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SMMC Item 11  
September 18, 2006

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**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens  
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Los Angeles, California 90065  
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September 11, 2006

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle  
Chairperson  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon  
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant Application - Proposition 50 Funds  
Acquisition of upper Malibu Canyon property**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for Acquisition of property in upper Malibu Canyon. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$250,000 from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), specifically Water Code Section 79570(c), in compliance with Section 79508.

The proposed grant would fund fee acquisition of a 14.3-acre parcel owned by a private entity in upper Malibu Canyon, adjacent to Las Virgenes View Park. Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Paul Edelman, at 310-589-3230, extension 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Berger".

Michael D. Berger  
Chairperson

Attachments:      Application

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>Project Name:</b> Upper Malibu Canyon (Lincoln Properties/Caplan) Acquisition		<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 250,000	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 1,300,000 estimated	<b>Amount of Match:</b> \$ 1,050,000
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		<b>Source of Match:</b> LA County Calabasas Landfill Mitigation; City of Calabasas; In-lieu mitigation fees		
<b>Applicant Address:</b> 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065		<b>Project Address:</b> Calabasas Rd, 24700 blk		
		<b>County</b>	<b>Senate District</b>	<b>Assembly District</b>
		Los Angeles	23-Kuehl	41-Pavley
<b>Phone:</b> 323-221-9944				
<b>Fax:</b> 323-221-9934	<b>Email:</b> edelman@smmc.ca.gov			
<b>Grantee's Authorized Representative:</b>				
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer		323-221-9944, x117		
<hr/> <i>Name and Title</i>		<hr/> <i>Phone</i>		
<b>Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:</b>				
Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning		310-589-3230, x128		
<hr/> <i>Name and Title</i>		<hr/> <i>Phone</i>		
<b>Brief Scope of Work</b> (60 words maximum): Fee acquisition of approximately 15 acres in upper Malibu Canyon, City of Calabasas APN 2069-010-017.				
<b>Funding Source Applied for:</b> Proposition 50				
<b>Narrative/Project Description:</b>				
<p>The subject acquisition is a 14.3-acre property in upper Malibu Canyon adjacent to Las Virgenes View Park. The property is located south of the 101 Freeway, at the terminus of Calabasas Road west of Parkway Calabasas. It abuts the 696-acre Las Virgenes View Park on the south and west boundaries. The property contains two blue line streams, several artifact sites, and features large majestic oak trees. It also includes 0.75 acres of restoration area that MRCA would restore with in-lieu mitigation fee funds.</p> <p>The current development plans for this property include 34 residential units. This would generate a significant impact to the scenic corridor, and would necessitate large amounts of grading and oak tree removals. The development would have a harmful effect on Las Virgenes View Park, and would permanently harm the property's blue line streams. The proposed acquisition will protect land and water resources and prevent degradation of the watershed.</p> <p>The property owner, Lincoln Properties/Caplan, is agreeable to the acquisition. Funding for the acquisition beyond the requested \$250,000 would come from in-lieu mitigation fees, a contribution from the City of Calabasas, and Los Angeles County landfill fees. Escrow could close as early as November 2006 barring unforeseen complications.</p>				

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