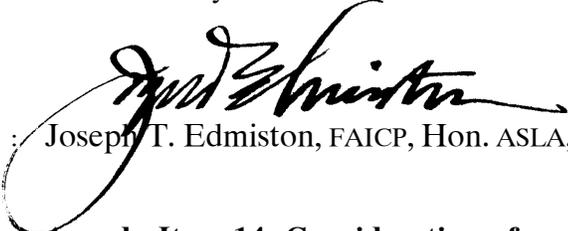


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: July 18, 2016

From : 
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Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and for subcontract with the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation (RIVERLA) and Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) for development of a stakeholder consensus process regarding future master planning needs and appropriate funding sources, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority not to exceed the amount of \$10,000 for project planning and for subcontract with the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation (RIVERLA) and Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) for development of a stakeholder consensus process regarding future master planning needs and appropriate funding sources in the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has submitted the attached application for a grant from the Conservancy Fund. The proposed grant would provide project planning and subcontracts with both the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation (RIVERLA) and Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) for development of a stakeholder consensus process regarding future master planning needs and appropriate funding sources in the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed. During the last few decades significant planning efforts surrounding the Los Angeles River have been completed, including Los Angeles County's *Los Angeles River Master Plan*, City of Los Angeles' *Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan*, and United States Army Corps of Engineers' *Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration, Integrated Feasibility Report*. The result of these planning documents and many others' work along the River are numerous capital projects that have already been completed and others that are awaiting both an entity to champion them and dedicated funding.

As more public attention comes to the Los Angeles River, it is critical that leading River stakeholders meet to identify what future master planning needs remain. As new public funding streams for Los Angeles River project planning, design, and implementation become

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available, it is also vital that a consensus process is developed and deployed to identify the important projects that must move forward.

The MRCA will perform project planning services and plans to subcontract with RIVERLA and FOLAR to develop a stakeholder consensus process regarding future master planning needs and appropriate funding sources for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.

Consideration: The grant request from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is for \$10,000.