

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Section 33208(a)(1) of the Public Resources Code provides that the annual report shall include a listing of, and justification for, the projects to be undertaken pursuant to Section 33204, a statement of the condition of the fund, and a certification that each of the projects proposed to be funded are consistent with the plan.

As part of the resolution authorizing action on each project undertaken by the Conservancy, a certification is made that it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as provided in Section 33208(a)(1).

The following are project reports, including information on grants and the workprogram priority list for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, for fiscal year 2001-2002.



PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Agoura Hills—Rasmussen Donation

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Donation	
Location:	Simi Hills	
Acres:	151	
Adjoins:	Thomas Dedication	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	12/26/01	
Board Actions (Date):	6/25/2001	Resolution#: 01-119
Appraiser:	DGS approved owner's appraisal for Wildlife Conservation Board	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	C.A. Rasmussen Company	
Grantee:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Total Grant Amount:	N/A	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use:	Open space
Current Use:	Open space
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	Yes
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	Valley oak, coast live oak, oak savannah, coastal sage scrub, riparian, annual grassland and California walnut.

V. NARRATIVE

This was the first donation to the Conservancy under the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit of 2000, in conjunction with the State Wildlife Conservation Board. The property is located near NPS' Palo Comado Canyon units and connects the City of Agoura Hills' Thomas Dedication.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Bell Canyon Dedication—KB Homes

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Dedication	
Location:	Rim of the Valley	
Acres:	61.5	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	Yes	
Escrow Closing (Date):	7/26/2001	
Board Actions (Date):	6/25/2001	Resolution#: 01-81
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	\$0.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, trail, viewshed
Current Use:	Open space, trail, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	This is a limestone-based area supporting generally sparse chaparral vegetation interspersed with rock outcrops and grassland. It ties in with the Simi Hills core habitat and the Bell Canyon riparian corridor.

V. NARRATIVE

The subject development was approved in 1987, at which time the Conservancy authorized acceptance of the dedication. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority subsequently authorized acceptance. A trail alignment with street crossings is integrated into the plan.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Brown's Canyon—Horner

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Rim of the Valley	
Acres:	13.77	
Adjoins:	MRCA Devil's Canyon Open Space	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	Yes	
Escrow Closing (Date):	5/2/2002	
Board Actions (Date):	1/30/02	Resolution#: 02-22
Appraiser:	Coldwell Banker	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$835,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$983,460.00	Price per Acre: \$71,420.48
Funding Source:	1996 Proposition A 5th District excess funds	
	MRCA Deerlake Highlands Improvement Funds Presidio Group, LLC	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, trails
Current Use:	Open space, trails
Intended Permanent Agency:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	This approximately 14-acre property extends the Santa Susana Mountains ecosystem down to the 118 Freeway at Canoga Avenue. Wildlife can cross under the 118 Freeway to Stoney Point Park and into the Simi Hills. The property contains large, unique sandstone rock formations, State-listed rare Santa Susana tarweed, and a complex assemblage of chaparral species.

V. NARRATIVE

This key acquisition provides a gateway to the Santa Susana Mountains. It has existing trails, provides important freeway viewshed, and contains archaeological sites.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Calabasas—Mesivta Conservation Easement

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Dedication	
Location:	Simi Hills	
Acres:	3.94	
Adjoins:	Mureau Estates private open space	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	N/A	
Board Actions (Date):	6/15/98	Resolution#: 98-86
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	N/A	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Easement to protect wildlife corridor and riparian habitat
Current Use:	Easement to protect wildlife corridor and riparian habitat
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	Contains substantial portion of headwaters of small tributary to Las Creek. Contains year-round water and complex riparian habitat dominated by willow trees. Will provide the critical movement corridor if opening is provided under the 101 Freeway at the low point in Mureau Road to allow animal and hiker movement between the Simi Hills and the Santa Monica Mountains.

V. NARRATIVE

Mesivta of Greater Los Angeles worked with staff to configure an ecologically sensitive project. The dedication was a condition of the school's approval, even though a subsequent EIR was required in 2002.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Castaic—Larwin Donation

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Donation	
Location:	Rim of the Valley	
Acres:	355	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	10/31/2001	
Board Actions (Date):	7/23/01	Resolution#: 01-86
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Larwin Company	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	N/A	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space
Current Use:	Open space
Intended Permanent Agency:	Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	N/A
SEA:	N/A
Special Planning Zones:	N/A
Biological Resources:	Coastal sage scrub, chamise chaparral, grassland vegetation, and scattered coast live oak.

V. NARRATIVE

The property's topography trends from gently sloping hills to rugged cliffs. Los Angeles County's Del Valle Park lies south of the property off Sloan Canyon, but does not directly adjoin the donation parcel.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Chatsworth Peak—Grech Donation

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Donation	
Location:	Simi Hills	
Acres:	1	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	Yes	
Escrow Closing (Date):	12/28/01	
Board Actions (Date):	12/17/01	Resolution#: 01-150
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$0.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space,viewshed
Current Use:	Open space,viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	Vegetation on the property is comprised of chaparral and grassland.

V. NARRATIVE

Located on the southeast slope of Chatsworth Peak, the property backs up to rugged sandstone cliffs amongst numerous rock outcrops. It features a prominent view of the Chatsworth Nature Preserve and surrounding areas. Santa Susana Pass Historic Park is located a short distance to the east.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Coldwater Canyon—Beverly Ridge Estates

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Dedication	
Location:	Eastern Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	25	
Adjoins:	Franklin Canyon Park	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	12/18/2001	
Board Actions (Date):	1/22/01	Resolution#: 01-11, 01-13
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	N/A	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, viewshed
Current Use:	Open space, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan
Biological Resources:	This property contains a portion of the upper Franklin Canyon watershed. It supports dense chaparral on a west-facing slope.

V. NARRATIVE

This property was dedicated as a tract map condition of the adjoining 11-lot development on the ridgeline between Coldwater and Franklin Canyons. All public access is from Franklin Canyon.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Michael D. Antonovich Open Space (East Canyon / BFI)

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Dedication	
Location:	Rim of the Valley	
Acres:	480	
Adjoins:	Santa Clarita Woodlands Park, Newhall Pass Acquisition	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	Yes	
Escrow Closing (Date):	6/28/2002	
Board Actions (Date):	4/14/99, 5/27/99, 6/24/99	Resolution#: 99-45,99-59,99-70
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	County of Los Angeles	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$0.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, trails, habitat connecting
Current Use:	Open space, trails, habitat connecting
Intended Permanent Agency:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	N/A
SEA:	#20
Special Planning Zones:	N/A
Biological Resources:	The property has sweeping native grasslands, oak groves and stands of California black walnut trees. The property is a wildlife corridor, allowing for the migration of deer, bears, mountain lions, gray foxes, and other small mammals.

V. NARRATIVE

This property is an important viewshed in the Santa Susana Mountains, linking the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park and O'Melveny Park. It is part of a vital 6,000-acre wilderness area that provides space for recreation in a heavily populated area, as well as a corridor for migrating wildlife. The property was acquired in cooperation with the County of Los Angeles.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Fossil Ridge—Tax Defaulted Parcels

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Eastern Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	8	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	10/13/2001	
Board Actions (Date):	5/27/99	Resolution#: 99-62
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$38,430.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$35,000.00	Price per Acre: \$4,375.00
Funding Source:	Proposition 12	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use:	Open space, viewshed, wildlife corridor
Current Use:	Open space, viewshed, wildlife corridor
Intended Permanent Agency:	

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan
Biological Resources:	High quality chaparral with pockets of grassland and California walnut woodland. Bobcats have been denning on this site.

V. NARRATIVE

This acquisition is an important habitat stepping stone property in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains. It was acquired from Los Angeles County through a Chapter 8 Agreement tax sale.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Malibu-Sweetwater—Gordon Dedication

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Dedication	
Location:	Western Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	24	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	12/27/01	
Board Actions (Date):	12/17/01	Resolution#: 01-153
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	N/A	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, viewshed, trail
Current Use:	Open space, viewshed, trail
Intended Permanent Agency:	California Department of Parks and Recreation

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:	This property occupies a south-facing slope with thin soils. It supports a mix of chaparral and coastal sage scrub elements and has burned frequently. It drains into both Sweetwater and Malibu Canyons.

V. NARRATIVE

This dedication came about from a project graded in the late 1980s. An accompanying trail dedication is expected to be accepted by the MRCA in late 2002. The subject 24-acre open space dedication is bisected by a road easement leading to numerous vacant properties.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Conejo Valley—Lautmann Property

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Transfer	
Location:	Western Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	0.25	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	N/A	
Escrow Closing (Date):	9/19/01	
Board Actions (Date):	3/15/99	Resolution#: 99-31
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Grantee:	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	
Total Grant Amount:	N/A	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency
Current Owner:	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency
Intended Use:	Open space
Current Use:	Open space
Intended Permanent Agency:	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	Generally annual grassland with elements of coastal sage scrub and chaparral.

V. NARRATIVE

This small property along the 101 Freeway that the MRCA acquired via donation in 1999 was transferred this fiscal year to the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Lechuza Beach

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Western Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	1.2	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	5/29/02	
Board Actions (Date):	10/23/00	Resolution#: 00-130 (a)
Appraiser:	Cap Realty Advisors (Craig Peeples, MAI)	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	California State Coastal Conservancy	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$9,300,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$9,300,000.00	Price per Acre: \$7,750,000.00
Funding Source:	Proposition 12, General Fund, Public Resources Account, Cigarette & Tobacco Products Surtax Fund.	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Public recreation area, open space
Current Use:	Public recreation area, open space
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	Yes
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:	Upland coastal bluff area contains patches of grassland; the majority of the property consists of sandy beach with large exposed rock formations.

V. NARRATIVE

This key beach property donation is located almost adjacent to El Matador State Beach. It is of the highest scenic quality and provides public access to a pristine beach. The State Coastal Conservancy was instrumental in bringing about the donation and was wholly responsible for funding this significant acquisition.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Maywood Riverfront Park—Catellus

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Transfer	
Location:	Maywood	
Acres:	0.75	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	1/9/02	
Board Actions (Date):	2/26/01, 7/23/01	Resolution#: 01-26, 01-145
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	N/A	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	City of Maywood
Current Owner:	City of Maywood
Intended Use:	Public park and open space
Current Use:	Public park and open space
Intended Permanent Agency:	City of Maywood

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	When acquired, the property was a vacant lot. Native plants and trees have been planted.

V. NARRATIVE

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) was instrumental in acquiring this open space and working through environmental assessment constraints. The MRCA designed and constructed this small nature park in an area with few open spaces.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Mt. Washington / Raspa Donation (Stahr)

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Donation	
Location:	Eastern Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	0.21	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	8/8/01	
Board Actions (Date):	10/28/99	Resolution#: 99-88
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	\$0.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space
Current Use:	Open space
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Mount Washington Specific Plan
Biological Resources:	This property contains scattered native walnuts, annual grass and several examples of native shrubs.

V. NARRATIVE

Mount Washington contains dozens of pockets of open space that provide a rural character and vestiges of wildlife habitat. Protection of these small areas via donations is the MRCA's principle means of land acquisition in Mount Washington.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Mulholland Gateway Park—21000 Mulholland

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Eastern Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	61.4	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	Yes	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	10/26/01	
Board Actions (Date):	5/14/01	Resolution#: 01-55
Appraiser:	Buss-Shelger and Associates	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$6,000,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$6,000,000.00	Price per Acre: \$97,719.87
Funding Source:	Proposition 12	
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Trailhead, trails, parking, viewshed, open space
Current Use:	Trails, viewshed, open space
Intended Permanent Agency:	California State Parks upon consummation of the transaction directed by Governor Davis in his message accompanying Chapter 106/01, Item 3790-301-0005(29) of the Budget Act of 2001

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan / Mulholland Gateway Park Master Plan
Biological Resources:	This property supports a mix of purple sage-dominated coastal sage scrub intermixed with mature walnut trees. It provides an unbroken habitat linkage to Topanga Canyon Blvd.

V. NARRATIVE

The 61.4-acre West Mulholland Trailhead acquisition will offer a regionally significant recreational portal into the 20,000-acre "Big Wild" natural area. Optimally located at the beginning of the "dirt" section of Mulholland Drive, prior grading work on the property provides a slightly sloping four-acre pad that will be used to construct a state-of-the-art trailhead and interpretive site. The site offers views of the Simi Hills and will provide access to numerous trails. Funding for the acquisition was provided by Proposition 12.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Mulholland Gateway Park—Avatar

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Eastern Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	325	
Adjoins:	Mulholland Gateway Park, Serrania Park	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	Yes	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	7/6/01	
Board Actions (Date):	10/23/00	Resolution#: 00-128
Appraiser:	Mason & Mason	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$9,560,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$8,110,500.00	Price per Acre: \$24,955.38
Funding Source:	Proposition 12, Proposition 13	
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005, 0540-101-6015	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, trails, viewshed
Current Use:	Open space, trails, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency:	California State Parks upon consummation of the transaction directed by Governor Davis in his message accompanying Chapter 106/01, Item 3790-301-0005(29) of the Budget Act of 2001

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan / Mulholland Gateway Park Master Plan
Biological Resources:	Contains over 200 acres of sensitive coastal sage scrub interspersed with California walnut woodland, oak woodland, and grassland. Nearby Corbin Canyon contains a year-round water source and a riparian forest several acres in size.

V. NARRATIVE

This property was one of the highest rated projects on the Conservancy's Acquisition 2000 Workprogram. In addition to its significant ecological attributes, it contains numerous trails leading from the San Fernando Valley to dirt sections of Mulholland Drive.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Mulwood Canyon—Dry Creek Canyon

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Western Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	68	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	Yes	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	2/15/02	
Board Actions (Date):	12/4/00	Resolution#: 00-140
Appraiser:	Buss-Shelger and Associates	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$747,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$1,100,000.00	Price per Acre: \$16,176.47
Funding Source:	Proposition 12, City of Calabasas General Fund	
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, trails, viewshed
Current Use:	Open space, trails, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Mulholland Highway Scenic Corridor
Biological Resources:	This property contains over 1,000 oaks, and over 1,000 California black walnut trees. It also contains rich north-slope understory and dense coastal sage scrub in its uplands.

V. NARRATIVE

Also known as the Calmont property, this property was acquired with funding from, and the cooperation of the Mountains Restoration Trust and the City of Calabasas. Two-thirds of the property is owned in fee by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and will remain undeveloped. The remaining one-third is owned by the City of Calabasas. A portion of the City's property will be developed into a trailhead parking area.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Topanga Scenic Easement—Kerry Lane, Almar

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Dedication	
Location:	Western Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	2.41	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	10/24/01	
Board Actions (Date):	6/24/02	Resolution#: 02-83
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	\$0.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Scenic and conservation easements
Current Use:	Scenic and conservation easements
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	These small lots contain dense chaparral cover with high species diversity.

V. NARRATIVE

At the request of the California Coastal Commission, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accepted dedications of 2.41 acres of scenic easements over five small-lot subdivision parcels in Topanga Canyon. They are located along Kerry Lane, which is an area with strong potential to become the northern trailhead into the new 1,600-acre Lower Topanga Canyon State Park acquisition.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Ramirez Canyon—Brown

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Western Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	36.5	
Adjoins:	NPS Ramirez Canyon Property	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	Yes	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	11/30/01	
Board Actions (Date):	5/14/01	Resolution#: 01-58
Appraiser:	Erickson	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$425,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$390,000.00	Price per Acre: \$10,684.93
Funding Source:	Proposition 12, California Coastal Conservancy	
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Viewshed, open space, trail
Current Use:	Viewshed, open space, trail
Intended Permanent Agency:	National Park Service

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:	This property is covered with 20 acres of dense chaparral, 13 acres of state-listed sensitive coastal sage scrub, and several acres of prime live oak woodland.

V. NARRATIVE

This property brings public ownership to a strategic hilltop on the ridge between two ecologically sensitive coastal watersheds. Supplying spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean and the National Recreation Area, the property provides regionally significant viewshed, watershed and ecological resources.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Simi Valley—Rocky Pointe

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Simi Hills	
Acres:	12.92	
Adjoins:	Santa Susana Park	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	Yes	
Escrow Closing (Date):	11/30/01	
Board Actions (Date):	2/16/99	Resolution#: 99-14
Appraiser:	Garret	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$534,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$950,000.00	Price per Acre: \$73,529.41
Funding Source:	Proposition 12, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Private Contributor	
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
Current Owner:	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
Intended Use:	Nature preserve, wildlife corridor, trail
Current Use:	Nature preserve, wildlife corridor, trail
Intended Permanent Agency:	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Calleguas Watershed Management Plan Area
Biological Resources:	An unusual 12-acre property supporting a vernal pool with fairy shrimp, rock outcrops with rare Santa Susana tarweed, and nesting white-throated swifts. It is also important to regional wildlife movement and contains dozens of specimens of live oak trees. The Junipero Channel along the western property boundary offers excellent opportunities for a large-scale riparian restoration.

V. NARRATIVE

This acquisition was a cooperative project of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. It scored highest overall on the Conservancy's Acquisition 2000 Workprogram. Proposition 12 funding for this project was matched by the Land and Water Conservation Fund and private contributions. This property contains a large sandstone rock listed on the Ventura County historic register.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Simi Valley—Sand Canyon Conservation Easements

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Dedication	
Location:	Simi Hills	
Acres:	6.45	
Adjoins:	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Sand Canyon Open Space	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	Yes	
Escrow Closing (Date):	3/28/2002	
Board Actions (Date):	2/25/02	Resolution#: 02-22
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	\$0.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Conservation easements to protect riparian areas
Current Use:	Conservation easements to protect riparian areas
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	Whiteface Specific Plan
Biological Resources:	The property provides high quality habitat for amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds. The easements' areas support Venturan coastal sage scrub, southern willow scrub, mulefat scrub, alluvial scrub, and southern coast live oak-riparian habitat. The easements in the main channel of Sand Canyon provide important north-south wildlife movement corridors within the project boundaries.

V. NARRATIVE

These Conservation easements provide mitigation for impacts of the construction of a residential project within a "waters of the United States." This easement ensures that the property will be retained forever in a natural condition, and prevents any use that will impair or interfere with the conservation values of the property. RSRPD has reciprocal easements over the same areas.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Tierra Rejada Vernal Pool

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Dedication	
Location:	Western Rim of the Valley	
Acres:	70	
Adjoins:	City of Moorpark parkland	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	10/3/01	
Board Actions (Date):	8/26/99	Resolution#: 99-90
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	\$0.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source:	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Nature preserve, education, trails
Current Use:	Nature preserve, education, trails
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	This unique property contains both federally endangered California gnatcatchers and Riverside fairy shrimp. It also contains two federally-listed plant species, Orcutt Grass and Lyons' Pentachaeta, an annual sunflower. The adjacent 4-acre vernal pool will require special management permanently funded by the Homeowners Association.

V. NARRATIVE

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was the optimal recipient of both fee simple and conservation easement interests on this sensitive property.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Tuna Canyon Park—Fee Parcels

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Western Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	240	
Adjoins:	MRCA Tuna Canyon Park Tax Credit Parcels	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	Yes	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	1/3/02	
Board Actions (Date):	12/10/01	Resolution#: 01-146
Appraiser:	Buss-Schelger and Associates	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$4,020,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$7,920,000.00	Price per Acre: \$33,000.00
Funding Source:	Los Angeles County Proposition A, California Coastal Conservancy Grant, Proposition 12	
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, viewshed, trails
Current Use:	Open space, viewshed, trails
Intended Permanent Agency:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	Yes
SEA:	Tuna Canyon SEA 10
Special Planning Zones:	LACO-designated significant watersheds
Biological Resources:	The Tuna, Peña, and Pierda Gorda Canyon Watersheds contain some of the most remote coastal watersheds in the portion of the Santa Monica Mountains that is close to urban areas. This 240-acre portion of the 1,255-acre overall Tuna Canyon Park acquisition contains dense chaparral, with pockets of oak woodland, grassland, and coastal sage scrub.

V. NARRATIVE

This portion of the Tuna Canyon Park acquisition contains numerous existing trails and a portion of the Coastal Slope Trail alignment.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Tuna Canyon Park—Mann Tax Credit Parcels

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Donation	
Location:	Western Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	1,015	
Adjoins:	Tuna Canyon Park Fee Parcels, MRCA Las Flores Canyon property, Mountains Restoration Trust property, Lower Tuna Canyon property	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	Yes	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	12/27/01	
Board Actions (Date):	9/24/01, 12/10/01	Resolution#: 01-114, 01-145
Appraiser:	Buss-Schelger and Associates	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	N/A	
Purchase Amount:	\$16,115,000.00 tax credit	Price per Acre: \$15,876.85
Funding Source:	General fund	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, viewshed, trails
Current Use:	Open space, viewshed, trails
Intended Permanent Agency:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	Yes
SEA:	Tuna Canyon SEA 10
Special Planning Zones:	2002-adopted Malibu Coastal Plan
Biological Resources:	Tuna Canyon, Peña, Pierda Gorda, and Little Las Flores all contain superb examples of coastal chaparral habitat with riparian corridors containing year-round pockets of surface water.

V. NARRATIVE

This acquisition was the most significant project to make use of the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000. Alfred E. Mann donated the property to take advantage of this unique tax credit program.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Whitney Canyon

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Eastern Rim of the Valley	
Acres:	442	
Adjoins:	Angeles National Forest	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	Yes	
Escrow Closing (Date):	5/31/02	
Board Actions (Date):	6/28/00, 7/23/01	Resolution#: 01-100
Appraiser:	Eichel Inc.	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Grantee:	Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$2,697,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$4,890,000.00	Price per Acre: \$11,063.35
Funding Source:	Conservancy Proposition 12, Resources Agency Proposition 12, and the City of Santa Clarita	
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005, 0540-301-0005	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended use:	Open space, recreation
Current Use:	Open space
Intended Permanent Agency:	Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	This large property contains the middle reach of a watershed fully within the Angeles National Forest core habitat. Its blue line stream drainage supports several acres of oak woodland and over 10 sensitive species.

V. NARRATIVE

This acquisition provides a regionally significant recreational entrance to the Angeles National Forest adjacent to State Route 14. Acquisition funds for this project from both the Conservancy and the Resources Agency Proposition 12 were matched by funds from the City of Santa Clarita.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Wood Ranch—Long Canyon Ranch

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Simi Hills	
Acres:	463.2	
Adjoins:	Bridle Path Homeowners Association private open space	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	Yes	
Escrow Closing (Date):	12/20/01	
Board Actions (Date):	11/18/96, 11/26/01	Resolution#: 96-71, 01-143
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	N/A	
Grantee:	N/A	
Total Grant Amount:	N/A	
Purchase Amount:	\$300.00	Price per Acre: \$0.65
Funding Source:	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space, habitat, trails
Current Use:	Open space, habitat, trails
Intended Permanent Agency:	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	High quality habitat on the north-facing slopes of the Simi Hills, with chaparral, coastal sage scrub, grasslands, and extensive oak woodlands resources.

V. NARRATIVE

This property contains highly significant cultural resources. It abuts Bridle Path Homeowners Association private open space on the east. Views down into the Oakbrook Regional Park, the Lang Ranch open space and across nearby Simi Peak on the National Park Service's China Flat are dramatic on the southern boundary. Long-planned trail connections can finally be realized to link Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Challenger Park through the Long Canyon open space to the MRCA and COSCA open space in Lang Ranch, and eastward to China Flat. Land donation/dedication of conservation easements over the adjoining approximately 500 acres are to be transferred by 2007.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Acquisitions

Project Name / Code: Zuniga Pond—Red Rock Canyon Addition

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Purchase	
Location:	Western Santa Monica Mountains	
Acres:	120	
Adjoins:	Red Rock Canyon Park, Calabasas Peak	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	Yes	
SMMNRA Land Protection Plan:	Yes	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):	5/24/02	
Board Actions (Date):	10/23/00	Resolution#: 00-124
Appraiser:	Buss-Shelger and Associates	

II. FISCAL DATA

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$750,000.00	
Purchase Amount:	\$1,000,000.00	Price per Acre: \$8,333.00
Funding Source:	Proposition 12, California Coastal Conservancy, Habitat Conservation Fund, Los Angeles County Proposition 117, Private donation, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service Grant.	
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005, 3810-301-0941	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Nature preserve, education, trails, viewshed
Current Use:	Open space, trails, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No
SEA:	No
Special Planning Zones:	No
Biological Resources:	Contains a one-acre pond with the highest concentration of Western turtles in the Santa Monica Mountains. Also, there are unique rock outcrops and chaparral on conglomerate substrate integral to Cold Creek–Red Rock Habitat Area. An ecological management plan will be prepared as a condition of the California Coastal Conservancy grant.

V. NARRATIVE

This project involved a partnership with the Mountains Restoration Trust, a 501(c)(3) entity. Management will also be a cooperative effort because of the ecological sensitivity of the pond's turtle population. The park has been named the "Fritz and Alma Meier Nature Preserve" in recognition of the generous donation of Alma Meier to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for land acquisition in the Santa Monica Mountains.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Improvements

Project Name / Code: Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Improvement
Location:	Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead
Acres:	900
Adjoins:	Whittier Hills
Trail Miles:	N/A
Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Grantor:	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount:	\$400,000.00
Fiscal Year Expenditures:	\$468,799.80
Funding Source:	City of Whittier Proposition A
Item of Appropriation:	N/A
Board Action (Date):	7/31/01
Resolution Number:	01-136

III. NARRATIVE

The Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority (NHPA) purchased and preserved open space at the site of a former Chevron facility within the Whittier Hills. The NHPA contracted with the MRCA to design and build an accessible trailhead and interpretive trail. Working with the NHPA, the MRCA designed and constructed new trails, interpretive signs, restoration planting, kiosks and monument signs for the Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead. Steel artist Brett Goldstone worked with student designers to create an original gatework for the park.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Improvements

Project Name / Code: Franklin Canyon

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Improvement
Location:	Franklin Canyon Park, Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Acres:	600
Adjoins:	National Park Service, Franklin Canyon Property
Trail Miles:	5
Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount:	\$50,000.00
Fiscal Year Expenditures:	\$41,408.73
Funding Source:	Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005
Board Action (Date):	9/24/01
Resolution Number:	01-165

III. NARRATIVE

Franklin Canyon Park is located in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, nestled between the San Fernando Valley and Beverly Hills. Park features include a lake, an outdoor amphitheater, a nature center, hiking trails, expansive picnic areas, and a pond. The MRCA received a generous donation from Lotte Melhorn, a longtime Conservancy supporter, to improve the area around the pond, known as Heavenly Pond. Site improvements added handicapped access around Heavenly Pond, native planting, and picnic areas. Funding provided by Proposition 12 was used to augment the donation in order to improve fencing, signage, public access and planting of native species throughout Franklin Canyon.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Improvements

Project Name / Code: Heavenly Pond

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Improvement
Location:	Franklin Canyon, Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Acres:	605
Adjoins:	National Park Service, Franklin Canyon Property
Trail Miles:	0.25
Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Grantor:	Lotte Melhorn
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount:	\$40,000.00
Fiscal Year Expenditures:	\$27,130.19
Funding Source:	Private Donation
Item of Appropriation:	N/A
Board Action (Date):	9/21/01
Resolution Number:	01-165

III. NARRATIVE

Franklin Canyon Park is located in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, nestled between the San Fernando Valley and Beverly Hills. Park features include a lake, an outdoor amphitheater, a nature center, hiking trails, expansive picnic areas, and a pond. The MRCA received a generous donation from Lotte Melhorn, a longtime Conservancy supporter, to improve the area around the pond, known as Heavenly Pond. Site improvements added handicapped access around Heavenly Pond, native planting, and picnic areas. Funding provided by Proposition 12 was used to augment the donation in order to improve fencing, signage, public access and planting of native species throughout Franklin Canyon.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Improvements

Project Name / Code: Los Angeles River Culinary Arts Center

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Improvement
Location:	Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
Acres:	N/A
Adjoins:	N/A
Trail Miles:	N/A
Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Grantor:	California Arts Council
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount:	\$750,000.00 (including Visitor Center funds)
Fiscal Year Expenditures:	\$577,142.17
Funding Source:	California Arts Council
Item of Appropriation:	N/A
Board Action (Date):	9/23/99
Resolution Number:	99-99

III. NARRATIVE

The California Arts Council granted funds to renovate the former Lawry's kitchens at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. The kitchens, abandoned for over seven years, are being renovated to meet all current health codes while creating a first-rate culinary arts training facility. The Conservancy plans to develop a culinary arts training program for disadvantaged youth that will serve both students and the dining public. In-class training and opportunities for career advancement will be provided through educational partnerships. A portion of this grant was previously used for capital improvements for the Los Angeles River Visitors Center. The programmatic elements achieved for the visitor center provide interpretive displays on the history of the Los Angeles River with particular emphasis on the eleven-mile natural streambed portion of the river. With murals and dioramas of the river ecosystem, the exhibit prepares students and casual visitors for field trips to the nearby Los Angeles river.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Improvements

Project Name / Code: Las Virgenes View Trails

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Improvement
Location:	Las Virgenes View Park, Calabasas
Acres:	N/A
Adjoins:	Malibu Creek State Park
Trail Miles:	Southern Trail - 2.4, Northern Trail - 4.5
Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Grantor:	EEMP, City of Calabasas, Los Angeles County 1996 Proposition A
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount:	\$190,000.00; \$25,000.00; \$25,000.00
Fiscal Year Expenditures:	\$110,482.19
Funding Source:	EEMP, City of Calabasas, Proposition A 1996
Item of Appropriation:	N/A
Board Action (Date):	9/14/98
Resolution Number:	98-95

III. NARRATIVE

The Conservancy and the MRCA completed two trailheads and corresponding multi-use trails for hikers, mountain bikes and equestrians on the 696-acre Las Virgenes View Park located within the Malibu Creek watershed. Las Virgenes View Park is owned in fee by the MRCA, the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and the City of Calabasas. A large, two-sided kiosk with interpretive displays and a park entry sign mark the start of the southern trail. MRCA crews planted over fifty native trees and shrubs, and installed a bench and a drinking fountain. The 2.4-mile trail reaches deep into the southern half of the park with views of the Las Virgenes Valley, Malibu Creek State Park, and Saddle Peak. A scenic overlook includes a wayside display interpreting the geographical features of the valley. The northern trailhead, marked by an informational kiosk, heads deep into the northern part of the park and connects with an existing trail in MRCA's adjacent 624-acre open space dedication.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Improvements

Project Name / Code: Santa Clarita Woodlands—Mentryville Improvements

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Improvement
Location:	Western Rim of the Valley
Acres:	N/A
Adjoins:	Santa Clarita Woodlands Park
Trail Miles:	N/A
Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Grantor:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount:	\$750,000.00
Fiscal Year Expenditures:	\$227,642.74
Funding Source:	Proposition A 1996
Item of Appropriation:	N/A
Board Action (Date):	1/27/00
Resolution Number:	00-14

III. NARRATIVE

Located in Santa Clarita Woodlands Park at the base of Pico Canyon's chaparral-dominated slopes, Mentryville was an 1880s oil boom town built around the first commercially successful oil well in the United States. Now a California State Historic Landmark acquired by the Conservancy in 1995, Mentryville's historic barn and one room schoolhouse have been undergoing extensive restoration and rehabilitation. MRCA crews lifted the barn and laid a new foundation. While providing structural stabilization to the beloved historic buildings, the restoration process retained the original elements wherever possible.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Improvements

Project Name / Code: Temescal Dining Hall

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION / LOCATION

Type of Project:	Improvement
Location:	Temescal Gateway Park
Acres:	N/A
Adjoins:	N/A
Trail Miles:	N/A
Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Grantor:	City of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount:	\$300,000.00 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 12 \$1,000,068.00 City of Los Angeles Proposition K
Fiscal Year Expenditures:	\$706,638.08
Funding Source:	Proposition K, Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-0005
Board Action (Date):	10/13/97
Resolution Number:	97-169

III. NARRATIVE

Located in the 140-acre Temescal Gateway Park in Pacific Palisades, renovation of the 50-year old camp dining hall has been the focus of revitalization with grants from City of Los Angeles Proposition K funds and Conservancy Proposition 12 funds. With the assistance of the Temescal Working Group, plans for upgrading the dining hall began in 2000. After proceeding through the Coastal permitting process, the dining hall renovations were completed in June 2002 with new flooring, new utilities, the addition of restrooms and a new stone fireplace. The new addition mirrors the original redwood paneling and the style of the old hall. The renovations have made the dining hall completely accessible to visitors of all abilities. Increased seating capacity, bungalow lighting fixtures, windows and exterior shingles have enlivened the facility and made it more functional and attractive for camp, education, and conference center uses.