



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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**Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Application
Dry Canyon Creek-Old Topanga Acquisition Project**

Dear Ms. Skei:

I am pleased to present the enclosed grant application for the Dry Canyon Creek-Old Topanga acquisition project. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) requests a grant in the sum of \$1,112,000 from the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1).

The grant would fund the acquisition of ten parcels totaling approximately 95 acres located southwest of the intersection of Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road and Old Topanga Canyon Road, abutting the eastern boundary of the Calabasas Highland Subdivision and a small cluster of MRCA-owned parcels. The property contains a mix of large stands of coast live oaks, coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and sections of an unnamed blue-line tributary of Dry Canyon Creek. A prominent ridgeline on the property is visible from several vantage points from nearby parks in the Santa Monica Mountains and the Mulholland Highway Scenic Corridor. The subject 95-acre property offers opportunities to protect natural resources, natural stormwater infiltration, carbon sequestration, and recreational activities. This natural resource-rich environment makes a unique opportunity to protect water resources and combat climate change.

Please refer to the enclosed materials that describe the proposed acquisition project and how it fits the Conservancy's Evaluation Criteria for a grant from Proposition 1. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Jessica Nguyen at (310) 589-3230, extension 125.

Sincerely,

George Lange
Chairperson