 1, Section 80016 that specifies the involvement of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and the certified community conservation corps (as represented by the California Association of Local Conservation Corps-CALCC).

Public Resource Code Section 80016 states “To the extent feasible, a project whose application includes the use of services of the California Conservation Corps or certified community conservation corps, as defined in Section 14507.5, shall be given preference for receipt of a grant under this division.”

Applicants seeking funds for Proposition 68 project should consult with representative of CCC or CALCC (hereafter collectively referred to as Corps) to determine the feasibility of the Corps’ participation. **Both CCC and CALCC must be consulted prior to application submission.**

The Corps have developed the following consultation process:

- Step 1: Prior to submittal of an application or project plan to the Funder, Applicant prepares the following information for submission to both the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and CALCC (who represents the certified community conservation corps):
- Project Title
  - Project Description (identifying key project activities and deliverables)
  - Project Map (showing project location)
  - Project Implementation estimated start and end dates
- Step 2: Applicant submits the forgoing information via email concurrently to the CCC and CALCC representatives:
- California Conservation Corps representative:  
Name: Andrea Gabriel  
Email: [Prop68@ccc.ca.gov](mailto:Prop68@ccc.ca.gov)  
Phone: (916) 341-3272
- California Association of Local Conservation Corps representative:  
Name: Hannah Tillman  
Email: [inquiry@prop68CommunityCorps.org](mailto:inquiry@prop68CommunityCorps.org)  
Phone: 916-426-9170x4
- Step 3: Within five (5) business days of receiving the project information, the CCC and CALCC representatives will review the submitted information, contact the applicant if necessary, and respond to the applicant with a Corps Consultation Review Document (template attached) informing them:
- (1) It is NOT feasible for CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project; or

- (2) It is feasible for the CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project and identifying the aspects of the project that can be accomplished with Corps services.

Note: While the Corps will take up to 5 days to review projects, applicants are encouraged to contact the CCC/CALCC representatives to discuss feasibility **early in the project development process.**

The Corps cannot guarantee a compliant review process for applicants who submit project information fewer than 5 business days before a deadline.

Step 4: Applicant submits application to Funder that includes Corps Consultation Review Document. If the Corps determine their participation is feasible, the applicant must describe the project components involving Corps in the application and provide an estimated budget for that component.

Step 5: Funder reviews applications. Applications that do not include documentation demonstrating that the Corps have been consulted will be deemed “noncompliant” and will not be considered for funding.

**NOTES:**

1. The Corps already have determined that it is not feasible to use their services on restoration and ecosystem protection projects that solely involve either planning or acquisition. Therefore, applicants seeking funds for such projects are exempt from the consultation requirement and should check the appropriate box on the Consultation Review Document.
2. An applicant that has been awarded funds to undertake a project where it has been determined that Corps services can be used must thereafter work with either the CCC or CALCC to develop a scope of work and enter into a contract with the appropriate Corps. Unless otherwise excused, failure to utilize a Corps on such a project will result in Funding Entities assessing a scoring penalty on the applicant’s future applications for Chapter 6 Funds.
3. **Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 80001(b)(5)**  
Public Resources Code Section 80001(b)(5) requires to the extent practicable, that projects provide workforce education and training, contractor, and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Partnering with Corps will provide workforce education, training and job opportunities for the young adult members of Conservation Corps.

Corps Consultation Review Document is available [here](http://rmc.ca.gov/grants/intro.html) and on the RMC website:  
<http://rmc.ca.gov/grants/intro.html>

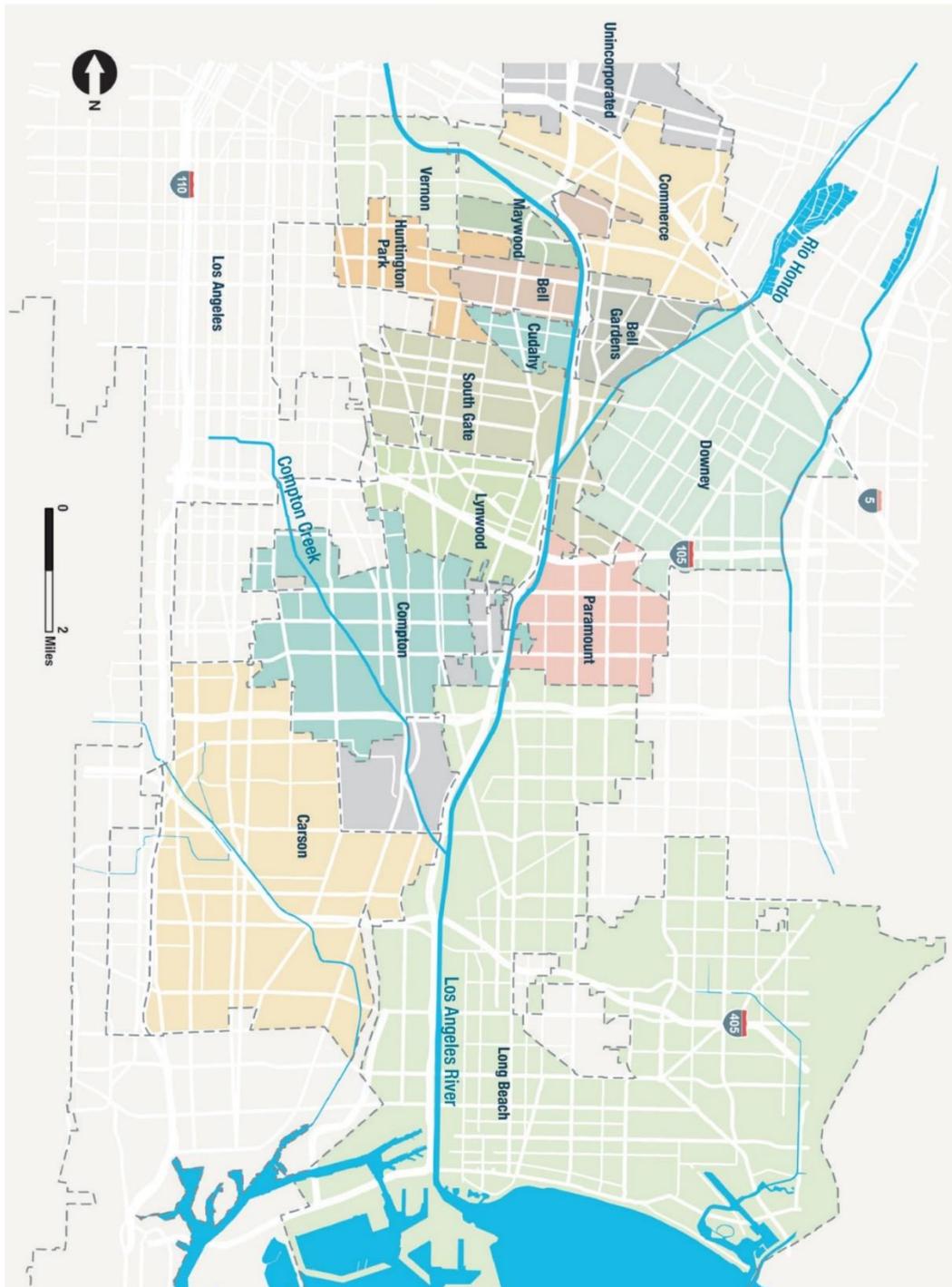
# Appendix I: RMC Region Map

An interactive map of the RMC Region is available at [www.rmc.ca.gov](http://www.rmc.ca.gov).



### Appendix J: Lower LA River Map

An interactive map of the Lower LA River Revitalization Projects is available at [www.rmc.ca.gov](http://www.rmc.ca.gov).



July 20, 2020 – Item 14

RESOLUTION 2020-30

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES  
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING  
RMC PROPOSITION 68 and PROPOSITION 1 SMALL GRANTS  
PROGRAM DRAFT GUIDELINES

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 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) is codified as Division 45 (commencing with Section 80000) and Sections 5096.611 and 75089.5 of the Public Resources Code and Section 79772.5 of the Water Code.; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program; and  
WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 80110(b)(6) of the Public Resources Code allocates thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in accordance with the governing statutes and specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 80100(1)(b) of the Public Resources Code allocates thirty-seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$37,500,000) to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for projects to protect or enhance and urban creek; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, 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....

WHEREAS, Section 80010 of the Public Resources Code requires adoption of guidelines prior to disbursing grants; and

WHEREAS, Section 80010(b) of the Public Resources Code requires public meetings to consider public comments prior to adoption of guidelines; and

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 proposed action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
- 3 FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68).
- 4 FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (“Proposition 1”).
- 5 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 6 ADOPTS the staff report dated July 20, 2020 for this item.
- 7 AUTHORIZES the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 and Proposition 1 Small Grants Draft Grant Program Guidelines.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS  
CONSERVANCY on July 20, 2020.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Edsall  
Deputy Attorney General