



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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May 12, 2008

Mr. Ronald P. Schafer  
Chairman  
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### **Grant Application – Proposition 84 Ranger-led interpretation**

Dear Mr. Schafer:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for Proposition 84 funds for interpretive program development and delivery for ranger led public programs and ranger-led interpretive programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.

Interpretation has historically been an important element of the job duties of the MRCA generalist park ranger. This grant will fund the development and implementation of programs to be led by MRCA rangers and that have as a key component the unique perspective of rangers as stewards of the land. These programs will be in addition to those offered by the Division of Interpretation and will not duplicate those efforts. While all programs will feature the interpretation of the natural and cultural resources of Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay watersheds they will also include stories, hands-on demonstration and park specific scenarios from the field.

The specific scope of services includes guided interpretive programs, interpretive materials, quarterly Junior Ranger Jamborees for participants in the MRCA's Junior Ranger programs from all over the city, ranger participation in the development and implementation of the Vista Hermosa Park Leadership Program, development of specific interpretive elements to the Ranger Explorer program and development of specific interpretive elements in the wildland fire volunteer program.

Matching funds are available for areas of the proposed programs to cover non-interpretive elements that are ineligible for bond funding, such as food at the jamborees.

The total requested for this grant is \$115,000 from the Los Angeles River Watershed and \$89,000 for the Santa Monica Bay Watershed.

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Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have questions regarding this application please contact Amy Lethbridge at 310-858-7272 extension 105.

Sincerely,

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Michael Berger  
Chair