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Jane Beesley	Emerald Necklace Segment C2: Quarry/San Gabriel River to Ramona Blvd.	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	River/ Tributary	The first phase of the Emerald Necklace Segment C2 project is for Survey, Outreach, Design and permits. The Emerald Necklace Segment C is a distance of 1.4 miles from Hanson Aggregates to Ramona Boulevard, with an enhanced access at Lower Azusa Ave and the San Gabriel River.	\$686,447	\$138,500	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.	Strengths: Improved Trail access to the San Gabriel River Trail, improved native plantings and signage. Adjacent to Urban Target Area, within River Target Area. Weaknesses: Enhancing an existing Trail, no new. Opportunities: Increasing the amenities as well as use and visibility of the San Gabriel River Trail. Threats: N/A Matching Funds: Cal Fire Grant, 2 Prop A Grants total of \$55,000. Future Funding Needs: For a single segment of the Emerald Necklace \$1.5 million	15	1	5	14	0	6	11	0	2	3	3	4	4	12	15	95
Alina Bokde	Emerald Necklace-Segment A2 ACE-Garvey Avenue to Eaton Wash	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	River/ Tributary	Grant proposal is for the planning and design of an existing trail along the west side of the Rio Hondo as a segment to the Emerald Necklace. The trail crosses the cities of Rosemead, Montebello, El Monte and South El Monte. The proposed project includes enhancing the trail to provide amenities to the user, interpretive signage, and native landscaping.	\$430,580	\$652,469	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.	Strengths: Create new access points for a 3 mile trail segment and enhance the existing trail with landscaping, signage and gathering areas. Weaknesses: Unclear on project design elements that would address project proposal of mitigating safety and design issues. Budget for planning was high for certain elements. Matching funds of \$56,600 from Proposition A and Cal Fire Grant.	15	0	5	12	0	8	11	3	2	2	3	2	4	21	6	94
Tim Worley	Emerald Necklace Segment B2: From Valley to Peck Park South	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	River/ Tributary	This Emerald Necklace multi-benefit projects involves enhancing an existing county trail not currently open to the public with native landscaping, interpretive signage, and trail amenities to include benches, water fountain, and new decorative gates. The segment runs for 3 miles along the West Bank of the Rio Hondo through the LA County Flood Control right-of-way, connects and passes through the Rio Vista Park in El Monte. We propose to enhance connections between Valley Boulevard and Rio Vista Park, and between Rio Vista Park and the south entrance to Peck Park. We propose to improve the intersection where Lower Azusa, a major arterial, crosses the Rio Hondo. Project design would incorporate, where appropriate, vegetated swales to percolate water into the ground rather than loading the channel. The project remains the same, but would be phased. The Step 2 application requests funding for survey, outreach, design, and permitting.	\$353,400	\$154,000	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project alignment.	Strengths: Project is within the River and Urban Target Area. Creates multiple new points of access along Rio Hondo. Good attention is paid to the educational and interpretation opportunities, and water management priorities. Weaknesses: This project has little opportunity for habitat improvements or restoration, and may require additional coordination with LA County Department of Public Works.	13	0	5	2	0	10	11	0	2	2	1	2	5	15	15	83

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Jane Beesley	Emerald Necklace Segment E: Ramona Boulevard to the Whittier Narrows at Peck Road	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	River/ Tributary	This funding request is for the initial phasing for the project, planning, design, outreach and CEQA. This Emerald Necklace Segment E is a multi benefit project that involves enhancing existing signage and trail amenities to include benches, water fountain & new decorative gates as appropriate. This segment runs 3.9 miles along the west bank of the San Gabriel River from Ramona to Peck Blvd.	\$344,000	\$165,700	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.	Strengths: On the SGR, new amenities and native plantings. Weaknesses: Enhancing an existing trail, no new, still needs an additional \$33,110 in funding for Phase 1 w/ RMC funding. Opportunities: Increasing the visibility and use of the Valley Blvd access to SGR Trail. Threats: N/A Matching Funds: \$18,200 from City of El Monte and Cal Forestry Grant. Future Fnding Needs: To complete an Emerald Necklace project it is estimated at \$1.5 million.	15	1	5	8	0	12	13	0	2	3	3	4	4	19	15	104	
Alina Bokde	Una Lake Wetlands Acquisition & Restoration 2	Antelope Valley Conservancy	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Proposal submitted by the Antelope Valley Conservancy to acquire and establish for ongoing restoration, enhancement and preservation of an additional 500 acres of high quality habitat that extends along the San Andreas Rift Zone, uplands and spring-fed headwaters from southwest of Una Lake to Palmdale's Riparian Preserve and beyond to Barrel Springs. The potential acquisition will involved multiple funding partners and utilize various tools such as conservation easements. This project will preserve wildlife corridors linking the San Gabriel Mountains and the Tehachapi Mountains and thus provide an important connection with the Sierra Nevadas.	\$1,282,700	\$1,282,700	\$75,000	Partially fund. Funding would be for consultants to assist with negotiations and preparation of due diligence documents related to acquisition from willing sellers.	Strengths: Strong habitat and water resources project that contain a unique habitat area threatened by development. Weaknesses: No matching funds, unclear of the status of willing sellers. Note: Applicant is receiving RMC funds for the Phase I acquisition.	6	0	2	27	0	3	6	2	0	3	2	0	4	0	0	55	
Jane Beesley	Azusa-Geology Park Development	Azusa, City of	River/ Tributary	The City of Azusa will develop a city owned .5 acre parcel that sits between a San Gabriel River bike trail trailhead and the SG River Regional bike trail, into a geology interpretive park. The Vulcan Mining Company rock Conveyor, used to transport material mined in Fish Canyon to Releace Quarry at Vulcan Mining Company rock conveyor at Irwindale Avenue, is overhead and adjacent to this site. Immediate vistas include surface mining on the foothills to the north.	\$289,000	\$279,000	\$279,000	Fund. Opportunity to capture a pocket park and trailhead enhancement along the San Gabriel River. Excellent collaboration of City with private partner (Vulcan) and RMC.	Strength: New park, increased butterfly habitat, dense urban area Weakness: None Opportunity: Collaboration with private partner, Vulcan Materials, City & RMC, increase signage at bike path access Threats: City use of acreage for recycling yard Match: No funds, inkind from Vulcan. Future Funding Needs: None this would fully fund the proeject.	15	2	5	4	0	4	7	0	2	4	3	3	4	2	6	61	
Tim Worley	Northside Park Playground Development	Azusa, City of	Urban	The Playground Development and Low Impact Recreation Project at Northside Park will ... augment existing recreation amenities on site.... The proposed GeoSculpt™ play unit will provide a unique opportunity for children ages 10 and up. GeoSculpt Standards™ combine minimum play value with realistic hand sculpted climbing. More than just rocks, GeoSculpt™ Standards are interactive sculptures that feature both natural and artistic elements. The Yosemite Boulder would be one of only a few in the State of California.	\$50,000	\$37,500	\$0	Ineligible; active recreation.	The project does not meet RMC grant guidelines, by consisting primarily of active playground equipment.																	0
Valorie Shatynski	Zacatecas Park Playground Development	Azusa, City of	Urban	The Playground Development and Low Impact Recreation Project at Zacatecas Park will ... augment existing recreation amenities on site... The proposed GeoSculpt™ play unit will provide a unique opportunity for children ages 5-12...The Play Ball feature would be the first of its kind in California.	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	Ineligible. Playground application only	Not eligible for funding, playground application only																	0

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Alina Bokde	Canyon Institute Outdoor Classroom Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	River/ Tributary	The grant proposal is for the planning and design of a regional low impact development demonstration and watershed education center. CRC proposes to bring up to code the existing structures and surrounding landscape to provide an outdoor classroom and meeting space for holding educational programs for San Gabriel Valley students and the general public. Project components include restoration and conversion of an existing garage to a classroom setting with adjacent program office space. Surrounding landscape design will provide for educational programs as well as serve as a demonstration of regionally appropriate design using native and compatible low water plant species, historic and edible landscapes, rainwater capture, efficient irrigation systems and use of sustainable materials and techniques where possible.	\$275,550	\$281,550	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff will work with applicant to further evaluate and analyze potential funding of project elements once issues related to access and security have been addressed.	Strengths: Project would develop educational programming related to watershed health and native plants. Weakness: Applicant needs to resolved safety and access issues related to the site before extensive programming activities. See Site Access and Security Project for recommendation on addressing these issues.	4	0	5	5	0	2	4	0	1	4	4	5	1	0	11	46
Alina Bokde	Canyon Institute Site Access and Security Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	River/ Tributary	Funding proposal is for the planning and design of the Canyon Institute that includes a regional low impact development demonstration and watershed education center. To accommodate future users and minimize related impacts, CRC proposes to design and build new site access, parking and security improvements using sustainable design materials and management practices. Project components include a new driveway, on-site parking, ADA access to classrooms and offices, interpretive security gates and fencing, and landscape improvements. Design elements will include permeable surfaces, strategic drainage design native and compatible low water plant species and recycled material were possible. Parking areas and travelways will accommodate multiple purposes including community or regional special events	\$395,940	\$471,910	\$150,000	Partially fund. Recommend funding for site access and security development. Funding should include consulting with a traffic engineer to determine safe egress and ingress options. Concept plan should also include feasibility and funding for a pedestrian bridge as well as securing easements for access in property.	Strengths: Project would develop a new recreational and educational area adjacent to the San Garbiel River once issues of access and safety are addressed. Weaknesses: Project needs more detailed information on trail development and safe access routes. No matching funds. Recommend that the applicant explore partnerships with Rainbow Ranch.	13	0	5	5	0	4	9	0	1	4	4	5	1	0	11	62
Alina Bokde	Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Development Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	River/ Tributary	Grant proposal is for the design and planning to provide enhancements along the Coyote Creek Bikeway to help develop a regional identity. CRC proposes to design and construct four prominent entry points, tow at the North Fork of Coyote Creek and Artesia Boulevard and two at Coyote Creek and Marquardt Ave in Cerritos. Project elements include whimsical and custom-designed gates and fences, interpretive signage and appropriated native plants. A design competition among schools in the watershed will be utilized to identify design themes for each gate. A palette of plants and a hardscape materials will be developed to create the signature look for not only these three sites but for subsequent trail-side installations.	\$217,000	\$351,600	\$100,000	Partially fund. Recommend funding for planning and design (including CEQA) on two sites located in Buena Park and La Habra. Even though this project scored below the overall cut off point, funding is recommended to address the lack of projects in the Orange County region.	Strengths: Project in Orange County would support increased use of the Coyote Creek Bikepath. Project would enhance visibility and safety of the trail. Weakness: Project would enhance an existing trail rather than create new connections and no matching funds.	8	0	4	2	0	3	0	1	1	3	1	3	3	1	4	34
Tim Worley	Coyote Creek Watershed Plan Implementation	California Resource Connections, inc.	Urban	The Coyote Creek Watershed Management Plan contains many project recommendations that will not be undertaken by Orange County due to other competing priorities. This proposed Implementation Program would build capacity for cities in the watershed to identify and develop watershed projects, and a prioritized list of multiple-objective park and open space projects ready for implementation in one pilot city.	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	Ineligible. Grant criteria specify a limit on planning portion of projects, for eligibility.	Strength: This application starts with a good concept: the importance of developing feasible projects to implement the Coyote Creek Watershed Plan. Weakness: A true project was not defined, and could not be scored as such.																0

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Alina Bokde	Community Access Developments for Azusa River Park	California Resource Connections	River/ Tributary	The grant proposal is for the planning and design of the Community Access Developments for the Azusa River Wilderness Park. These include design elements conceptualized in the Azusa River Master Plan that offer both education and low-impact recreational opportunities that facilitate community use of the park. Areas in need of development are the common areas at El Encanto/WCA and RMC headquarters (i.e. back patio and meeting room); and those areas at Taylor Property that lend themselves to this type of use (exterior public spaces). Physical improvements may include benches, chairs, tables, lighting, and refurbishment of the grounds (i.e. refurbishment of the drainage system for the hill behind the back patio at El Encanto) and interpretive signage (way finding, regulatory, and site interpretation).	\$350,000	\$353,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff will work with applicant to further evaluate and analyze potential funding of project elements.	Strengths: Project would create new recreational access while providing educational and interpretive signage about watersheds. Weaknesses: No restoration value, limited sustainability, and water conservation elements. Good partnerships with California Conservation Corps. No new trails.	13	0	4	12	0	4	4	0	2	4	5	5	1	0	11	65
Jane Beesley	Hollydale Garden Development Project	Central Basin Municipal Water District	River/ Tributary	This project is to enhance water education for students and the public by providing a hands on demonstration garden that features drought resistant plants and water efficient irrigation. Located near the Los Angeles River at Hollydale Park in South Gate, this garden will be designed in conjunction with curriculum from the Hollydale Elementary School. Although fenced in for student safety, it will be visible and easily enjoyed by the community, with informational signage. Public tours will be offered through the school. The City of South Gate is an "impacted city" and the project will enhance urban land, as defined under the Green urban Space designation.	\$139,320	\$139,320	\$0	Not recommended for funding. The project only utilizes drought tolerant plants. Access limited.	Strengths: Adjacent to LA River, collaboration with School & Water District, water education Weaknesses: Access limited, drought tolerant plants not necessarily native Opportunities: Education of community on water issues and gardens, collaboration with Water District Threats: N/A Matching Funds: None, In Kind donations high value	6	0	4	0	0	5	13	0	2	3	2	1	2	5	11	54
Alina Bokde	Cocoa St. Park Development-Compton	Compton, City of	River/ Tributary	Funding request is for the planning and design of a City owned cul-de-sac which would involve the removal of existing street pavement to create new park space in a highly urbanized area adjacent to Compton Creek. In place of the street pavement the City of Compton proposes to install a permeable walkway surface, landscaping with native plants, directional and interpretive signage, security lighting and bench seating.	\$563,000	\$100,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.	Strengths: Project located in Urban and River Target area. Would open new access point to the creek. Weaknesses: Project concept not well defined, additionally, the budget needs to be better developed to incorporate proposed improvements. Low matching funds.	15	0	2	2	0	6	9	0	1	3	3	3	3	19	10	76
Jane Beesley	Native Habitat Restoration, Trail Improvements, Compton	Compton, City of	River/ Tributary	The project is for the first phase of the project that will complete the planning, design and CEQA for the trail which will then restore native habitat along the existing multipurpose trail adjacent to Compton Creek. Along the more than half mile trail, native riparian landscaping will be planted, educational signage and recreational amenities will be installed, and the existing chain link fencing will be replaced with a decorative fence. Access points at Compton and Alondra Boulevards will be made wheelchair accessible. Stormwater runoff will be collected, treated with Best management Practices (BMPs), and recycled in a graywater irrigation system.	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.	Strengths: Project is within the River and Urban Target Area, includes strong water quality elements, improves Los Angeles River Trail access and amenities in Compton. Weaknesses: Project will require permits/approvals from USACE and LADPW, likely impacting timeline. Timeline/budget in application are for Cocoa Street project, Compton did not respond to RMC staff requests for correct timeline/budget. Opportunities: To create amenities and along the Los Angeles River in the Urban Target Area. Threats: Matching Funds: Step 2 narrative states City will provide 10% of design costs, but Resolution states, "no impact to General Fund.". Future Funding Needs: \$1,350,000	8	0	3	2	0	8	13	0	2	1	3	4	4	19	19	86

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Alina Bokde	Street-End Park, Compton	Compton, City of	River/ Tributary	Grant proposal is for planning and design of converting 13 street ends that adjoin the Compton Creek into small pocket parks that would increase public access sites to the bike path and the equestrian trail as well as provide open space. At each location, possible elements include native landscaping, walkways, benches, fencing, and educational signage. All sites would incorporate Best Management Practices. Project locations were selected from the Regional Garden Park Master Plan.	\$150,000	\$41,250	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.	Strengths: Project includes both Urban and River target areas and creates new passive recreational areas. Would open up Compton Creek access to the bike and equestrian trail and would provide an educational component. Weaknesses: Small matching funds, project concept still needs further definition and partner partnership. Project would need additional outreach to the community to address design issues.	15	0	2	2	0	6	9	0	1	3	3	3	3	19	10	76
Tim Worley	Charter Oak Wash Restoration and Interpretive center	Covina Parks & Recreation Department, City of	River/ Tributary	This project consists of restoration of native riparian habitat, erosion mitigation, removal of non-native vegetation and old drainage pipes at Charter Oak Wash in Kahler Russell Park and the construction of a nature/water history interpretive center. The application is now phased, but seeks funding for both phases concurrently. Design and permitting of wash restoration has 100% matching funds from the city, and the LEED designed Interpretive Center has even higher proportionate matching funds. The grant request would use 100% RMC funds for renovation of the wash: removal of contaminants, protection of bridge and park building; replacement of non-native with native plants, and improvement of channel hydraulics.	\$894,000	\$894,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to the emphasis on a new building in an existing park. Other elements that are better aligned with RMC funding criteria - e.g., habitat enhancement and improvements to naturalize the wash - might be repackaged in a future application.	Strengths: This project has \$840,000 in matching funds from Prop A grant and city general fund, and enjoys community/political support. The Interpretive Center includes very strong sustainability (LEED) elements, and restoration work would improve Charter Oak Wash by removing debris (e.g., abandoned pipe), improving flow and benefiting water quality. Weakness: Relatively little new recreational access is created from improvements to an existing park.	4	0	3	3	5	3	9	1	0	4	2	6	0	1	13	54
Valorie Shatynski	Summitridge Park Southern Trail Development Project	Diamond Bar, City of	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Starting at the Diamond Bar Center Trailhead the trail follows a rough hard pan trail into an undeveloped area. Traveling through open space hikers may view the rolling Chino Hills, the angels Crest and the country Estates. The up and down path will help the general public to maintain healthy lifestyles through low impact walking/hiking exercise. The project includes: trail clearing, developing a decomposed granite, four foot wide path with recycled product trex header, two rest stops with benches, trash receptacles, educational and interpretive signs, overlapping rock steps, landscape tie steps and native planting in areas barren from human use.	\$64,729	\$62,729	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Project scored in lower end of the curve. \$250,813 for project from Recreational Transit Program (RTP) Trail grant application not awarded this round. City is not able to commit at this time to fill the funding gap. Total project cost: \$355,782	Strengths: formalizes and adds some amenities to an informal trail within existing preserved open space owned by City. Matching funds: \$42,000 LA County Safe Parks Account. Weaknesses: Does not create new open space. Funding incomplete, Recreational Transit Program Trail grant not awarded this round. City is not able to commit at this time to fill the gap. No strong stakeholders noted. Opportunities: future potential connections to regional trails. Threats: none, other than possible inappropriate uses such as motorcycles	7	0	5	14	0	3	6	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	0	43
Tim Worley	Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase IV Development Project	Diamond Bar, City of	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	This project will restore and preserve threatened natural habitat to an area of 1.1 acres of open space that local residents have taken over for unauthorized uses such as a primitive soccer field and exercise course, residential landscaping, etc., resulting in the area's loss of natural growth. Obesity will be addressed with low impact pars course exercise stations, walking and hiking. The project adds landscape tie steps up a 375-foot hill leading to 1,375-foot upper trail - a total of 1,750 linear feet. The trail will be of decomposed granite with recycled product trex headers, and will also include benches, trash receptacles, and educational/interpretive signs.	\$80,255	\$76,230	\$76,230	Fund. Project completes a small hilltop portion of this natural park, and removes unauthorized uses by adjoining residents.	Strengths: High amount of matching funds. Completes a small hilltop portion of this natural park, and removes unauthorized uses by adjoining residents. Weaknesses: This is a relatively small area, at just over one acre, which limits its value for habitat. Threat: Most unauthorized uses have been stopped by city enforcement, so the threat of further degradation is probably low.	8	0	3	14	10	4	8	0	1	2	2	1	3	1	0	57

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Jane Beesley	Treasure Island Renovation Project	Downey, City of	River/ Tributary	Community organization, Unity, is working with the City to make improvements to this heavily used park. Grant funding will provide construction documents and improvements to the park. The project includes security lighting, walking trail, picnic areas, small play area, benches, turf renovation and replacement of irrigation system (reclaimed water). The 4 acre park is located along the Rio Hondo River Trail and the proposed improvements will create a safe walking trail through the park.	\$2,000,000	\$1,045,350	\$0	Not recommended for funding. The majority of funding is for infrastructure of the refurbishment of the existing park.	Strengths: Creating new trail adjacent to Rio Hondo Trail, replacing irrigation with a smart system and reclaimed water. Weakness: Most of the project is infrastructure, health and safety issues to be addressed in park. Opportunities: To decrease water useage in park. Threats: None Matching: City funding, Beverage Recycling funds	15	0	0	4	0	5	13	0	2	3	5	4	4	9	0	64
Jane Beesley	Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail	Duarte, City of	River/ Tributary	The City of Duarte has received a grant from MTA to develop, in collaboration with the LA county Public works, a class A bicycle path through the Santa Fe Dam lower spreading basin area. This trail will greatly benefit Duarte residents by providing direct access from the City of Hope area in Duarte to the San Gabriel River Bikeway. The RMC grant will provide native plant landscaping, interpretive signage, a nature loop, and other amenities to enhance casual visitor use of the area of the Santa Fe Basin and provide users with important environmental information.	\$386,000	\$378,622	\$50,000	Partially fund. Staff recommends the award of a feasibility grant in the amount of \$50,000 to further evaluate the feasibility of this Emerald Necklace project based on the following criteria: 1) incorporation into other funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.	Strengths: New Class 1 Bike Trail, connecting the City with the San Gabriel River Trail Weaknesses: Timing of Army Corps Agreements/CEQA Opportunities: To extend the bike trail to the east, provide access from this part of Duarte Threats: Loss of funding for project Matching Funds: MTA grant, City of Hope funds.	13	1	3	10	10	4	13	0	1	4	3	2	5	3	2	74
Alina Bokde	Encanto-Fish Canyon Trail Project	Duarte, City of	River/ Tributary	Grant proposal by the City is for the planning and design to extend the Encanto Nature Walk Trail north along the west bank of the San Gabriel River to provide trail access from Encanto Park and the San Gabriel River Bikeway to the trail developed by the City of Duarte to Fish Canyon Falls. Access will also be provided to the Van Tassel Motorway, designated as a County hiking trail. Non-native landscaping along Encanto Parkway will be remove and replaced by native plants. Interpretive and directional signs will be provided to supply trail users with information regarding the area's natural history and information on trail destinations.	\$455,000	\$52,284	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should further develop trail alignment and conservation elements.	Strengths: Create .7 miles of new trails. Weaknesses: Project did not contain any restoration, stewardship, sustainability, and water conservation features. No matching funds.	11	0	1	15	0	3	5	1	1	3	1	1	3	0	0	45
Valorie Shatynski	Joint Use Nature Trail Columbia School- El Monte City School District	El Monte City School District/ Amigos de Los Rios	Urban	Columbia School is a five acre facility of the El Monte City School District located in a park deficient area of the City. District wishes to optimize use of existing school yard by opening it up to the community after school hours and on weekends. The multi-benefit project includes a sports field outfitted with state of the art water conserving irrigation system surrounded by a nature trail/fitness loop. Funding is requested to include an educational kiosk, interpretive signage, water fountains & benches. Application for planning phase only.	\$367,000	\$158,300	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicant to identify matching funds and determine feasibility of RMC elements in connection to the Emerald Necklace analysis and return to Board with recommendation.	Strengths - Park poor, matching funds for planning \$72,000 from School District, joint use providing new multi-use (active and passive) park space within existing school grounds. Weaknesses - Source of construction funding ~\$2 million not identified. Portions of non-RMC element Planning Phase 1 funding not in place. How will joint use park and school be secured after school hours, via a fence? Who provides security? Opportunities - Provides community with sense of place, opportunities for community involvement. Threats - Site Security not articulated.	8	0	4	0	0	8	9	0	1	2	2	1	1	15	2	53

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Valorie Shatynski	Joint Use Nature Trail, Gidley Elementary School-El Monte City School District	El Monte City School District/ Amigos de Los Rios	Urban	Gidley School is a three acre facility of the El Monte City School District located in a park deficient area of the City. District wishes to optimize use of existing school yard by opening it up to the community after school hours and on weekends. The multi-benefit project includes a sports field outfitted with state of the art water conserving irrigation system surrounded by a nature trail/fitness loop. Funding is requested to include: Creation of native habitat area consisting of trees & shrubs around perimeter of sports fields, an educational kiosk, interpretive signage, water fountains & benches. Application for planning phase only.	\$367,000	\$90,300	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicant to identify matching funds and determine feasibility of RMC elements in connection to the Emerald Necklace analysis and return to Board with recommendation.	Strengths - Park poor, matching funds for planning \$52,500 from School District and two other sources, joint use providing new multi-use (active and passive) park space within existing school grounds. Weaknesses - Source of construction funding ~\$985,000 not identified. How will joint use park and school be secured after school hours, via a fence? Who provides security? Opportunities - Provides community with sense of place, opportunities for community involvement. Threats - Site Security not articulated.	8	0	4	0	0	8	9	0	1	2	2	1	1	15	2	53	
Alina Bokde	Peck Water Conservation Park Master Plan	El Monte, City of/ Amigos de los Rios	River/ Tributary	Proposal by the City and Amigos de los Rios is for Phase 2 of the master plan at Peck Water Conservation Park, a unique 200 acre quarry now serving as a water management & recreation facility. The area consists of two lakes in a figure 8 shape. A concept master plan was completed by Amigos in 2005. The elements of this proposed master plan build on the concept plan work and include master plan elements for water resources, habitat restoration, enhanced trails and recreation opportunities, sustainable development guidelines, and interpretive signage as well as a review of revenue generation opportunities for park operators and maintenance. The master plan will benefit from the proposed ALTA survey for the area.	\$202,720	\$96,400	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff recommends working with applicant and stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of project elements related to meeting Emerald Necklace Program goals.	Strengths: Applicant would facilitate a master plan process with multi-agencies involved in Peck Park. Weaknesses: Project proposal did not define scope of work. Unclear of project goals and outcomes. Feasibility work was previously funded by RMC for Peck Park.	6	0	3	3	5	3	9	1	1	3	1	3	2	3	8	51	
Valorie Shatynski	Peck Water Conservation Park Trail Development	El Monte, City of/ Amigos de los Rios	Urban	Project with four aspects of a multi-benefit 200 acre recreation facility; including restoration/enhancement of habitat; creation of educational demonstration gardens & a network of trails. Creation of continuous 1.8 mile multi-modal equestrian, walking, biking trail c connecting east & west shores of the lake, surrounding schools and residential areas in a park poor area. new interpretive vistas/seating areas will be created along the trail which has a very pronounced topography. Amenities will include: interpretive signage, water fountains, benches, picnic areas and upgraded restroom and parking lot with Best Management Practices for water quality	\$4,663,855	not provided	\$0	Incomplete application	not evaluated, incomplete application 1) Step 2 did not include budget, evaluation criteria, and was not signed/submitted by the Step 1 agency (City of El Monte). Staff requested missing pieces in event these had been lost on our end, only evaluation criteria was provided.																0	
Valorie Shatynski	Acquisition & Buffer Expansion of Brodiaea Reserve	Glendora Community Conservancy	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Purchase/Acquisition of 7 acres for buffer property to the Brodiaea. Property is in north Glendora Foothills. Open space has high quality oak woodland and is watershed of Hilton Canyon of the Regional Wildlife Corridor. Buffer between urban and Brodiaea Reserve. A key habitat link in the Foothills Wildlife Corridor. Endangered species (Brodiaea/Significant Ecological Area) protection.	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding due a low evaluation score. Suggest to the applicant ways future applications could be improved.	Strengths: Appears to have limited buffer and habitat value. Weaknesses: Cost for 7 acres seems high, no matching funds, habitat is degraded, connectivity limited to northern tip of parcel, unclear how this would enhance the Preserve. Debris basin access/maintenance on this property, willing seller escrow expired 9/30/08. Opportunities: investigate actual value. Threats: no apparent development threat.	7	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Alina Bokde	Bluebird Ranch Acquisition Phase III	Glendora Community Conservancy	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Incomplete Application. Application refers to previous RMC file for prior Bluebird Ranch acquisitions, information about project was not included in application. This acquisition is for an additional 16 acres that is adjacent to the Bluebird Preserve that was created with RMC and WCB funds over the last three years.	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000	0	Fund if grant is matched from other sources. Recommend further analysis for possible matching funds. Although application incomplete, project met urgency criteria for evaluation as a Tier 2 project.	Strengths: Strong habitat values. Weaknesses: Scored low on many of the project evaluation criteria. Incomplete application did not address many of the elements addressed in Grant Program. No matching funds.	2	0	0	27	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	39	

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Jane Beesley	Watts Gateway Phase II Development Project	Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation	River/ Tributary	The grant proposal is for the planning, CEQA, permits and Construction Documents for the Compton Creek enhancements along the intersection of Imperial Highway and Central Avenue. Enhancements include interfaces for a future connection to the Willowbrook portion of the Compton Creek Bike Trail, connections to the Welcome to Watts sign, and connections along the Compton Creek and Central Avenue.	\$1,800,000	\$325,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.	Strengths: Project is in the Urban Target Area and directly connects the community to Compton Creek, community engagement. Weaknesses; Opportunities: Engage Watts community in creating a string of green spaces that connect current open space with Compton Creek. Applicant is and will continue to seek additional funding for construction. Threats; Matching Funds: None. Future Funding Needs:	11	2	2	6	0	10	13	1	2	1	1	4	5	21	11	90
Alina Bokde	Watts Towers Watts Green Streets Development Project	Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation	Urban	Grant request submitted by the Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation for planning, design, and community outreach for enhancements within the Compton Creek Watershed from 103rd Street train station south to Watts Towers/Mingus Art Center and 108th/Grandee. Improvements include stormwater measures, access and enhancements at public park and public right-of-ways. Additionally, sustainable greening at Watts Tower and Mingus Art Center and along Metro Blue Line Corridor. Project will also include land use evaluation for willing-selling land acquisition for public open space, elimination of blight and dumping, habitat restoration within project area. Project will also implement recommendations from s "Realizing Change Compton Creek Watershed."	\$1,225,000	\$1,225,000	\$445,000	Partially fund for Phase 1 planning and documentation of California Environmental Quality Act with technical assistance support from RMC in developing project scope and work. Staff will work with applicant to identify matching funds.	Strengths: Target Urban area with no prior RMC funding. Project would create new access and greenways through a dense and urban area. Project would bring high recreational amenities to an underserved area. Weaknesses: No matching funds and project concept very preliminary. Need RMC assistance with developing scope of project. No support letters. Need to do community outreach as part of concept plan.	13	2	5	0	0	8	11	0	1	3	0	3	5	21	2	74
Jane Beesley	Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development	Huntington Park, City of	Urban	Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development Project has been phased to request funding for the first phase. Phase 1 is: Planning, Design, CEQA and Permits. Planning, design development and rehabilitation of the 5.8 acres of open space and 1.63 trail miles at Salt Lake Park and adjacent DWP transmission corridor. Salt Lake park trail development to include more than 6000 feet of trail space. Rehabilitation will include complete replacement of irrigation systems to improve water conservation and hydrate native landscaping to be installed around the trail, Project also includes installation of lighting to illuminate trail for evening use, and installation of trail signage and fitness zones. DWP portion to include the lease and development of 10 parcels of land into trail and open space.	\$3,925,000	\$585,000	\$585,000	Fund. This project is located in an urban target area and will result in a new trail connection, a trail between the two existing parks along with the refurbishment of the irrigation system to conserve water.	Strengths: This rehabilitation of this urban park in the Urban Target Area will utilize smart irrigation, create a trail clearly connecting park areas, increasing opportunities for a healthier community. Weaknesses: Refurbishment of an existing park, no new parkland., budget reflects large funding for project management costs. Opportunities: Threats: Matching Funds: None identified at this time. Future Funding Needs: \$3,400,000	7	0	4	1	0	12	13	0	2	3	2	4	5	17	8	78
Valorie Shatynski	Huntington Park Water Reservoir	Huntington Park, City of	Urban	Assessment of feasibility & planning for converting one or more of five existing water reservoir sites to an underground facility with the intention of utilizing the remaining surface area for compatible open space park uses. Water reservoirs range in size from 0.26 - 2.1 acres. Phase 2 to include design, permit, management and construction costs associated with converting one or more of the reservoirs. Phase 3 to include development for open space recreation area. Phase 1: \$555,000 (site #12 only = \$60,000), Conversion estimated \$2.5 million.	\$2,430,000	\$2,755,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Recommend investigation of other funding sources for feasibility study and development	Strengths - Park poor community, creative concept for open space potential. Weaknesses - only one site has potential for access to regional trail, and that site is via a railroad right of way (possibly abandoned - unclear). Opportunities: to truly reach out and involve the community - the plan to include an employment element presents an opportunity to involve/employ at-risk youth and students interested in the environmental science field. Threats - vandalism, crime	4	0	2	0	0	12	13	0	1	1	0	2	1	17	1	54



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Valorie Shatynski	LACC Restoration Projects	LA Conservation Corps	Urban	Crews from the LACC possess numerous skills to be used on a variety of RMC projects. These skills include but are not limited to demolition, general construction, removal of nonnative vegetation, native seed collection, trail building and maintenance., habitat restoration, recycling programs & construction. LACC crews are also well versed in making educational presentations concerning environmental issues to schools & in community @ multiple venues. RMC funding will provide 258 days or 10,320 hours crew labor. Project funding covers all costs to provide a crew including supervision, transportation, insurance, tools, uniforms and safety equipment. Project funding does not include material costs to complete assigned projects.	\$250,000	\$250,000	0	Ineligible - work may be submitted for a subcontract of the Duck Farm Phase 1B Watershed Conservation Authority grant request 2009/10 cycle	Strengths: Weaknesses: Opportunities: Matching Funds: LACC Prop 84 \$50,000, this would fall under Watershed Conservation Authority application in 2009/10 cycle																0
Valorie Shatynski	La Verne Open Space ANF Connection: Anabi Property Acquisition	La Verne Land Conservancy	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	The La Verne Land Conservancy would like to acquire a 33-acre parcel located in North La Verne that is privately owned by the Anabi family. Acquisition of this property would allow the City to move forward with development and management of a new trail connection leading from the lower elevation properties to the Sunset Ridge Mountain Road. The La Verne Land Conservancy would provide management of this parcel in conjunction with the City's management plan for the existing open space parcels.	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. Approximately half of this acreage is an informal debris basin and could qualify for funding by Department of Water Resources through the IRWMP.	Strengths: Near Marshall Canyon Regional Corridor. Buffer to adjacent residential, degraded blue line stream. Weaknesses: City desires to gain funding which allows future use of property to control flooding to residential development downgrade. No matching funding. Support of opening area to public trails may be issue. Invasives, habitat degraded, a portion of property cleared for fire control, a letter was submitted to RMC by adjacent resident raising concerns. Opportunities: Recommend for IRWMP listing/future funding, and potential future LA County Stormwater funding, investigate Alluvial Fan Task Force interest. Threats: No development threat apparent, City parcel below Anabi property could provide local/regional trail connections as well as buffer neighborhood from flooding above, zoned open space	8	0	5	31	0	4	6	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	63
Tim Worley	West San Gabriel River Parkway-Phase 3 Development	Lakewood, City of	River/ Tributary	The project will provide re-grading, establish riparian flora, native grasses and add a 2, 900-foot ADA trail along Lakewood's remaining 11 acres of undeveloped riverside lands between Del Amo Boulevard and Candlewood Street. Plans also include the installation of 525 feet in hardscape pathways through a major city community services facility (Mae Boyar Park) that will link the new greenbelt with the existing 19 acres of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail. The addition of this new trail development will create a mile and one-half of continuous greenbelt bordering Lakewood's western side of the river. The Step 2 application requests funds for preconstruction costs only.	\$1,824,267	\$106,638	\$106,638	Fund. Approve Funding for first phase. Project has very strong trail and access elements, good interpretive features.	Strengths: Very strong trail and access elements, good interpretive features. Weaknesses: The city has relatively little matching funds, which it would reserve for construction. Opportunity: This would complete a gap in the trail along the west side of San Gabriel River through the City of Lakewood.	15	1	4	9	0	5	9	0	2	2	2	2	5	1	13	70
Tim Worley	El Dorado Regional Park Water Conservation and Water Quality Improvements	Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, City of	River/ Tributary	This project is to convert the 6 lakes in El Dorado Regional Park and Nature Center from potable well water to excess reclaimed water. This would be done by installing nano-filtration plants at the northern-most lake in the Park and in the maintenance yard adjacent to the Nature Ctr. The nano-filtration will provide clean water to the lakes, and allow the lakes to overflow into the connecting streambeds, thereby providing increased circulation and cleansing of the lakes from the accumulation of pollutants that now occurs with the minimal overflow that now occurs. The estimated potable water savings would be 190 acre-feet per year.	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. The project is too narrowly focused on a single benefit, converting a water source from potable to recycled water, resulting in a low evaluation score. Consider funding through IRWMP, Department of Water Resources grant programs, or Metropolitan Water District Conservation and Local Resource Programs.	Strength: Conversion to recycled water. Weakness: Little or no new park, habitat, or recreation development would result. Focuses too narrowly on a single benefit, without due consideration of possible improvements in habitat, recreation, and other amenities	4	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	24

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Alina Bokde	De Forest Park Wetland Restoration Project	Long Beach, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, City of	River/ Tributary	The DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration Project will restore 26-acres of historic wetlands, scrub and woodland habitat, provide water quality improvement, passive recreational amenities and interpretive enhancement while retaining flood control properties to create a river parkway along the lower Los Angeles River. This grant proposal is for the first Phase of implementation of the overall project. The project also includes improving the existing degraded pedestrian trail with enhanced trails, overlooks and educational displays. Project elements include improved spillways for storm drain outlets, regarged slope to restore stream flow and trails, installation of trash collection devices, removal of exotic plants, replanting of native plants, redirection of Market Street storm drain to wetland instead of pump forebay, and preparation and installation of educational and directive signage.	\$3,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	Partially fund. Funding will go towards the construction elements of the project which can include grading and other elements of the first Phase of development. Work with the City to commit Prop A funds for future phases of the project.	Strengths: High habitat and restoration value. Enhances and creates new trails and connection to a regional trail system, project includes educational elements and community partnerships. Opportunities: Project has received prior RMC funding. Currently Coastal and the City have dedicated \$2 million that provides 50% of project funding for the first phase of development. City should work to secure additional Prop A funds for the different phases of the project. Total cost of project anticipated at \$16million.	15	0	3	16	0	6	9	2	2	2	2	1	4	19	13	94	
Jane Beesley	LA and SG Rivers Habitat Restoration Program	Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers Waterched Council	River/ Tributary	This grant request by the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council will: (1) establish a local, documented source of native seeds (propagates) to increase genetically-appropriate plants for restoration/revitalization projects in the watersheds; (2) establish a program for collecting and distributing the propagates; and (3) increase collaboration among resource agencies, Non0Governmental Organizations, and growers through a series of meetings, trainings, and a user-friendly database of projects. The Watershed Council will manage the project, maintain the project database, and monitor seed collection sites. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden will verify documented collections, collect specified seeds, and manage seed databases. Projected to be a three-year program, we showing a one-year budget for seed money.	\$250,000	\$219,346	\$0	Ineligible. Project does not fit criteria, however project is needed to fulfill requirements of grants within the territory. Team recommends RMC staff further partner to establish nursery program.	Project does not fit criteria, however project is needed to fulfill requirements of grants within the territory. Team recommends RMC staff further partner to establish nursery program.																	0
Valorie Shatynski	Vermont Median Pilot Development and Assessment	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Urban	Vermont Avenue extends 25 miles from Griffith Park to the Pacific Ocean through many historical sites, jurisdictions & neighborhoods. For 3.75 miles this corridor runs through RMC territory and has a 170 foot wide right-of-way. This project will feature a preliminary assessment of the opportunities and constraints along the right-of-way by an undergraduate Cal Poly Pomona planning class; design recommendations; engineering design; construction of a PILOT park along two blocks of the median (from 90th to 89th Street). Advocacy time for extra policy change associated with this project included.	\$285,000	\$275,618	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Recommend investigate alternative sources of funding. Further investigation required regarding safety and access issues on this very busy major street. see San Vincente Blvd in Brentwood as example.	Strengths - Serves a park poor area which needs passive recreation and urban respite, good water elements, innovative pilot program. Strong stakeholder support: Heal the Bay contributed \$10,000 to conceptual planning and will continue support as collaboration with Saint Michael's Church (estimated value \$20,000), Cal Poly Pomona provided study on corridor \$3,500, collaboration with City of Los Angeles in area. Weaknesses: Proposal provided limited youth elements, stakeholder and stewardship information, resulting in lower score. Some costs are ineligible i.e., office set-up, computers. Constraints due to use of media strip bordered on both sides by major urban roadway. Opportunities: Phase 2 will include actual environmental compliance work, continued collaboration with stakeholders. Threats - Crime and Safety. Public safety - crossing and children at play	4	1	1	0	0	6	11	0	0	2	0	1	0	17	2	45	

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Jane Beesley	Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration (WNNR)	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	River/ Tributary	The Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration Project is for assessment, weed & invasive plants removal, planning and restoration of the Raptor Field in Whittier Narrows Regional Park at the Nature Center. This is for only the planning & assessment phase of the project.	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. All project applications in the Whittier Narrows area await consideration pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.	Strength: Restoration of habitat along San Gabriel River Weakness: Project not well defined and potentially overlaps with RMC funded projects. Opportunity: Enhance habitat Threat: N/A Matching Funds: None	6	2	0	16	0	3	4	1	0	3	3	1	2	0	11	52	
Jane Beesley	Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Restoration	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	River/ Tributary	This is for Phase 1, feasibility, planning, design and CEQA for the project. To bring it to readiness for construction. The project is the acquisition of approximately 10,000 sq feet in the vicinity of the intersection of Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Road for the purpose of creating an open space area that will include stormwater filtration swales, 4,000 linear feet of decorative fence, interpretive and directional signage.	\$1,600,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	Fund. This project supports increased park land in an Urban Target Area. Once completed, this project will connect the Creek to the Duck Farm and the San Gabriel River.	Strength: New park space in a dense urban area, water quality elements defined, connection to Duck Farm & S G River levee. Weakness: None Opportunity: Public Works and community collaboration, increase park space in dense urban area. Threat: None Match: LA County Flood Control District Funds. Future funding needs \$ 1,200,000.	11	0	3	9	10	5	13	0	1	0	0	2	3	10	13	80	
Tim Worley	Puente Creek & La Seda Restoration	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	River/ Tributary	The project consists of the development of a 13,000 square foot property using low impact development practices that incorporates native plant swales. The project will also serve as a recreational and educational resource for students and the community. Implementation of the project requires successfully negotiating a joint use agreement with the School District. The Step 2 application requests funds for preconstruction costs only.	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding, due to relatively low evaluation scores for habitat, recreation, and stakeholder involvement.	Strength: Application of innovative storm water management for improved water quality. Weakness: Partnership with school not yet worked out; very limited habitat, recreation, urban park, or other opportunities.	6	0	2	9	10	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	11	50	
Alina Bokde	San Jose Creek Multiuse Study	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	River/ Tributary	LA County Flood Control District proposes to evaluate the feasibility of developing a multiuse project along the San Jose Creek. Purpose of the project is to treat and recharge stormwater from San Jose Creek and provide passive recreational opportunities.	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Recommend that applicant further develop concept and address issues related to public access, land tenure, and multi-use elements.	Strengths: Project is within the Wildlife Corridor and included matching funds. Weaknesses: Project description was unclear and undeveloped. No guarantee of public access. No defined recreational opportunities. No partnerships.	2	0	0	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Jane Beesley	Santa Fe Dam Campground Development	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	River/ Tributary	The funding request is for the planning, design and CEQA for the campground enhancements consisting of installing fire rings, an amphitheater, seating, grading and providing native landscaping throughout the campground. The project also includes the development of an interpretive site displaying educational signage and low impact interactive equipment to interpret historical "Speed of light" experiments conducted by Einstein and Michelson at the turn of the century.	\$1,575,136	\$213,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff recommends working with applicant and stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of project elements related to meeting Emerald Necklace Program goals.	Strengths: Weaknesses: Project doesn't include elements that would tie it to the San Gabriel River Trail that runs through the park, no new park or trail. Budget reflects \$45,000 for CEQA utilizing a NOE. Opportunities: N/A Threats: N/A Matching Funds: None for Phase 1, \$100,000 Phase 2 from Prop A.	2	1	3	13	0	4	8	1	1	3	2	3	3	5	4	53	
Alina Bokde	Schabarum Blueline Stream Restoration Project	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	River/ Tributary	Proposal by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for blue line stream restoration, bank naturalization, removal of excess concrete and invasive/non-native plant species, day lighting, native plantings, habitat restoration and interpretive signage.	\$2,216,140	\$2,752,088	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should develop project concepts to incorporate Grant Program priorities.	Strengths: Enhance and restore the Blueline Stream within Schabarum Park. Project would remove debris and exotics from the stream, strong restoration value. Weaknesses: No matching funds, no recreational value (already existing park), no community involvement, and no new trails or multi-use purposes. No strong partnerships identified and budget seemed excessive.	4	4	1	17	0	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	0	15	55	

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Tim Worley	Skyline Trail/Rio Hondo Staging Area Development	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	The proposed project will provide site improvements to include landscaping and irrigation, horse water troughs, picnic tables/benches, hitching rails, and bridle fencing. The Step 2 application seeks funding for all three phases, from design through construction.	\$90,000	\$520,831	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to a low evaluation score, especially for criteria such as habitat and water resources that could be increased significantly with a project designed to meet multiple objectives. Advise applicant on ways to improve a future application, and suggest other potential sources of funding.	Strength: The project proposes improved access for low-impact recreation opportunities, such as installation of picnic tables. Weakness: The project would make improvements to an existing facility, but as designed has limited benefits for education, habitat, or improved water management.	6	0	0	7	0	2	7	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	6	37
Valorie Shatynski	Whittier Narrows Bicycle/Ped Path Dev.	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Urban	Project proposal includes the development of a 3 mile bike/walking path with exercise equipment, warm-up stations, stretching apparatus, education signage along with bioswales and native plantings. Proposal also emphasizes a special emphasis on a Pedestrian/Bicycle Traffic Signal across Durfee. It is unclear if the 3 mile path is new or simply enhanced. No phasing proposed for this proposal which is very large in scope and cost	\$7,740,000	\$8,469,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. No new access, urban value low, overall low score.	Strengths – additional recreational opportunities, proposes signalized bike/pedestrian crossing at Durfee. Weaknesses -Budget request in Step 2 – budget unclear, no RMC request or matching funds shown. Narrative states \$500,000 match from Supervisor District 1, \$8,469,000 total project very expensive. Support letter only from Friends of Whittier Narrows Natural Area. Project includes use of "Non-native adaptive plants if/when appropriate", which are ineligible for RMC funding. Timeline; preconstruction phase through July 2010. Opportunities - Improvements to existing park, should seek regional trail and other types of funding. It is not apparent that this scope of work has been coordinated with other planning efforts underway in the Whittier Narrows area, i.e., Master Plan, San Gabriel River Discovery Center. Threats - this is LA County's most highly visited park. Continued master planning for renewal and improvements are critical.	3	1	5	0	0	10	9	0	1	2	2	0	3	6	0	42
Tim Worley	Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility Development	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	River/ Tributary	The project objective is to establish the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility as a model for the best management practices for storm water runoff and containment of waste impacting the adjacent watershed. The project would remedy flooding and drainage problems by corrective grading, averting off-site drainage from existing facilities and containing on-site drainage. The project scope includes, widening the entry and installing gates; signage landscaping; replacement of infrastructure for water, electrical and sewer; a new restroom; storage building, new exterior lighting. The project will serve as an example for sustainable practices and mitigate the current impacts to the San Gabriel River. The Step 2 application was phased, with funding requested for pre-construction work including design, permitting and CEQA compliance, and construction documents.	\$2,112,000	\$1,137,480	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Feasibility will be determined for all project applications in the Whittier Narrows area pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.	Strengths: Strong water management elements and habitat improvements are incorporated in this project. Educational / interpretive features are included. Weaknesses: No matching funds.	11	0	3	16	0	5	11	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	19	82

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Tim Worley	LCWA Bixby/Dean Acquisition	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	River/ Tributary	After being owned by the Bixby Land Company since the 1800's, this 185 acre property was recently sold to a local private land owner, Thomas Dean. This project would be to negotiate with the new owner to acquire the surface rights to this precious property. It contains over 45 acres of pristine tidal salt marsh habitat, as well as several acres of brackish marsh mixed with an abundance of degraded salt marsh in need of rehabilitation. Currently Breitburn Energy leases the land for oil operations. The Step 2 application is phased, with the requested funds only covering preacquisition work.	\$18,000,000	\$190,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. No matching funds were identified, and the project lacked elements of educational, water resource, or restoration that might be expected in such a location.	Strengths: Key property adjacent to other LCWA land. Weaknesses: Application does not document potential educational, water resource, or restoration value, and there are no matching funds. Opportunity: Expand protected and managed wetlands, extend trail and recreation access.	9	0	0	13	0	2	7	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	38
Tim Worley	LCWA Wetlands Rest & Recre Access-Bryant	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	River/ Tributary	In June of 2006 the LCWA purchased 66 acres of Los Cerritos Wetlands from Bryants. However, the Bryants retained the portions of the property that are adjacent to the nearest road. Purchasing the frontage property is integral to developing a comprehensive restoration plan for the area and would allow the design of public trails that will connect the communities of Southeast Long Beach to Seal Beach. The Bryant Phase 2 Acquisition is composed of a 12 acre parcel just west of the San Gabriel River and another nearly 5 acres just east of the river. The Step 2 application took a phased approach, with requested funds to be applied to planning and design for wetland restoration and stewardship planning, including hydrologic studies.	\$10,000,000	\$442,000	\$225,000	Partially fund. Recommend combining scope of studies for both Hellman (Project ID #104) and Bryant (#102) properties.	Strengths: Project can protect and improve riparian habitat and public access for low-impact recreation. An Interim Stewardship and Management Plan is in place. Weaknesses: Lacks matching funds.	13	0	4	17	0	4	13	2	1	1	3	3	4	2	13	80
Jane Beesley	LCWA Wetlands Restoration & Recreation Access-Hellman	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	River/ Tributary	The LCWA is currently engaged in negotiations to purchase 100 acres of wetlands from the Hellmans. Once this purchase is completed, LCWA will initiate the restoration of the salt marsh and upland habitat. A large part of this project will involve a costly hydrological engineering aspect intended to improve the tidal flushing on the site and the other sites under the LCWA's control or ownership. This land has been privately owned for over a century and LCWA wants to improve the recreational access by linking it with other neighboring parks and communities of Seal beach. Phase One is acquisition of the Hellman Property, with this project as Phase 2 the Analysis, Restoration plan and Recreational Access Plan and Design.	\$5,000,000	\$423,000	\$225,000	Partially fund. Recommend combining scope of studies for both Hellman (Project ID #104) and Bryant (#102) properties.	Strengths; Capturing and restoring some of the last remaining wetlands, community access and education. Weaknesses: Timing of purchase is unknown Opportunities; Analysis and restoration of wetlands at the mouth of the San Gabriel River Threats; Development if acquisition is not completed, chance of losing ability to restore and sustain wetlands at the mouth of the San Gabriel River. Matching Funds: Grant from Wildlife Conservation Board for Acquisition \$5,700,000 as well as equal matching funding for the studies from the Coastal Conservancy. Future Funding Needs: \$7,000,000 for development of the access and restoration of the wetlands.	11	2	5	16	10	4	11	3	2	2	4	4	5	3	15	97
Valorie Shatynski	City of Lynwood Pocket Parks	Lynwood, City of	Urban	Phase 1 of project will create four (4) new open spaces within walking, biking distance of each other. All sites are within 50' of residential areas with access to Metro & bus lines. Directional site signage and brochure/map in English & Spanish to be available in print and via internet. All sites are within 15 minute or less walking distance to existing parks. Partners include Lynwood Unified School District and CalTrans. An artist will create educational and interpretive signage in English & Spanish to include elements on natural, cultural history and watershed stewardship. Site elements include walkways, signage, benches, landscaping. CalTrans has offered use of adjacent land for sustainable native plant landscaping to integrate with mature Redwood and other trees.	\$1,140,000	\$520,000	\$520,000	Partially fund. Fund \$520,000 to develop four of the eight pocket parks as Phase 1 (Sites 2, 3, 5 and 8), based upon community need determined by the City. These four sites are City-owned. Federal match \$147,000. RMC Staff will assist City to identify funding for implementation of the remaining sites.	Strengths - Park poor community, provide regeneration of run-down areas, urban respite and passive recreation. Maximum urban value for the cost. Weaknesses: Sites are small strips along freeway. Opportunities: Properties (except one with Caltrans planned for Phase 2) are already in public ownership, development costs are relatively low. Threats - Continued decay of property and impact on neighborhoods	8	0	5	2	0	10	13	0	1	1	1	2	1	21	1	66

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Jane Beesley	Maywood Riverfront Park Project-Phase 2	Maywood, city of	River/ Tributary	The project is the second phase of Maywood Riverfront Park. This project is the final implementation of Maywood Riverfront Park this phase includes open space consisting of native & ornamental landscaping, picnic areas, river viewpoints, bike/pedestrian trails and bilingual interpretation that will comprehensively serve for passive recreational activities, promote public health, and link the community to the Los Angeles River Greenway Project.	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$125,000	Partially fund. Fund half of requested funds and have City request LA River funding from SMMC (Prop A)	Strengths: On the LA River, Target Urban Area, this phase completes the Maywood Riverfront Park. Weaknesses: None Opportunities: Completion of a park in the Urban Target Area. Threats: None w/exception of inappropriate uses by public while the parcel remains vacant land Matching Funds: \$130,000 from Cty. Future Funding Needs: There is an additional \$125,000 needed to complete the park that could be matching funds in this fiscal year.	10	1	5	4	10	10	13	0	0	3	2	4	4	21	21	108	
Alina Bokde	Acquisition Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve	Monrovia, City of	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Grant request from the City of Monrovia to acquire a 40-acre lot located on Lower Clamshell Truck Trail in the foothills of Monrovia, CA. Acquisition is essential for completion of the Wilderness Preserve due to its status on the Federally Endangered plant Astragalus Brauntun. The Resource & Recreation Management Plan is currently in draft form out for public comments for management of the Preserve and funds will be available (\$80k) annually from 2000 city bond measure for maintenance.	\$1,200,000	\$1,318,000	\$1,318,000	Fund. Project has a high habitat value, is the last of the acreage needed to complete the Monrovia Hillside Preserve. Previous acquisitions for the Preserve has had approximately \$10 million in matching funds.	Strengths: Important in-holding property with popular trail and strong habitat valuers. Completes the last large hillside acquisition for the Monrovia Hillside Preserve. Weaknesses: No matching funds for this particular parcel. Matching Funds: Past matching for the other acquisitions in the Preserve total over \$10 million from City Bond. Threats: Low threat of development.	9	0	5	27	0	2	5	0	1	3	4	0	3	0	0	59	
Tim Worley	Montebello Rio Hondo Riverscape Conservatory	Montebello, Department of Parks & Recreation, City of	River/ Tributary	The City of Montebello intends to preserve and promote the San Gabriel Valley River Trails, which is the only stream that has not been altered. Plans include clearing the invasive non-native foliage to improve flood capacity; restoring natural habitat landscape, providing clean and safe trail linkage into the Rio Hondo Trails, the Bosque Rio Hondo, and establishing a Conservatory. Redeveloping this area that has been neglected for years will provide unique parkland amenities in the inner city. An education facility promoting environmental enrichment will service the patrons using bike paths, horse trails and passive recreation in the Montebello Riverscape Conservatory. In Step 2, the project has been divided into phases, with funding requested for the first phase to complete design, permitting, CEQA compliance, and construction drawings.	\$9,000,000	\$2,328,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible, only those elements consistent with existing plans. All project applications in the Whittier Narrows area await consideration pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.	Strength: This project should improve access and trail user safety, with some habitat improvements as well. Weakness: The full project has a high cost with limited matching funds in hand, and does not result in new trails. Opportunity: Potential matching funds are described; applicant may continue to negotiate for matching funds from other sources. Threats: Project is likely inconsistent with plans by Water Replenishment District, flood control function and redundant educational facilities.	13	2	5	20	0	6	11	3	2	1	2	4	5	2	17	93	
Jane Beesley	Arrastre Canyon Acquisition	Nature Conservancy, The	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	This project is for the acquisition of 326 acres, that is approx 1.7 miles of Arrastre Canyon near Soledad Canyon. Arrastre Creek is a tributary to the Santa Clara River. The property is the entire canyon and the creek from the river up to the Angeles National Forest. This property was identified as a tier one conservation property in the SCR Upper Watershed Conservation Plan. It is identified in the South Coast wildlife corridors under the South Coast Missing Linkage Project.	\$1,315,000	\$1,315,000	\$657,000	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. The project's habitat value is high, and is identified in Missing Linkages.	Strength: Habitat value high, Identified in Missing Linkages. Abuts the Angeles Forest. Contains significant riparian habitat and watershed, is an excellent preservation opportunity. Weakness: No matching funds. Opportunity: Can acquire the entire canyon/bottom portion of Arrastre Watershed, 326 acres. Threats: This property owner has no current development plans it does sit adjacent to residential development in the Santa Clara Watershed along the Highway 14 corridor. Match: Inquired re: Prop A excess no result.	9	1	2	18	0	2	7	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	44	
Valorie Shatynski	Norwalk Dog Park Acquisition & Development	Norwalk, City of	River/ Tributary	City proposes to acquire and develop approximately 1.5 acres of vacant land located south of Briar Street and adjacent to the San Gabriel River. Initial City inquiry indicates this property to be under fee ownership by the LA County Flood Control District. This property is mainly unimproved easement and not suited for urban street use. However, this site presents an ideal setting for a dog park that would encompass facilities for parking, large dog area, small dog area and access to the San Gabriel River Hose and Bicycle trails.	\$830,000	\$830,000	0	Withdrawn. City self-deferred to 2009/10 funding cycle, no step 2 application submitted.	Not scored, City self-deferred to 2009/10 funding cycle.																	0

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Alina Bokde	Eaton Wash Trail Development Project	Pasadena, City of	River/ Tributary	Funding proposal is for the planning and design to extend the proposed Eaton Wash Trail approximately three miles north to south to create a new linkage between the Angeles National Forest/Eaton Canyon to the north through the City of Pasadena and continue south to connect with existing and planned regional trails. Proposed developments of the Eaton Wash Trail consist of hiking, biking and walking trails within the City limits and contribute to the Golden Necklace. Presently inaccessible to the public, the trail will provide new public access and enhance access to existing trails between Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Angeles National Forest.	\$0	\$54,468	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should further develop trail locations and secure land tenure and improve application elements to be more consistent with RMC's policies.	Strength: Potential connection to regional trail network (Golden Necklace). Weaknesses: The project description was not developed well enough to understand the proposed alignment of the trail. No letter from the landowner (LACDPW) that demonstrates willingness to negotiate easement for proposed trail. No preliminary budget to indicate proposed improvement costs.	16	1	3	9	0	4	7	1	2	3	1	2	5	1	4	59
Tim Worley	White Avenue Park-Pomona	Pomona, City of	Urban	The City of Pomona proposes the acquisition and development of a new 4.3 acre urban park, to include fitness trail, picnic/rest areas, and other amenities.	\$6,900,000	\$6,900,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to the high cost and lack of matching funds. Encourage applicant to carry out pre-acquisition tasks such as zoning and general plan amendment and appraisal to strengthen a future grant application. Explore potential of matching funds from Prop A and the City.	Strength: This blighted property is located in park-poor urban target area, meeting a high need. Weakness: An appraisal is needed to verify sale price. Also, this project needs zoning and General Plan change, then CEQA analysis. In addition, no matching funds were identified in the application.	8	0	3	2	0	10	13	0	1	2	1	4	0	15	2	61
Tim Worley	Robert Reed Ranch Preserve Acquisition Project	Riverlands Preservation Trust of the Rio San Gabriel (Rio Trust), The	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Rio Trust proposes the acquisition of property in the Puente Hills adjacent to Rowland Heights, for stewardship, development and preservation of open space. The acquisition would: a) facilitate the connectivity of Schabarum Regional Park through the extension of trails and hiking paths; b) provide for the restoration and protection of endangered native species of plants and animals; c) provide for the continuation of available habitat for indigenous wildlife; d) promote fire safety through restoration with naturally fire resistant native plant species; and e) provide recreational and educational facilities.	\$4,808,800	\$4,808,800	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to a low evaluation score. Suggest to the applicant ways future applications could be improved.	Strength: Location offers potential for trail extensions, an equestrian staging area, and habitat protection. Weakness: Application provided incomplete budget information and an incomplete narrative, resulting in relatively low evaluation scores.	8	0	2	10	0	3	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	32
Tim Worley	Pine/Falling Leaf Pocket Park	Rosemead, City of	Urban	The City of Rosemead is proposing to develop pocket parks in three vacant parcels located underneath Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission line right-of-way areas. The needed parks are located in dense residential areas that contain little space. The application is to make improvements to the undeveloped parcel between Pine Street and Falling Leaf Avenue. The Pocket Parks will include native riparian landscape, walking trails, interpretive kiosks, and passive recreational amenities. The project will consist of two phases and involve contributions from City staff, the public, SCE, and neighboring residents. These projects are part of a larger vision to create a continuous greenway space along the entire SCE easement through the City of Rosemead.	\$550,000	\$549,681	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to relatively low evaluation scores for urban land value, water management, habitat, and restoration criteria.	Strengths: This is a good effort to create usable open space from a power transmission corridor. The applicant shows a commitment of local matching funds, and to developing the recreational aspects of the proposed project. Weaknesses: The project location falls outside the Urban target area, which results in low score for urban land value. The project also is relatively weak on water management, habitat, and restoration criteria.	9	0	5	3	5	10	9	0	2	1	2	1	3	4	2	56

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Jane Beesley	San Gabriel/Pine Pocket Park-Rosemead	Rosemead, City of	Urban	The City of Rosemead is proposing to develop pocket parks in 3 vacant parcels located underneath SCE transmission line right of way areas. The proposed parks are located in dense residential areas that contain little open space. This application is to develop the design, secure the lease agreements, and construct the improvements to the undeveloped parcel between Pine Street and San Gabriel Blvd. The pocket parks will include native riparian landscaping, walking trails, interpretive kiosks and passive recreational amenities. This project consists of 2 phases and involves contributions from city staff, the public, SCE and neighboring residents.	\$550,000	\$548,340	\$548,340	Fund. This project supports a new park in a dense, urban area of Rosemead with limited parks and open space. The City is working collaborately with SCE to develop this site into a passive park.	Strengths: Project location in Urban Target Area, creating a new park. Southern California Edison has sent letter indicating their willingness to enter into lease with City. Weaknesses: Length of time to attain land tenure. City General Plan current update in progress, change in zoning needed for project. Opportunities: Project captures open space that could be utilized for other purposes by SCE, current land owner. Threats: N/A Matching Funds: Phase 1 City will match \$15,000 over full project match \$346,800. Future Funding Needs: This request is expected to fully fund this park.	4	1	5	1	5	12	13	0	2	2	2	4	3	21	10	85
Valorie Shatynski	Wildwood Canyon Preserve Acquisition Project	San Dimas, City of / Glendora, City of	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	The project is located in both San Dimas & Glendora. It consists of 17 parcels totaling approximately 510 acres undeveloped hillside open space. The acquisition is for the purpose of preservation of the natural habitat, low-impact recreation such as hiking and equestrian trails. Portions of the north and northeast sides of the site adjoin the Angeles National Forest. The project site includes 7 canyons and associated ridges. Wildlife currently travels north, east, and south through the canyons and ridges. The site includes essential habitat linkages, five permanent water sources, water recharge, critical open space, vital habitat for sensitive and endangered species, and a critical corridor buffer between the urban edge and the Angeles National Forest.	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$0	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. Recommend investigation of matching funding sources, due to large cost of acquisition.	Strengths: Adjacent to San Dimas Park, provides buffer and includes critical Coastal Sage Scrub habitat. Weaknesses: Management and public access after acquisition not clear. Stakeholders, stewardship, restoration opportunities not provided. Inclusion/proximity to Conceptual Area Protection Plan and/or Land Acquisition Evaluation Report not discussed. No matching funds. Opportunities: Future connectivity to a larger area, possible funding from Wildlife Conservation Board, potential cooperative relationships with La Verne, Los Angeles County should be investigated. Threats: Apparent development threat documented in past years.	7	3	2	27	0	3	6	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	52
Valorie Shatynski	Acquisition/ Restoration (Fire) Upper San Jose Watershed	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Phase One acquisition of three 40 acre properties for watershed protection on the east flank of Palmer Canyon of the Upper San Jose Creek/Watershed. Major concerns have been raised about rapid habitat recovery essential to both plant communities and water supply/aquifer replenishment in serious fire damaged areas such as this. \$2 M + \$100K restoration	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to low evaluation score. Suggest to the applicant ways future applications could be improved.	Strengths: habitat, buffer, "NEWE" property approx. 40 acres for \$1.2 million seems reasonable value. Weaknesses: VERY steep topography which would make restoration and trail connections difficult. No matching funds, low development threat. Opportunities: No mention of Claremont Conceptual Area Protection Plan of which this area is likely a part. May attract other funding. Threats: Development threat appears low. The recently completed "Chicken Creek" development relieves development demand in immediate area. Acquisition property zoning would only allow two homes could be placed upon the 40 acres if developed.	2	0	2	27	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Tim Worley	Acquisition/ Restoration Van Tassel Nature Sanctuary	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	This is a purchase/acquisition of 300 acres of existing open space in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills, immediately north of Duarte and west of Azusa for permanent watershed protection, open space and nature sanctuary preserve. Some passive recreation use and interpretation opportunities exist on Van Tassel Trail, a major regional connector trail from the Valley into the National Forest. Open space serves as coastal sage scrub habitat for sensitive species and buffer property between highly urbanized areas and the Angeles National Forest in eastern Los Angeles County. Restoration opportunities exist for eradication of invasive non-native plants' encroachment into wildland areas, and for habitat recovery. The property is a key habitat link in the Foothills Wildlife Corridor.	\$13,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Project scored in lower end of the curve.	Strength: This property includes opportunities for trail extensions and habitat protection. Weakness: The large cost, low to moderate evaluation score, and lack of matching funds makes it difficult to approve as currently defined. Threat: Purchase agreement may expire, and according to the applicant there may be some interest in the property for mining.	7	0	1	21	0	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	40



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Jane Beesley	San Gabriel River: Watershed Improvement Program	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	River/ Tributary	The San Gabirel River Waste Removal Multi-element project is a partnership between the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito Vector Control District to address recreational watershed issues and stewardship training for the region's youth. Project includes procurement of vitally needed composting public toilets for high use, sensitive areas of the river. The program relies on the partnership, capital improvement and use of Vector Control Districts facilities where participants conduct lab research, mentoring and stewardship education activities.	\$422,410	\$426,951	\$0	Not recommended for funding. This project does not fit the initial criteria of new park, new trail, new habitat. It is an education & research project. There is no evidence of partnership with USFS, which is critical to placing composting toilets within the Angeles Forest.	Strength: Education program on the river/water with youth to learn about personal actions affecting water quality & what/why good water quality is critical. Weakness: No proof of agreement for USFS to place toilets or do program in the Angeles Forest, no site control on placement of composting toilets. Program not attached to a specific site/park. Matching Funds: \$75,000 from Industry Manufacturers Council for construction supplies & SGMRC \$55,000..	0	1	3	4	0	2	4	0	1	2	2	2	0	2	9	32
Valorie Shatynski	Vasquez Conservation, Education, Rec Center (Acquisition)	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	One-of-a-kind Foothill multi-purpose center to be acquired and developed for outreach and education activities. Included will be: outdoor education (biology, geology, astronomy), plus conservation activities/training and recreation (suitable to all ages and multi-cultural)--and historic agriculture, plus Garcia Trail. \$4 million to go toward acquisition and \$500,000 to the Center (complex).	\$4,500,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources and access can be legally secured. The project increases 120 acres of open space dedicated by Monrovia Nursery.	Strengths: Fair condition coastal sage habitat which connects to Open Space (200 acres), providing urban buffer. Weaknesses: Access could be problematic, cost for 40 acres appears high, no matching funds identified. Opportunities: increase 120 acre open space dedicated by Monrovia Nursery as mitigation for development, partnerships with US Forestry, Watershed Conservation Authority. Threats: Letter from Owner's representative states "delays in funding may cause seller to pursue development opportunities....," possibly mining of "high quality aggregate."	6	1	2	27	0	1	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	44
Jane Beesley	Vincent Lugo Park-San Gabriel	San Gabriel, City of	River/ Tributary	This project will preserve, revitalize and expand the park's open space and develop improved access to passive and active recreational opportunities. The proposal is a phased project with RMC funds requested for only Phase 1, which includes the completion of the construction documents and the development of the dry streambed, outdoor classroom, native plantings and signage. Applicant has funding in place for Phases 2 & 3 for the active recreation elements.	\$525,409	\$525,409	\$525,409	Fund. High scoring in River/Tributary Program with strong water conservation and Best Management Practices built into the plans. Funding award would complete the project and leverage significant matching funds.	Strengths; Refurbishment of park includes the water saving, bmp features, native plantings and interpretive elements in a River Target Area. Weaknesses; None Opportunities; RMC has funded the planning portion of this park, the collaboration has resulted in a plan that utilizes RMC principles within an active park in a disadvantaged community. Threats; Matching Funds: \$2,653,769 from LA River Parkway Grant, Prop 12 Grant, Prop 40 Grants, LA County Grant and the City of San Gabriel Funds. Future Funding Needs: This completes the full funding for the project.	15	2	5	2	10	5	13	0	2	2	2	4	5	12	17	96
N/A	Cha'wot Nature Preserve Acquisition and Planning	Signal Hill, City of	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	self deferred to next grant round	\$1,130,000	\$1,130,000	0	Withdrawn. Self deferred to next grant round	Self deferred to next grant round																0
Valorie Shatynski	City to River Nature Walk Loop Development	South El Monte , City of Amigos de los Rios	Urban	Phase 1 planning for Civic Center enhancement, includes: City Hall, Library, County Assessor's Office, Recreation Center, Senior Center, Municipal swimming pool and tennis courts. City plans to create 5.6 mile walking trail loop around perimeter of Civic Center and Shively School, providing connection via City streets to Whittier Narrows Recreation area, Rio Hondo River (to west), San Gabriel River at Thienes Avenue (to east). Amenities to include native trees and shrubs, decomposed granite and concrete pathways, vegetated swales, water fountains, benches, interpretive signage, and exercise stations. City proposes to use reclaimed water for irrigation along the trail.	\$380,360	\$177,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate other funding sources and strengthen trail connections vs. use of City streets	Strengths: Beginnings of a master plan concept. Matching funds \$72,300 for Phase 1 planning. Weaknesses: Enhancement to the existing Civic Center, connections to other parks, regional trails and rivers via City streets with no improvements provided. No funding for development, approximate cost of \$2,230,000. Opportunities: Collaboration with San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps on landscaping elements, investigate funding sources for urban park development. Some low impact recreation and possible reclaimed water for irrigation. Threats: none evident.	3	0	4	0	0	8	11	0	1	0	1	1	2	17	3	51

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Valorie Shatynski	Mary Vandyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement	South El Monte, City of	Urban	Mary Van Dyke is an existing community park located in the City of South El Monte. The City proposes to upgrade the restrooms and playground area and add a nature trail with interpretive signage. The project will include decomposed granite and concrete walkways, native landscaping, interpretive signage for environmental education, benches and picnic tables.	\$126,100	\$562,034	\$562,034	Fund. Excellent multi-purpose enhancements and maintenance to existing park space.	Strengths: High quality multipurpose improvements to existing urban park such as passive uses, interpretive, water quality. Construction plans complete, 68% matching funds in place. Weaknesses: Enhancements and maintenance to existing park space, Los Angeles River plant palette used must be revised to San Gabriel River palette, California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption would need to be updated to include passive elements requested in application. Opportunities: Public health, interpretive elements in a highly underserved, urbanized area. Threats: Application to RMC for passive elements appears to be added to park rehabilitation planning, lack of RMC funding may result in exclusion of these elements, per testimony at 9/22 RMC Board meeting	9	0	4	0	10	8	13	0	1	1	2	3	3	10	8	72
Valorie Shatynski	New Temple Park	South El Monte, City of	Urban	New Temple is an existing neighborhood park that accommodates many organized community sports events. The City proposes to create a nature trail loop around the existing athletic fields and support buildings of the park. The nature trail will include native trees, shrubs, interpretive signage and benches. The project will be designed to educate park users on water resources, natural and cultural history of the area. Application is for planning only	\$219,000	\$126,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate funding sources for planning and ~\$1M for development elements to this existing park.	Strengths - Matching Funds \$81,800 from City for planning phase. Weaknesses: existing park improvements, no funding identified for development phase +\$1 million.	8	0	4	0	0	8	9	0	1	2	2	1	1	15	2	53
Valorie Shatynski	Multi-purpose Trail /Landscape Development Project	South Gate, City of	Urban	Phase 1 planning: \$365,000 includes design/survey/permits. The project will beautify, enhance access and provide low impact recreation opportunities by improving the southern 25 feet of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right of way between Santa Fe Avenue and the Los Angeles River Trail system. The improvements consist of a multi-purpose trail, in addition to eliminating the visual blight of the UPRR right of way. The City of South Gate is an "impacted city" and the project will enhance urban land, as defined under the Urban Green Space designation.	\$2,898,600	\$2,898,600	\$365,000	Partially fund. Fund \$365,000 Phase 1 project feasibility, planning and land tenure negotiations/agreements, design and necessary permits. RMC Staff will assist city to identify funding for implementation as a result of this planning effort.	Strengths - Serves impacted area, Union Pacific supports concept in 25 feet of their right of way. Matching funds of \$100,000 from Proposition C committed by City. Weaknesses - Active rail line, Union Pacific land tenure is not established. Runs thru highly commercialized area. The timeline and budget for negotiations with railroad and for community outreach should be examined as they both seem optimistic. Opportunities - connection to LA River, potential federal recreation trail funding for project. Threats: Crime, blight.	8	0	2	0	0	12	9	0	1	2	2	1	4	19	1	61
Valorie Shatynski	Maywood Avenue Park/ Development	Trust for Public Land	Urban	This project will entail the development of a new pocket park on a vacant lot owned by City. The park will be located on one of Maywood's most dense streets filled with a mix of overcrowded apartments, mixed use commercial and industrial businesses. The site is located on the western boundary of the City where park services are far and few between. In a community where residents are plagued with chronic health conditions such as obesity and high blood pressure. the park will provide a place for exercise, relation, and community development.	\$629,665	\$629,665	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate funding sources, i.e., Urban Parks Program, Trust for Public Land	Strengths: project uses publicly owned, blighted property in an underserved mixed use area of Maywood which has no nearby parks. Weaknesses: TPL has identified conditional/tentative matching funds, but provided no information in the application. Application did not provide information related to stakeholders, stewardship, public health value and educational/interpretive sections. Opportunities: Provide a small oasis for residents and employees of businesses in an underserved area. Threats: Safety, Crime NOTE: 8/22/08 TPL agreed to follow up with additional funding information and has not.	8	0	0	0	0	6	11	0	1	2	0	2	0	19	1	50

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Valorie Shatynski	98th Street Park-South LA	Watershed Conservation Authority	Urban	Phase 1: Conceptual planning, including community visioning and feasibility, to form the basis for findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The budget includes funding for completion of CEQA analysis and certification. Resulting model project at 98th Street would lay groundwork for additional projects of this type within Department of Water and Power right of way, which passes through many park poor areas in Los Angeles County.	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	Fund. \$300,000 Phase 1 Planning and documentation for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).	Strengths: Serves disadvantaged area that is park poor; eliminates nuisance property; water conservation elements planned; provides low impact recreation; stakeholder involvement planned, would form basis for future Dept of Water & Power (DWP) joint projects. Weakness: No matching funds, relies on lease with DWP and amenability to water quality aspects. Opportunities: provides connection to larger urban trail system; potential partnership with LA Conservation Corps for stewardship. Threats: Safety issues in the surrounding community spilling into project area, continued illegal dumping on site.	10	0	3	1	0	8	11	0	2	3	3	2	5	17	7	72
Alina Bokde	Azusa River Wilderness Park at El Encanto Phase 1 Development	Watershed Conservation Authority	River/Tributary	Proposal is for the design and construction documents of the Azusa River Wilderness Park Phase I development. Phase I will develop the surrounding areas at the old El Encanto Restaurant, specifically the area where the Mobile Home Park is currently situated. The concept plan will include an opportunity for an outdoor classroom as well for interpretive signage of the natural and cultural history as well as the importance of the watershed. Additionally the concept plan will include an outdoor Amphitheatre, Picnic area, Restroom, An Overlook, Entry Gates, Trail improvements as well as interpretive and wayfinding elements.	\$2,500,000	\$2,541,500	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Costs for project are high. Seek matching funds in future grant rounds.	Strengths: Strong recreational component that includes a new recreational area. Strong sustainability and water conservation concepts. Weaknesses: No matching funds and no restoration value.	13	0	5	11	0	3	9	1	1	2	3	4	3	2	6	63
Valorie Shatynski	Citrus Heights Bike Stop Development	Watershed Conservation Authority	River/Tributary	Phase 1: Conceptual planning, including community visioning, to form the basis for findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The budget includes funding for completion of CEQA analysis and certification.	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate other funding sources and continue coordination and planning with RMC	Strengths - Serves disadvantaged area that is park poor and eliminates nuisance property. Some water conservation elements included, stakeholder involvement. Weaknesses – land tenure must be completed, access to site limited to bike trail, location subject to vandalism, crime. Opportunities: Potential partnership with SGVCC on "Operations & Maintenance" for long-term stewardship and maintenance plan over the life of the park, provides connection to larger urban trail system. Threats: Safety issues in the surrounding community spilling into project area, continued illegal dumping on site, vandalism, crime	3	0	5	8	0	10	9	1	2	3	2	2	3	19	4	71
Tim Worley	Development of the Duck Farm Phase 1B	Watershed Conservation Authority	River/Tributary	Phase 1B will include a new 150 space parking lot. Improvements to the access road will enhance access to a community garden and dog park. A meandering trail along enhanced riparian landscape and meadow will lead to an expanded river-edge promenade along the east bank of the San Gabriel River between Valley Boulevard and the new Visitor Center and amphitheatre/outdoor classroom adjacent to a 1 acre fresh water marsh landscape. Access improvements by means of sidewalk improvements and a pedestrian access ramp at Valley Boulevard. The existing equestrian facility will be expanded and improved.	\$9,155,355	\$9,408,638	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should investigate funding potential from other State grant programs (e.g. River Parkways), and from CalTrans for needed accessibility improvements to the site.	Strengths: This project has a high value for access to multiple recreational opportunities, and for habitat improvements, and is located in an urban target area. Weakness: It lacks matching funds for this phase of work, and has a high cost as a very extensive and complex development project. Public access is a challenge that needs to be addressed.	13	1	3	17	0	6	11	1	2	2	1	3	5	15	7	87

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Tim Worley	Planning for Phase 2 of the Duck Farm project	Watershed Conservation Authority	River/ Tributary	Phases 1A and 1B provide for design and construction of open space elements at the Duck Farm north of Avocado Creek to Valley Blvd. Phase 2 will extend the planning and implementation of the project to include those areas south of Avocado Creek and seek to continue the River Commons Promenade to San Jose Creek to the SG River Bike Trail. The planning implementation will include input from the City of Industry and SCE to seek zoning and additional agreements to complete the Duck Farm Project.	\$25,000,000	\$457,725	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Applicant should investigate funding potential from other State grant programs (e.g. River Parkways), and from CalTrans for needed accessibility improvements to the site.	Strength: Improved access and good interpretive elements, habitat improvements. Weakness: High cost and limited matching funds.	13	1	3	17	0	6	11	1	2	2	1	3	5	15	7	87	
Tim Worley	San Gabriel River Confluence w/ Cattle Canyon Improvement Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	This project is to do improvements on the portion of the confluence of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River with Cattle Canyon and its creek. This project will include a feasibility study, development of the site, interpretive and directional signage, habitat restoration, an outreach program utilizing the Southern California Consortium project and a study on the effectiveness of the outreach. This pilot project will be completed with the intent that it is replicable in other areas of the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel River Watershed. This project is a collaboration of the U.S. Forest Service, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Sierra Club, Southern California Consortium, and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, with all of the partners allocating staff time to the project. (Total request over three phases.) Phase 1: \$766,584; Phase 2: \$1,847,579; Phase 3: \$95,794	\$1,000,000	\$2,709,957	\$766,584	Fund. \$766,584 is recommended for Phase 1 of the work plan. Applicant is encouraged to further strengthen the coalition with new partners, and identify other possible funding sources.	Strengths: This project is a viable pilot prject to enhance impacted areas elsewhere in the National Forest headwaters, and would result in significant improvements in water quality, river habitat, and Forest visitors' recreational experience. It includes strong river stewardship components, and involves a good coalition for implementation, including a partnership with local schools for student employment. Weakness: As a study in the National Forest, the project has limited ability to improve trails, urban parks, or similar criteria.	7	0	4	27	0	4	7	0	1	3	4	3	0	0	5	65	
Alina Bokde	San Gabriel River Trail extension to ARWP	Watershed Conservation Authority	River/ Tributary	This is the design and the development of an extension of the San Gabriel River Trail from its current end in Azusa to the Azusa River Wilderness Park, the parking lot of El Encanto.	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	0	Withdrawn. Applicant Removed application due to award of grant from Resources Agency for project.	Withdrawn. Applicant Removed application due to award of grant from Resources Agency for project.																0	
N/A	Santa Fe Dam Bike Trail Enhancement Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Urban	No Step 2 submitted	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$0	Incomplete. No Step 2 submitted	No Step 2 submitted																	0
Alina Bokde	Greenway Trail Anti-Graffiti Measures	Whittier, City of	Urban	The existing Greenway Trail, a Rails to Trails has been developed as a pedestrian path and bikeway which includes educational/interpretive stations throughout the trail. The grant proposes to enhance this existing trail, which will include anti-graffiti landscaping to enhance the bikeway and public use of the trail where needed, trellis will be installed to support the landscaping thus eliminating the graffiti. The proposed improvements will enhance children's safety on this bikeway. Additionally, an irrigation system will be based on evapo-transpiration rates and will capable of multiple irrigation cycles with programmable soak in times and match precipitation rate sprinkler heads.	\$780,020	\$620,116	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Application primarily emphasized mitigation measures on existing trails.	Strengths: Enhance the trail and address safety issues. Could be a good pilot project for addressing design issues. Weaknesses: Project did not result in any new trail or recreational area. No matching funds. Very limited on the educational/interpretive materials. Project did not meet many of the Grant Program goals.	2	0	1	0	0	6	2	0	1	3	3	1	4	4	0		27