

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

ANNUAL REPORT
2022-2023



State of California Natural Resources Agency
Gavin Newsom, Governor
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources



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5. Bobcat
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7. Mariposa Lily (*Credit: Jen Pavley*)
8. TreePeople Executive Director Cindy Montañez at Vista Hermosa Natural Park
9. Deer Creek Acquisition
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Guillermo Rodriguez, VP, Pacific Region, State Director, Trust for Public Land
Hon. George Lange, MRCA Chair, Conservancy Advisory Committee Member
Rudy J. Ortega Jr., LHD., Conservancy Chairperson
David Szymanski, Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

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MISSION STATEMENT

Through direct action, alliances, partnerships, and joint powers authorities, the Conservancy's mission is to strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance treasured pieces of Southern California to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public.

INTRODUCTION

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was established in 1980 following the passage of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act. This landmark legislation, amended five times since then to bring more of the Southern California mountains within the Conservancy's jurisdiction, has resulted in the preservation of over 80,000 acres of parkland, the improvement of hundreds of public recreational facilities, and numerous individual grants to nonprofit organizations for educational and interpretation programs that have served hundreds of thousands of children, seniors, and other park visitors.

The Conservancy consists of nine voting members, two ex-officio members and six legislative members. This policy-making entity for the Conservancy is broadly representative of state, regional, and local interests. A twenty-six-member Advisory Committee meets jointly with the Conservancy and offers citizens the opportunity for even greater participation. The composition of both the Conservancy and the Advisory Committee has greatly expanded since its inception.

The key to the Conservancy's success has been partnerships—cooperating landowners, local governments, joint powers entities, California State Parks, and the National Park Service—all have contributed to the articulation of a greater vision for parks, open space, and natural habitat surrounding the Southern California metropolis.

This report will detail the financial activities of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for fiscal year 2022-2023.

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

CONSERVANCY MEMBERS

Listed in statutory order pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33200

RUDY J. ORTEGA, JR., LHD, CHAIRPERSON (From 1/2023)
Public Member Appointed by the Governor

HON. LINDA PARKS, CHAIRPERSON (Through 12/2022)
Ventura County Board of Supervisors

STEVE VERES, VICE CHAIRPERSON
Public Member Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee

DAVID SZYMANSKI
Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

IRMA R. MUÑOZ
Member Appointed by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles

MIGUEL LUNA
Public Member Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

FRAN PAVLEY
Designee of Hon. Sheila Kuehl, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

HON. JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR (From 1/2023)
Ventura County Board of Supervisors

JENNIFER NORRIS, PH.D. (From 4/2023)
Designee of the Secretary for Resources, State of California Natural Resource Agency

AMANDA MARTIN (Through 4/2023)
Designee of the Secretary for Resources, State of California Natural Resource Agency

LORI HARROD (From 10/2022)
Superintendent, Angeles District, California Department of Parks and Recreation

CRAIG SAP (Through 10/2022)
Superintendent, Angeles District, California Department of Parks and Recreation

LINDA ESCALANTE

Ex Officio Member, Appointed by the California Coastal Commission

AMY HUTZEL

Ex Officio Member, Executive Officer, Appointed by the California Coastal Conservancy

ROMAN TORRES (From 8/2022)

Ex Officio Member, Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest

TOM TORRES (Through 8/2022)

Ex Officio Member, Acting Supervisor, Angeles National Forest

LEGISLATIVE PARTICIPANTS

HON. ANTHONY PORTANTINO, SENATOR, 25TH DISTRICT

Legislative Participant Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee

HON. BEN ALLEN, SENATOR, 26TH DISTRICT

Legislative Participant Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee

HON. HENRY STERN, SENATOR 27TH DISTRICT

Legislative Participant Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee

HON. CHRIS HOLDEN, ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 41ST DISTRICT

Legislative Participant Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

HON. LAURA FRIEDMAN, ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 43RD DISTRICT

Legislative Participant Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

HON. LUZ RIVAS, ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 50TH DISTRICT (From 12/2022)

Legislative Participant Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

HON. RICHARD BLOOM, ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 50TH DISTRICT (Through 12/2022)

Legislative Participant Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

HON. ILLECE BUCKLEY-WEBER, CHAIRPERSON (From 1/2023)

Representative of the City of Agoura Hills

DONALD J. ROBINSON, CHAIRPERSON (Through 12/2022)

Representative of the City of Westlake Village

SEAN ANDERSON, PH.D., VICE CHAIRPERSON (From 1/2023)
Representative of the County of Ventura

HON. GEORGE LANGE, VICE CHAIRPERSON (Through 12/2022)
Representative of the Conejo Recreation and Park District

ALAN KISHBAUGH
Representative of the City of Los Angeles

ALLISON-CLAIRE ACKER
Representative of the County of Los Angeles

LLOYD AHERN
Representative of the City of Malibu

KIM BOWMAN (From 8/2022)
Representative of the City of La Cañada Flintridge

HON. JON CURTIS (Through 8/2022)
Representative of the City of La Cañada Flintridge

CAROLINE BROWN
Representative of the City of Sierra Madre

HON. MICHAEL CACCIOTTI
Representative of the City of South Pasadena

ED CORRIDORI, PH.D.
Public Member Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee

HON. BRIAN DENNERT
Representative of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

HON. BEV DRANSFELDT
Representative of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District

KIRSTEN JAMES
Public Member Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

HON. PETER KRAUT (From 1/2023)
Representative of the City of Calabasas

HON. MARY SUE MAURER (Through 12/2022)
Representative of the City of Calabasas

EDLIN LOPEZ

Public Member Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

HON. RAFI MANOUKIAN

Representative of the City of Glendale

SUSAN NELSON (From 10/2022)

Representative of the City of Santa Clarita

JANINE PRADO (Through 10/2022)

Representative of the City of Santa Clarita

WENDY-SUE ROSEN

Public Member Appointed by the Governor

DANIEL ROSSMAN

Representative from the City of Pasadena

KAT SELM (From 10/2022)

Representative of the City of Thousand Oaks

JANET WALL (Through 10/2022)

Representative of the City of Thousand Oaks

NANCY STEPHENS

Public Member Appointed by the Governor

DAVID ROSS (From 12/2022)

Representative of the City of Moorpark

BRUCE THOMAS (Through 12/2022)

Representative of the City of Moorpark

TIMOTHY WENDLER

Public Member Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee

GAREN YEGPARIAN

Representative of the City of Burbank

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The Conservancy's strategic objectives continue to be guided by the goal of an interlinking network of parks, trails, and open space for public use and wildlife habitat, ensuring future open space and recreational lands in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The goals and objectives were initially set in the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan. They have been updated through a strategic planning process which included substantial public input.

Implement the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan

- Complete fee and less than fee acquisition program.
- Cooperate with National Park Service (NPS) and State Parks in implementing the Joint Efficiencies MOU.
- Cooperate with NPS management plan for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) and Santa Monica Mountains Zones.
- Continue to maximize acquisition dollars by leveraging funds where appropriate.

Implement the Rim of the Valley Trails Corridor Master Plan

- Complete land acquisition recommendations of the Plan.
- Complete trails and trail amenities recommended by the Plan.
- Cooperate with private sector in providing recreational opportunities.
- Continue to maximize acquisition dollars by leveraging funds where appropriate.

Implement the Los Angeles County River Master Plan

- Create 51 miles of continuous river parkway and greenbelt.
- Develop recreation, park, trail and habitat restoration opportunities.
- Increase community involvement.
- Cooperate with local government and non-profit partners and maximize acquisition dollars by leveraging funds where appropriate.

Implement the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan

- Restore balance between natural and human systems in the watersheds.
- Land: Create, expand, and improve public open space and recreation for all communities; connect open space with a network of trails.
- Water: Maintain and improve flood protection, establish riverfront greenways to cleanse water; improve quality of surface water and ground water.
- Planning: Coordinate watershed planning across jurisdictions and boundaries, encourage multi-objective planning and projects, use science as a basis for planning.

Further cooperation with local governments in the region to secure open space and parkland

- Strengthen partnership agreements with local governments and establish new joint powers entities throughout the region where appropriate.
- Ensure that Conservancy land acquisition expertise is made available where needed.
- Reduce State workload by utilizing local agency agreements and state and local partnerships wherever possible.
- Develop comprehensive plan for areas not covered by initial Conservancy Comprehensive Plan and incorporate and link those areas to protect species and Ecosystems.

Expand efforts to integrate nature into the urban environment

- Acquire or create parkland in urban areas that lack open space or natural parks.
- Link and integrate new natural parks into existing park system—literally via transportation and physical linkages, thematically via programs and events.
- Develop joint powers authorities with local government entities and urban interests.
- Maximize funding opportunities through partnerships.

Expand education, public access, and resource stewardship components in a manner that best serves the public, protects habitat, and provides recreational opportunities

- Expand local government, school district, and nonprofit ventures to provide increased educational and access opportunities.
- Link key habitat areas strategically to protect species and ecosystems through acquisition and cooperation with other resource management agencies.
- Increase resource stewardship and educational/interpretative capabilities within the Zone.
- Create comprehensive, regional, and integrated trails plans.
- Develop long term capital improvement and maintenance plans.

ACQUISITIONS



CALABASAS HIGHLANDS



DEER CREEK



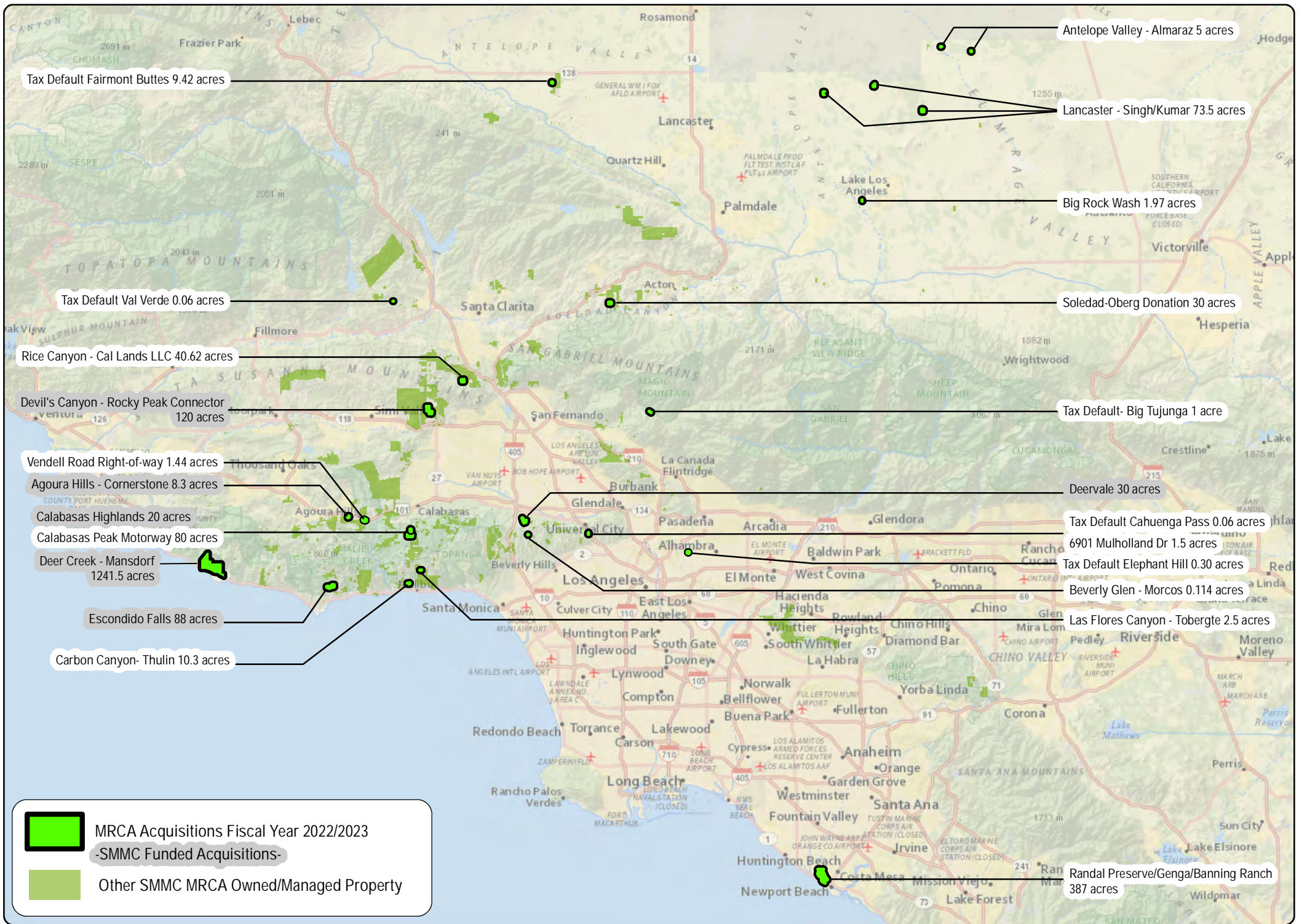
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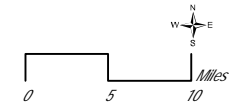
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MRCA Acquisitions Fiscal Year 2022/2023



ENCUMBERING STATE FUNDS CERTIFICATION INTEREST COSTS

The Budget Act requires the Conservancy to make three certifications before encumbering State appropriated funds for the purchase or acquisition of real property that requires the payment of interest costs, late fees or penalties. These certifications are needed whether or not the encumbrance is direct or through a public agency intermediary, including the State Public Works Board.

The certifications are:

1. That the purchase is necessary to implement an acquisition identified in the high priority category of the work program submitted annually to the Legislature pursuant to Section 33208 of the Public Resources Code, or amendments made thereto; and
2. That the purchase agreement does not involve interest payments or terms in excess of those that the State Public Works Board may enter into pursuant to Section 15854.I of the Government Code; and
3. That the purchase agreement does not commit the state to future appropriations.

The budget language also includes a reporting requirement should the Conservancy choose to encumber funds as described above. The language requires the Conservancy to report to the Legislature no less frequently than twice yearly, concerning the status of any purchases certified and the amount of State funds thus far encumbered for interest, penalties, or other principal surcharges.

During fiscal year 2022-2023, the Conservancy did not encumber any State appropriated funds for the purchase or acquisition of real property directly or through any public agency intermediary that requires the payment of interest costs, or late fees or penalties.

WORKPROGRAM PRIORITIES

Since the Conservancy adopted its Land Acquisition Workprogram and its Improvement and Development Project Workprogram in 2000 and 2001, respectively, the evaluation criteria for both documents have been emulated and lauded within the State Natural Resources Agency. These criteria demonstrate a viable means of quantifying a diverse set of project attributes to produce a priority ranking list. This list has served the Conservancy well in its allocation of State bond funds approved by the voters including Propositions 1, 12, 40, 50, 68, and 84. Of the top 25 ranked acquisition projects determined in 2000, the Conservancy, State Parks, and other agencies have acquired or permanently protected 17 of these projects in their entirety, and six additional projects in part, bringing more than 15,000 acres into public ownership including 276-acre dedication of Dayton Canyon transferred to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in early 2017 along with maintenance funding through a Community Facilities District.

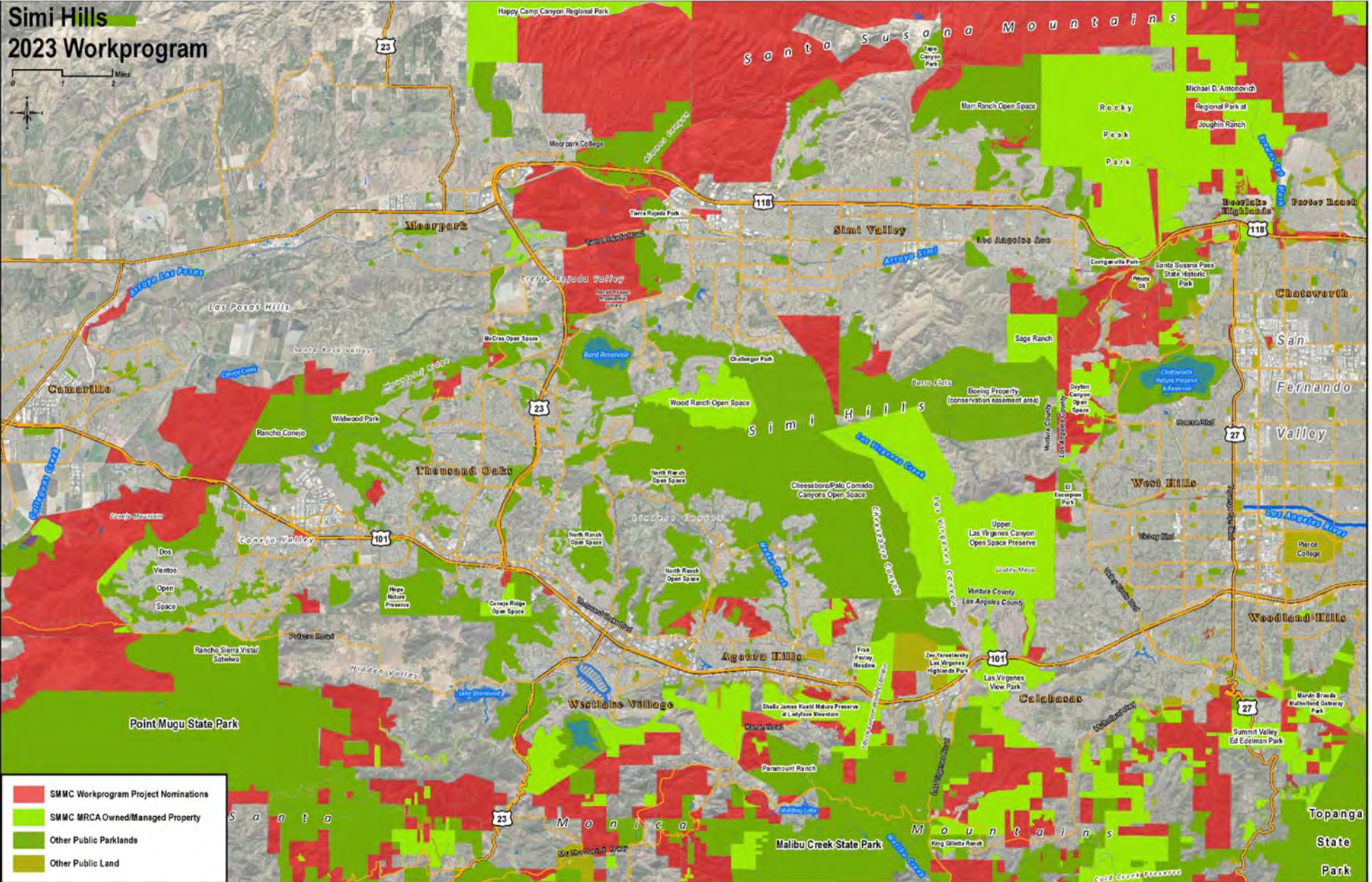
Workprogram projects are grouped by the following planning areas that are depicted on the following maps. These maps provide the name and location every project on the Acquisition Workprogram.

Workprogram projects are grouped by planning area:

- River / Urban
- Simi Hills
- Western Rim of the Valley — WROV
- Eastern Rim of the Valley — EROV
- Western Santa Monica Mountains — WSMM
- Eastern Santa Monica Mountains — ESMM

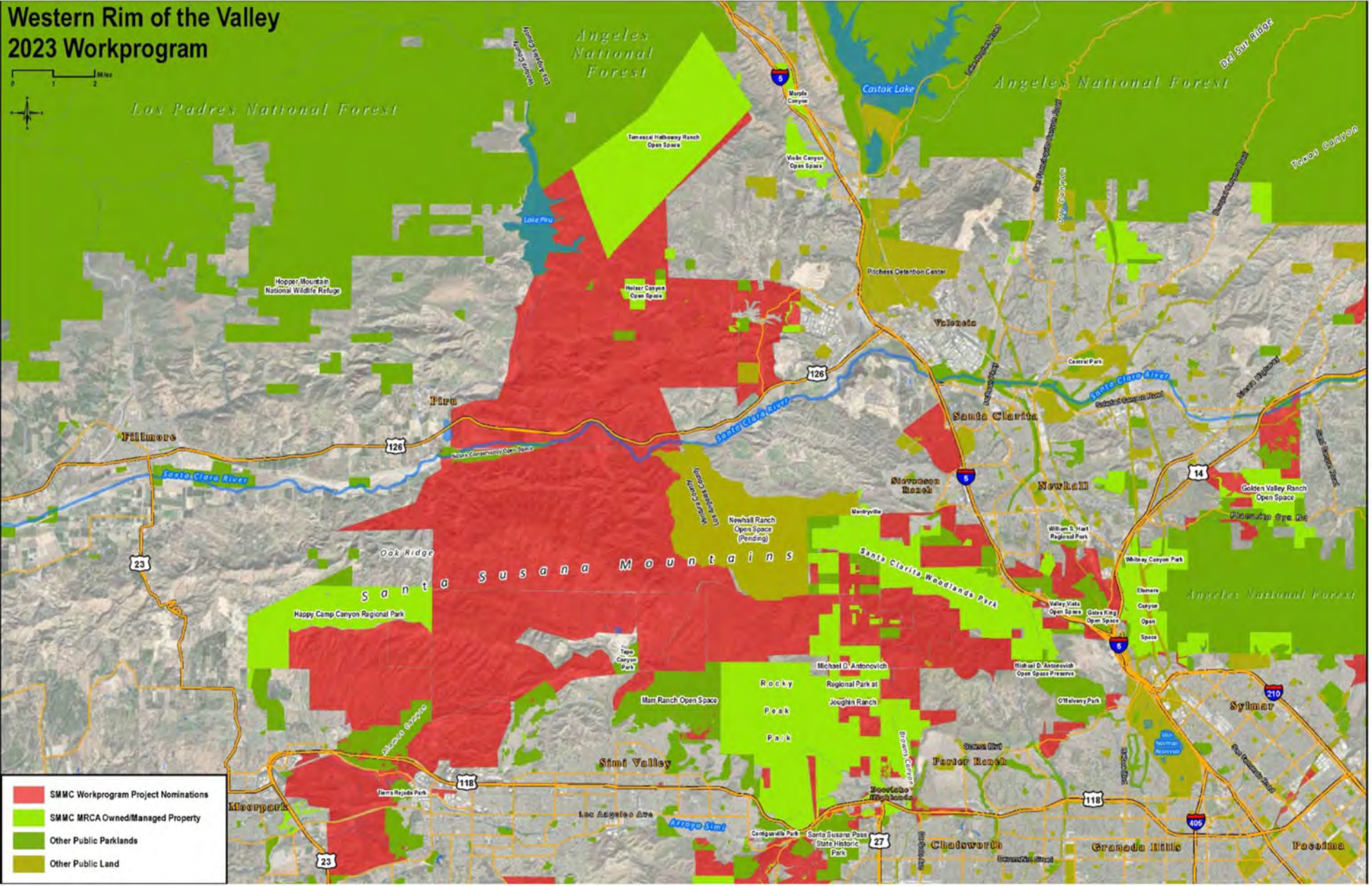
Refer to Attached Workprogram Maps

Simi Hills 2023 Workprogram

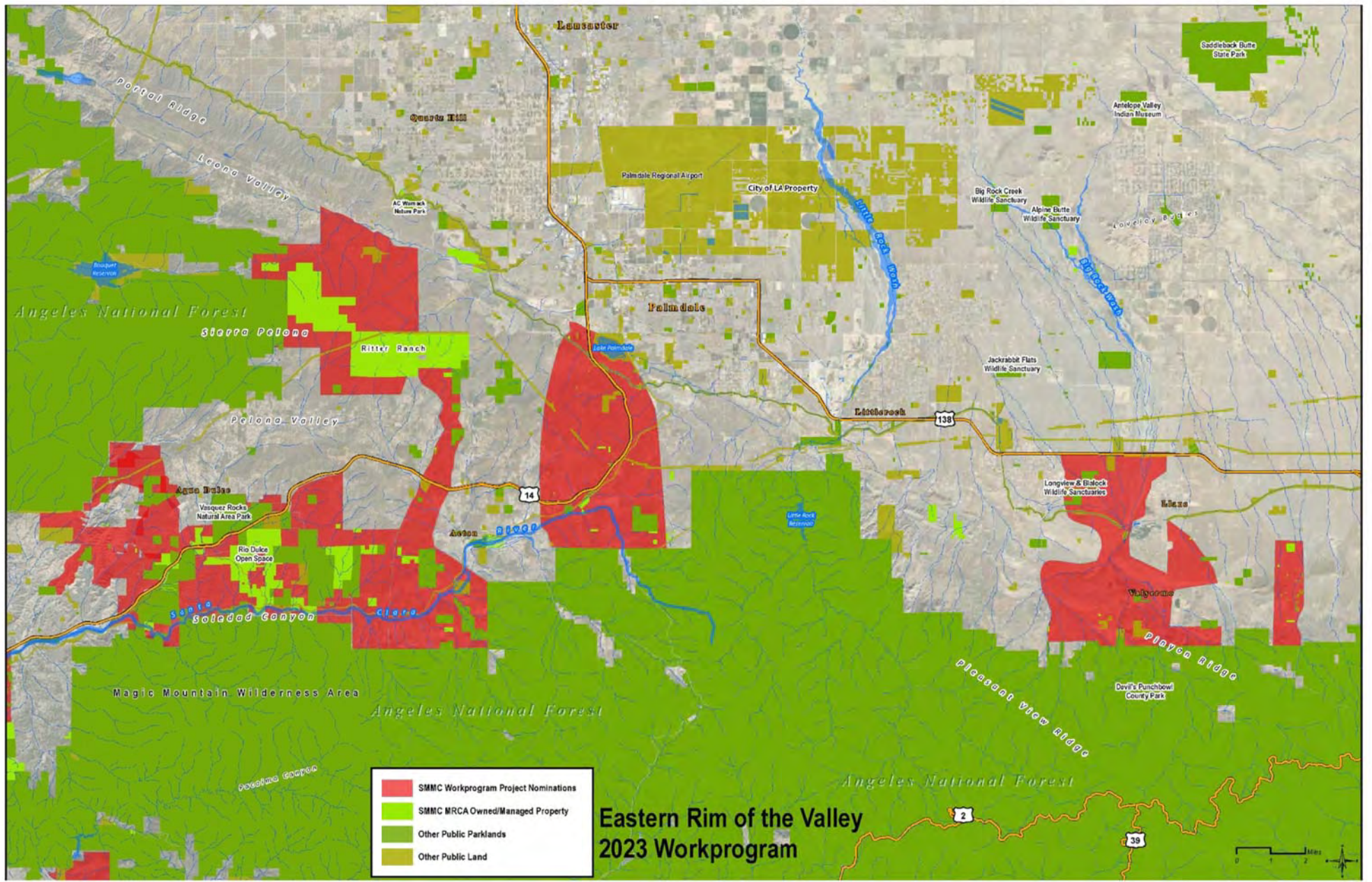


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- SMMC MRCA Owned/Managed Property
- Other Public Parklands
- Other Public Land

Western Rim of the Valley 2023 Workprogram



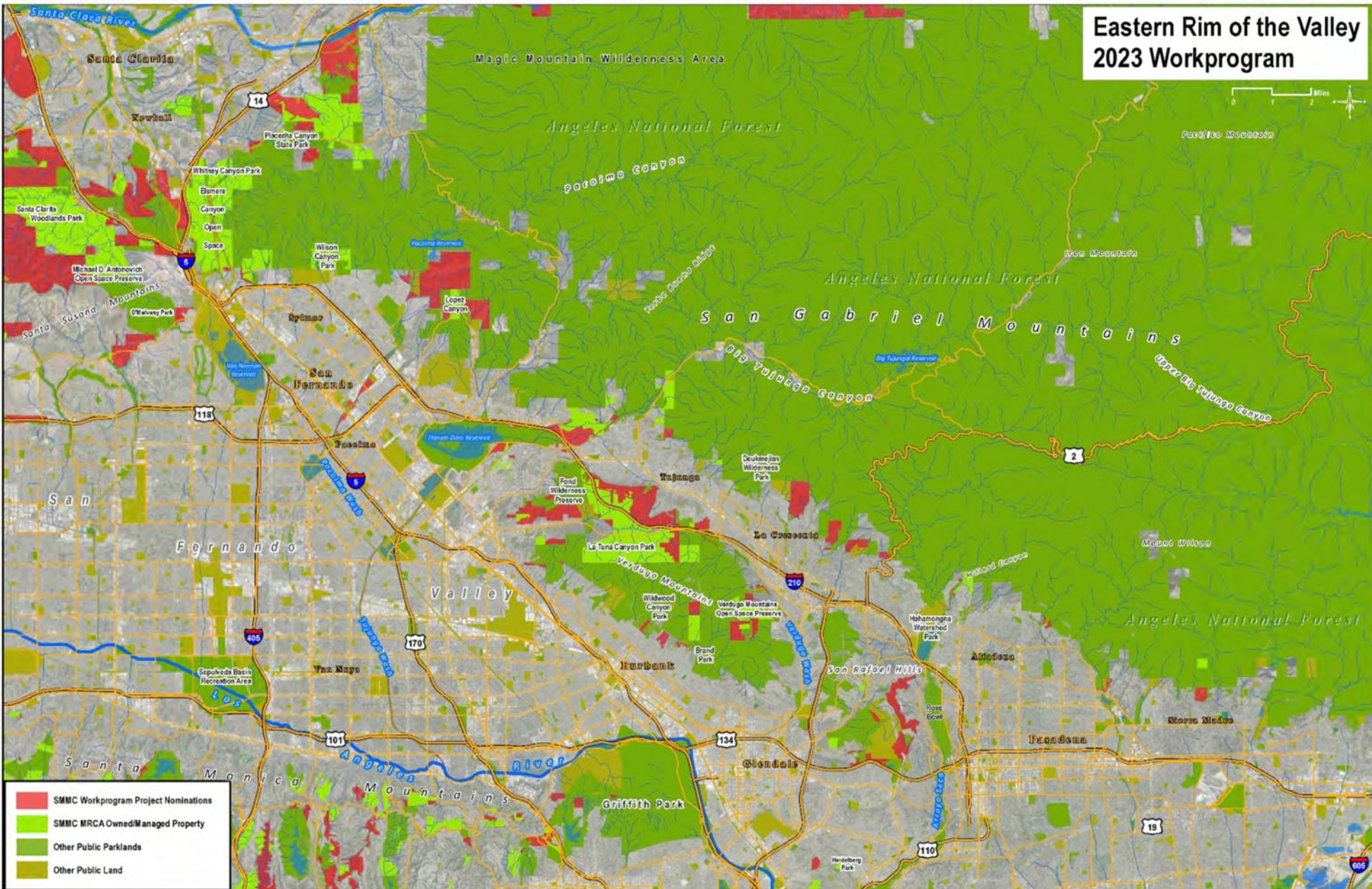
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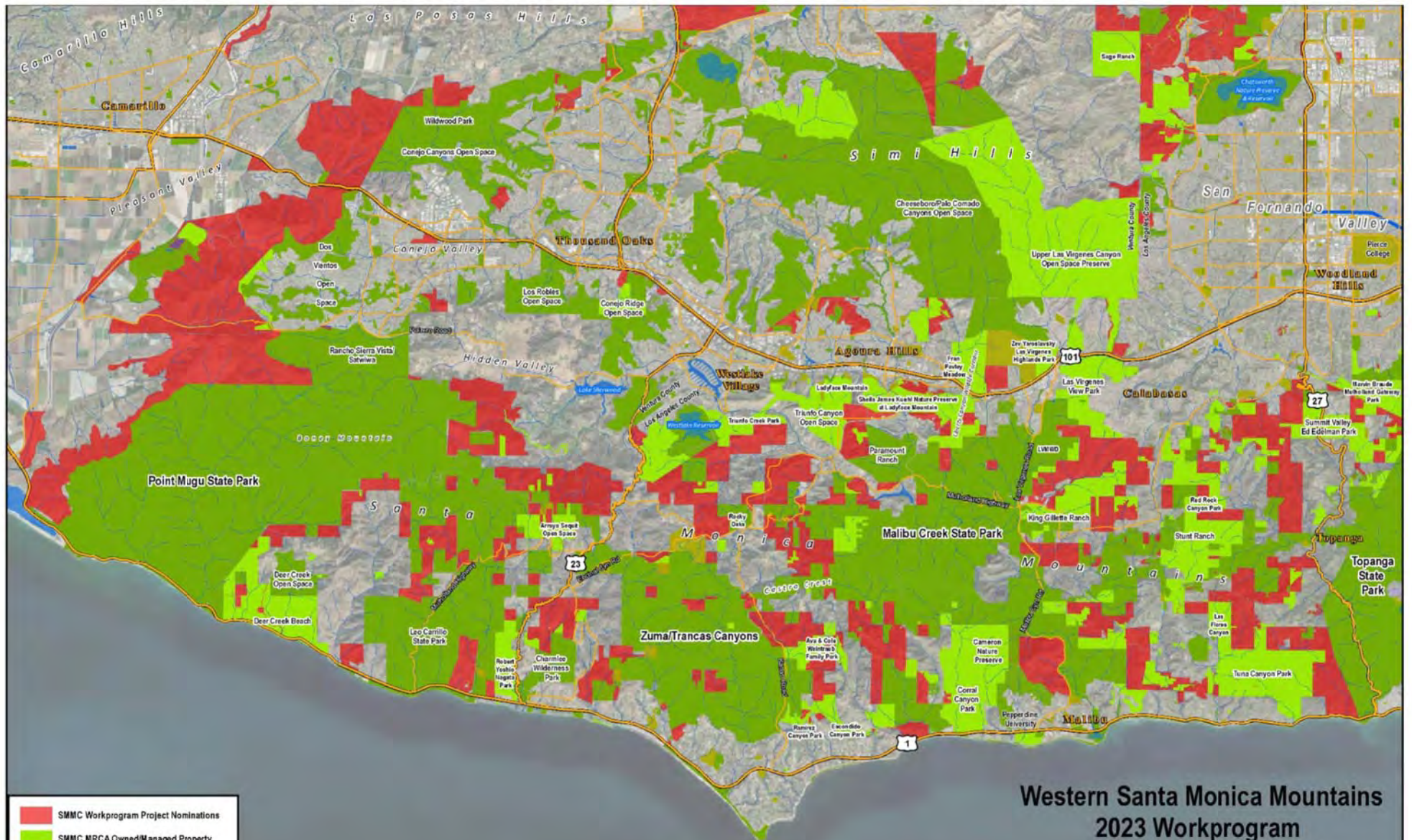


Eastern Rim of the Valley 2023 Workprogram

- SMMC Workprogram Project Nominations
- SMMC MRCA Owned/Managed Property
- Other Public Parklands
- Other Public Land

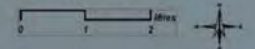
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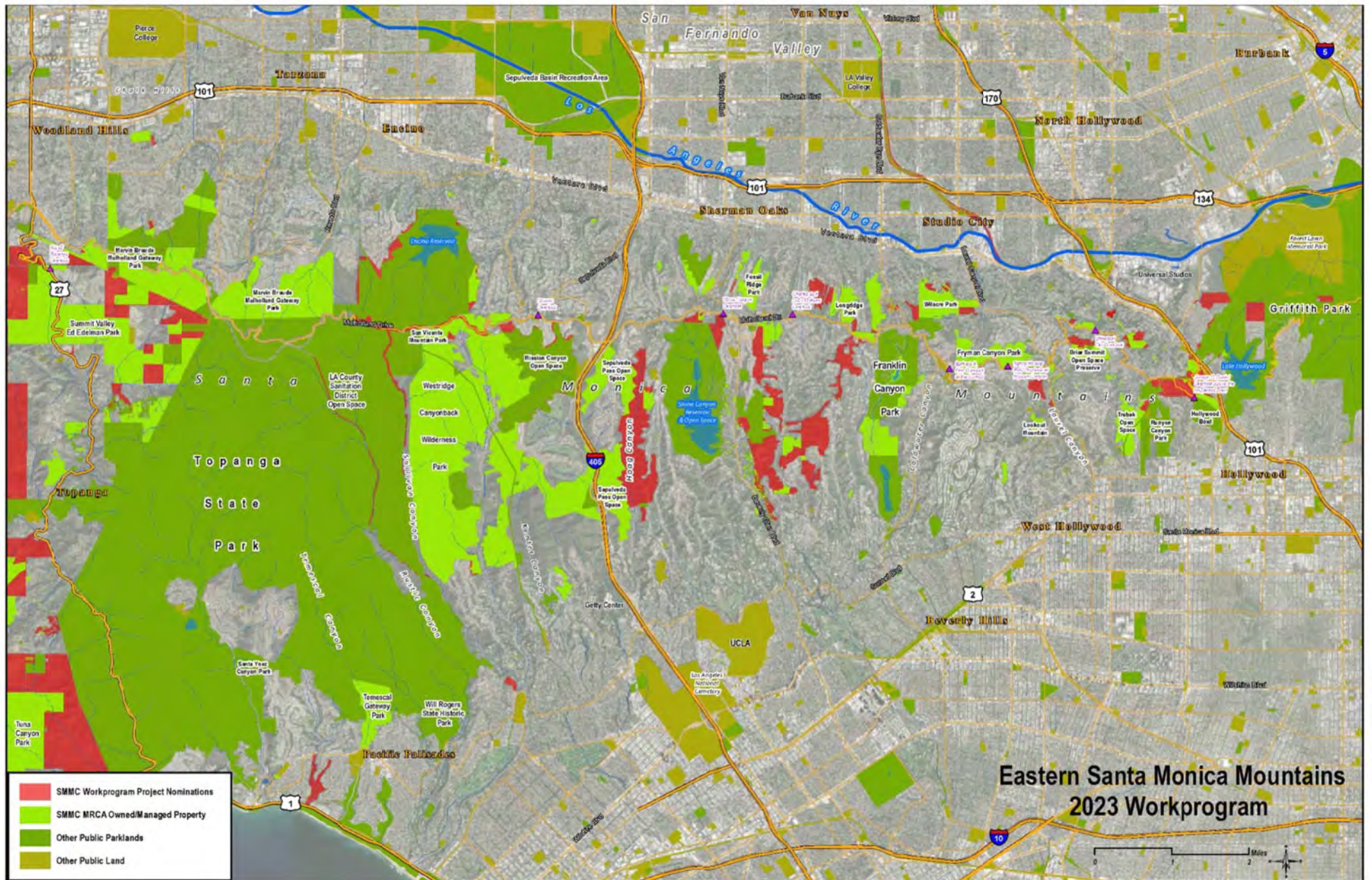




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Western Santa Monica Mountains 2023 Workprogram





Eastern Santa Monica Mountains 2023 Workprogram

GOVERNMENT ACTIONS REVIEW

Plan Approval

The Secretary of the Interior approved the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan on November 10, 1979, thereby making the Conservancy and local governments within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone eligible for the authorized five-year, \$30 million federal grant program provided for in Section 507(n) of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978. The grant eligibility period ended in 1985 without the Department of the Interior awarding any grants. While no grants were awarded, Section 507 provided an alternative method of transferring federal money to state and local governments by authorizing reimbursements for land purchased after establishment of the recreation area. This cooperative funding mechanism has resulted in over \$34 million being spent for high priority acquisitions in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Federal Report

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation (SMMNRA), a unit of the National Park System, continues to provide federal support to the mission of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the form of cooperative management resources and land acquisition funding in the Santa Monica Mountains. A Cooperative Management Agreement was signed by the National Park Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in 2013 that authorizes the exchange of goods and services to accomplish cooperative management and enhancement of local, state, and federal parklands. The value of efficiencies gained through cooperation under the agreement is approximately \$800,000. These savings are retained by the cooperating agencies and reinvested into core operational requirements and key public services.

After decades of effort between the National Park Service, California State Parks, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and millions of dollars in acquisitions, in 2016 the 67-mile Backbone Trail through the Santa Monica Mountains was finally completed with a 40-acre donation by former governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Betty Weider. Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewel and National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis designated the Backbone Trail a National Recreation Trail.

In June 2012, the Anthony C. Beilenson Interagency Visitor Center was opened at King Gillette Ranch in the historic heart of the Santa Monica Mountains. The federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act provided \$9.5 million in funding for the construction of the visitor center, which was named for the former congressman who in 1978 introduced legislation to create the SMMNRA. The first LEEDs Platinum visitor center in the National Park Service system. It is jointly managed by the National Park Service, California State Parks, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Some of the other resources the National Park Service has committed for parkland management purposes in the Santa Monica Mountains include:

- \$1.97 million to acquire inholdings in Zuma/Trancas Canyon. The funds are partially expended after acquiring a 70-acre Zuma Canyon ridgeline inholding in 2014 and a six-acre inholding in 2013.
- \$233,000 in a task agreement with MRCA for preparing the forthcoming interagency SMMNRA Trail Management Plan from the 2005 SAFETEA-LU transportation bill. Public meetings were held.
- \$220,000 for operation of the William O Douglas Outdoor Classroom at Franklin Canyon, and for other environmental education purposes.

Bonded Indebtedness

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act requires a “listing” of the amount of money necessary to retire bonded indebtedness already incurred which would contribute to further development in the mountains inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The origin of this requirement is Section 507(n) of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 which permits the Secretary of the Interior to grant federal funds to retire indebtedness found to contribute to inappropriate development.

To date, no municipal water or utility district has indicated any willingness to apply for such a “buy out” grant. Nor is it apparent that bonded indebtedness *per se* is acting as an inducement for more development. During administrative consideration of the 1980-81 Governor’s budget, the Conservancy proposed undertaking a study of the need for utility “buy out” grants. That budget proposal was not approved, and no study has been conducted.

WILDFIRE RESILIENCE



Community Nature Connection Wildfire Resilient Plant Nursery



101 Corridor Tree Ember Fuel Break Project



Emergency Response Preparedness



Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot and SMMC Chief Deputy Director Rorie Skei



Fire Prevention Equipment Including Green Climber and UAV Drone



Workforce Development



Ignition and Spread Prevention



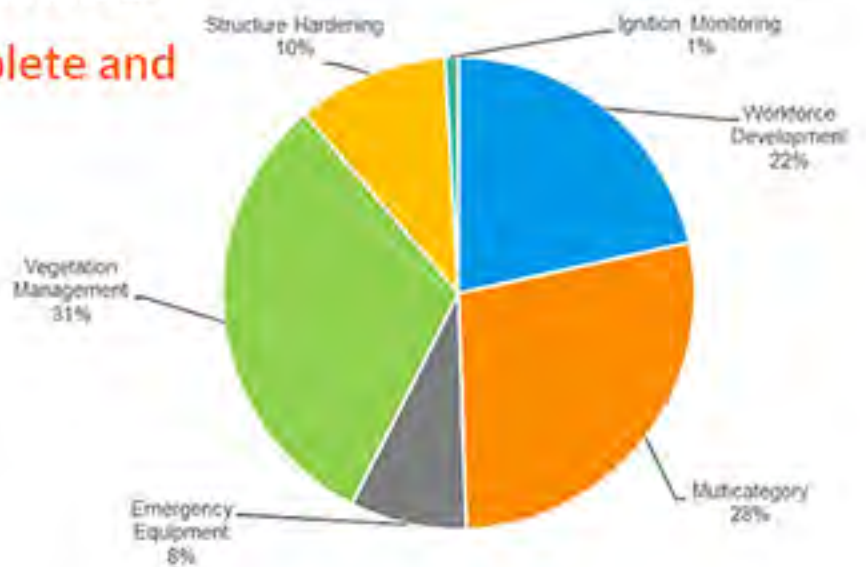
Fire Scenario Training



The Governor's Task Force for Wildfire and Forest Resilience Southern California Meeting at King Gillette Ranch

Grants to Other Entities

~\$8 million for over 25 complete and ongoing grants



Wildfire Early Action and Phase II allocation grants to other entities categorized based on primary purpose

**Select Wildfire Resilience General Fund Grants to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Local Partners
As of December 2023**

Organization	Amount	Grant Name	Board Meeting Date
California Conservation Corps	\$ 500,000	Vegetation Management to Reduce Wildfire Risks Project	5/10/21
City of Calabasas	\$ 450,000	Wildfire Resiliency	5/10/21
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	\$ 395,000	RSRPD Wildfire Prevention and Resiliency Project	5/10/21
City of Agoura Hills	\$ 362,025	Agoura Hills Fire Prevention, Protection, and Resiliency Initiative	5/10/21
City of Malibu	\$ 324,000	City of Malibu Hazardous Tree Removal and Fuel Reduction	5/10/21
The Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$ 250,000	Comprehensive Fuel Break Management Assistance Program	5/10/21
City of Hidden Hills	\$ 250,000	Jed Smith Utility Undergrounding Project	5/10/21
Community Nature Connection	\$ 250,000	Community Nature Connection Fire Resilience Program Workforce Development	5/10/21
Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	\$ 125,000	South Fork Arroyo Conejo Invasive Species Removal Project	5/10/21
Conejo Recreation and Park District	\$ 110,816	2,500 Gallon Water Truck Purchase	5/10/21
Community Emergency Mobile Patrol	\$ 50,000	Community Emergency Mobile Patrol	5/10/21
Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians	\$ 50,000	FTBMI Tribal Monitoring & Expertise	5/10/21
Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians	\$ 50,000	Native American Cultural Resource Monitoring	5/10/21
TreePeople Land Trust	\$ 30,000	Land Trust Fuel Modification 2021	5/10/21
Friends of Arson Watch Disaster Services	\$ 26,000	Friends of Arson Watch Disaster Services enhanced emergency community equipment	5/10/21
Corral Canyon Fire Safety Alliance	\$ 230,000	Corral Canyon -Fire Station 271	6/21/21
City of Westlake Village	\$ 170,000	Citywide Open Space Brush Clearance & EOC Resiliency	6/21/21
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	\$ 500,000	RSRPD Vegetation & Debris Removal and Equipment to Enhance Fire Resiliency and Defensible Space Management	11/22/21
Conejo Recreation and Park District	\$ 264,841	Two (2) Trailer Mounted Emergency Generators	11/22/21
Moorpark Watershed, Pars, Recreation and Conservation Authority	\$ 195,000	Fire Buffer and Oak Woodland Habitat (at Tierra Rejada Rd)	11/22/21
Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) / City of Thousand Oaks	\$ 75,000	South Fork Arroyo Conejo Invasive Species Removal Project	11/22/21
University of Southern California	\$ 50,000	Lookout - Wildfire Detection and Fighting Using Drones	11/22/21
Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	\$ 157,000	Lang Ranch Fire Access Roads Management Plan and Priority Repairs	12/13/21
City of Westlake Village	\$ 130,000	Emergency Response Plan Update & Patrol Vehicle; and Green Zone Preparedness	12/13/21
TreePeople Land Trust	\$ 60,600	Land Trust Wildfire Prevention Project	1/24/22
City of Hidden Hills	\$ 600,000	Undergrounding Power Wildfire Resiliency Phase II	2/28/22
Pukúu Cultural Community Services	\$ 500,000	Fire Resiliency Tribal Corps Training Project (FRTCTP)	2/28/22
Community Nature Connection	\$ 287,408	Elyria Canyon Park Nursery Program	2/28/22
City of Malibu	\$ 350,000	City of Malibu Hazardous Tree Removal and Fuel Reduction	7/18/22
Conservation Concierges Project	\$ 250,000	Conservation Concierges	12/5/22
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	\$ 149,989	Wildfire Projection and Resiliency: Hazardous Fuel Removal - Medea Creek	12/5/22
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	\$ 1,000,000	Wildfire Protection and Resiliency - Medea Creek Cleanup Phase 3	10/17/23
TreePeople Land Trust	\$ 117,479	Land Trust Wildfire Prevention Project	10/17/23
Conejo Recreation and Park District	\$ 1,000,000	District-wide Fuel modification	11/20/23
Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority	\$ 350,000	Agua Dulce and Soledad Canyons Fire Management Project	11/20/23
City of Malibu	\$ 326,000	Hazard tree removals	11/20/23
California Conservation Corps	\$ 900,000	Vegetation Management to Reduce Wildfire Risks Project	12/4/23
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$ 900,000	Comprehensive Fuel Break Management Assistance Program	12/4/23
Community Nature Connection	\$ 499,739	Wildfire Resiliency and Education Program and Workforce Development	12/4/23
City of Calabasas	\$ 200,000	Wildfire Resiliency	12/4/23
City of Agoura Hills	\$ 50,000	Agoura Hills Community Wildfire Risk Assessment	12/4/23
Malibu Lakeside Fire Safe Council	\$ 50,000	Wildfire Resiliency	12/4/23
Total Granted to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Partners	\$ 12,585,896		

LOCAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE

When the Santa Mountains Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the State Legislature in 1979, it set a new standard for land protection policies and guidelines in Southern California. A report on the local government signatories to the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan is made annually, with respect to those local agencies' actions to implement the Plan. In recognition of the Plan's importance and value, the City and County of Los Angeles, the City of Thousand Oaks, and the County of Ventura adopted resolutions that year containing commitments to implement the Plan. Compliance of each of these jurisdictions in the last year is addressed below.

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City of Thousand Oaks

The City of Thousand Oaks' strong record of adherence to the Comprehensive Plan continued throughout 2022-2023. The Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, the joint powers agency formed by the City and the Conejo Recreation and Park District, also continues to manage thousands of acres of open space in a manner consistent with the Plan. A key factor going forward will be how the City addresses and mitigates impacts to the State candidate threatened local mountain lion population.

County of Los Angeles

Over the last year, Los Angeles County's level of compliance with the Comprehensive Plan (Plan) has generally been strong with a few exceptions that still have uncertain permanent land use outcomes. The Santa Monica Mountains North Area and Coastal plans are working well for these purposes. A key factor going forward will be how the County addresses and mitigates impacts to the State candidate threatened local mountain lion population.

County of Ventura

Regulatory actions regarding land use within unincorporated Ventura County are generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and with the resolution adopted by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors in 1979. Prior years' concerns have lessened greatly regarding large disturbance footprints from ranchette development in the upper reaches of the Little Sycamore Canyon and Arroyo Sequit watersheds, adjacent to Point Mugu State Park, and the pace of development applications seems to have slowed. The County has again advanced significantly in requiring in-depth biological constraint

analyses, open space deed restrictions, and habitat mitigation. Recommendations in Conservancy comment letters are well received by County staff. A key factor going forward will be how the County addresses and mitigates impacts to the State candidate threatened local mountain lion population.

City of Los Angeles

The City of Los Angeles' compliance with the Comprehensive Plan showed promise in this fiscal year with the Citywide Planning Commission approving a Wildlife Ordinance. That Wildlife Ordinance awaits approval by the City Attorney and the City Council. That promise also came through the City Council's formal recognition of the Conservancy as a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency for the Santa Monica Mountains Zone and of the Conservancy's *Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Natural Resources Protection Plan*. City Comprehensive Plan compliance progress was also shown with the requirement of a couple of Mitigated Negative Declarations for large single-family developments in sensitive areas, as opposed to Categorical Exemptions. However, those project entitlements remain pending. A key factor going forward will be how the City addresses and mitigates impacts to the State candidate threatened local mountain lion population.

City of Agoura Hills

Although not an original signatory to the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, which predated the City's incorporation, the City of Agoura Hills conducted high quality environmental reviews, but would better implement the Plan by requiring significant permanent deed restricted open space on smaller scale development projects. The City's support of the Wallis Annenberg 101 Freeway Wildlife Overcrossing is commendable. A key factor going forward will be how the City addresses and mitigates impacts to the State candidate threatened local mountain lion population.

City of Calabasas

Although not an original signatory to the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan which predated the City's incorporation, the Calabasas City Council continued to implement the Plan by holding the line in litigation filed by the owner of the denied West Village project east of the intersection of Agoura Road and Las Virgenes Road. The City could further Plan implementation by acquiring some open space. A key factor going forward will be how the City addresses and mitigates impacts to the State candidate threatened local mountain lion population.

City of Westlake Village

Although not an original signatory to the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan which predated the City's incorporation, the City of Westlake Village this year has only approved infill projects with *de minimis* impacts. The City's prior interest in extra-territorial trail linkages appears to have stalled out.

City of Malibu

Although not an original signatory to the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan which predated the City's incorporation, the City of Malibu is partially in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan regarding the sensitive siting of development footprints shaped by its Local Coastal Plan. The area of non-compliance is with its failure to require or even support public trail easements, beach access easements, or public open space. A key factor going forward will be how the City addresses and mitigates impacts to the State candidate threatened local mountain lion population.

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FUND CONDITION REPORT*

Fund Balance Forward as of July 1, 2022.....	\$395,757.13
New Revenue for year 2022-2023.....	\$3,275.55
Expenditures for year 2022-2023.....	\$58,182.30
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023.....	\$457,214.98

*** Information provided by Department of General Services Contracted Fiscal Services**

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Revenue Source	Original Appropriation	Appropriation after Sec. 28, Budget Revision, or Executive Order	Encumbered through 6/30/2023	Funds not Encumbered
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund	3,420,000	3,420,000	1,261,962	2,158,038
Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund - Proposition 12	43,332,000	43,332,000	40,201,290	3,130,710
Clean Water, Clean Air, Coastal Protection Bond Fund - Proposition 40	38,354,342	38,354,342	37,049,238	1,305,104
Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 Bond Fund - Proposition 50	38,793,703	38,793,703	36,403,328	2,390,375
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 Bond Fund - Proposition 84	57,189,000	57,189,000	50,217,665	6,971,335
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Fund of 2014 Bond Fund - Proposition 1	76,320,000	76,320,000	49,358,781	26,961,219
California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Fund Bond Fund - Proposition 68	56,875,000	56,875,000	15,408,061	41,466,939
TOTAL	314,284,045	314,284,045	229,900,324	84,383,721

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SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FUND 0941				
Item 3810-301-0941, Ch. 33/11	820,000	N/A	358,961	461,039 ¹
A. Capital Outlay & Grants	820,000	N/A	358,961	461,039
Item 3810-301-0941, Ch. 21/12	1,000,000	N/A	715,857	284,143 ¹
A. Capital Outlay & Grants	1,000,000	N/A	715,857	284,143
Item 3810-301-0941, Ch. 10/15	200,000	N/A	175,111	24,889 ¹
A. Capital Outlay & Grants	200,000	N/A	175,111	24,889
Item 3810-101-0941, Ch. 23/16	200,000	N/A	0	200,000 ¹
A. Local Assistance Grants	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
Item 3810-101-0941, Ch. 14/17	200,000	N/A	0	200,000 ¹
A. Local Assistance Grants	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
Item 3810-101-0941, Ch. 29/18	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
A. Local Assistance Grants	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
Item 3810-101-0941, Ch. 23/19	200,000	N/A	12,033	187,967
A. Local Assistance Grants	200,000	N/A	12,033	187,967
Item 3810-101-0941, Ch. 6/20	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
A. Local Assistance Grants	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
Item 3810-101-0941, Ch. 21/21	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
A. Local Assistance Grants	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
Item 3810-101-0941, Ch. 43/22	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
A. Local Assistance Grants	200,000	N/A	0	200,000
TOTAL	<u>3,420,000</u>		<u>1,261,962</u>	<u>2,158,038</u>
SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION				
BOND FUND - PROPOSITION 12				
Item 3810-301-0005 ENY 00/01	17,500,000	N/A	17,490,000	10,000 ¹
A. Capital Outlay and Grants	17,500,000	N/A	17,490,000	10,000
Item 3810-302-0005 ENY 00/01	1,500,000	N/A	1,500,000	0
A. Whitney Canyon	1,500,000	N/A	1,500,000	0
Item 3810-301-0005 ENY 01/02	14,250,000	N/A	11,554,999	2,695,001 ¹
A. Phase 1-Acq. Zanja Madre	2,500,000	N/A	219,381	2,280,619
B. Santa Monica- Mt./Rim Vly Trail	11,750,000	N/A	11,335,618	414,382
Item 3810-301-0005 ENY 02/03	728,000	N/A	728,000	0
A. Capital Outlay and Grants	728,000	N/A	728,000	0
Item 3810-301-0005 ENY 04/05	2,705,000	N/A	2,279,969	425,031 ¹
A. Capital Outlay Acquisitions	2,705,000	N/A	2,279,969	425,031
Item 3810-301-0005 ENY 13/14	43,000	N/A	43,000	0
A. Capital Outlay Acquisitions	43,000	N/A	43,000	0
Item 3810-301-0005 ENY14/15	650,000	N/A	650,000	0
A. Capital Outlay Acquisitions	650,000	N/A	650,000	0
Item 3810-301-0005 ENY15/16	280,000	N/A	279,321	679
A. Capital Outlay Acquisitions	280,000	N/A	279,321	679
Item 3790-102-0005 (dx)	946,000	N/A	946,000	0
A. Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park	946,000	N/A	946,000	0
Item 3790-102-0005 (ix), Ch. 52/00	4,730,000	N/A	4,730,000	0
A. Arroyo Seco Confluence Park	4,730,000	N/A	4,730,000	0
TOTAL	<u>43,332,000</u>		<u>40,201,290</u>	<u>3,130,710</u>
CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION				
BOND FUND - PROPOSITION 40				
Item 3810-301-6029 ENY 02/03	12,000,000	N/A	12,000,000	0

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A. Environmental Acquisition/Restoration Capital Outlay and Grants	12,000,000	N/A	12,000,000	0
Item 3810-301-6029 ENY 03/04	12,000,000	N/A	11,773,722	226,278 ¹
A. Environmental Acquisition/Restoration Capital Outlay and Grants	12,000,000	N/A	11,773,722	226,278
Item 3810-301-6029 ENY 04/05	9,673,000	N/A	9,037,409	635,591 ¹
A. Environmental Acquisition/Restoration Capital Outlay and Grants	9,673,000	N/A	9,037,409	635,591
Item 3810-301-6029 ENY 07/08	118,000	N/A	0	118,000 ¹
A. Environmental Acquisition/Restoration Capital Outlay and Grants	118,000	N/A	0	118,000
Item 3810-301-6029 ENY 09/10	258,000	N/A	0	258,000 ¹
A. Environmental Acquisition/Restoration Capital Outlay and Grants	258,000	N/A	0	258,000
Item 3810-301-6029 ENY 12/13	2,780,342	N/A	2,765,606	14,735
A. Environmental Acquisition/Restoration Capital Outlay and Grants	2,780,342	N/A	2,765,606	14,735
Item 3810-301-6029 ENY 14/15	750,000	N/A	716,500	33,500
A. Environmental Acquisition/Restoration Capital Outlay and Grants	750,000	N/A	716,500	33,500
Item 3810-301-6029 ENY 15-16	756,000	N/A	756,000	0
A. Environmental Acquisition/Restoration Capital Outlay and Grants	756,000	N/A	756,000	0
Item 3810-101-6029 ENY 19/20	19,000	N/A	0	19,000
Local Assistance Grants	19,000	N/A	0	19,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>38,354,342</u>		<u>37,049,238</u>	<u>1,305,104</u>
WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002				
BOND FUND - PROPOSITION 50				
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 03/04	3,143,505	N/A	3,142,249	1,256 ¹
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Land, Water and Wildlife Conservation	3,143,505	N/A	3,142,249	1,256
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 03/04	1,000,000	N/A	965,688	34,312 ¹
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Public Access	1,000,000	N/A	965,688	34,312
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 03/04	5,356,495	N/A	5,356,495	0
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection	5,356,495	N/A	5,356,495	0
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 04/05	4,273,911	N/A	3,777,073	496,838 ¹
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Land, Water and Wildlife Conservation	4,273,911	N/A	3,777,073	496,838
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 04/05	5,051,089	N/A	5,051,089	0
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation	5,051,089	N/A	5,051,089	0
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 05/06	6,621,043	N/A	6,573,112	47,931 ¹
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Land, Water and Wildlife Conservation	6,621,043	N/A	6,573,112	47,931
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 05/06	375,000	N/A	160,700	214,300 ¹

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A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Public Access	375,000	N/A	160,700	214,300
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 05/06	2,043,957	N/A	1,779,150	264,807¹
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation	2,043,957	N/A	1,779,150	264,807
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 05/06	460,000	N/A	410,000	50,000¹
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation - PA	460,000	N/A	410,000	50,000
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 06/07	1,342,832	N/A	1,342,832	0
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Land, Water and Wildlife Conservation	1,342,832	N/A	1,342,832	0
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 06/07	450,763	N/A	450,763	0
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Public Access	450,763	N/A	450,763	0
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 06/07	4,173,459	N/A	4,173,459	0
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation	4,173,459	N/A	4,173,459	0
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 06/07	1,227,649	N/A	656,022	571,627¹
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation - PA	1,227,649	N/A	656,022	571,627
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 11/12	311,112	N/A	88,661	222,451¹
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Public Access	311,112	N/A	88,661	222,451
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 11/12	63,387	N/A	18,401	44,986¹
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation	63,387	N/A	18,401	44,986
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 11/12	203,501	N/A	85,434	118,067¹
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation - PA	203,501	N/A	85,434	118,067
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 12/13	1,254,414	N/A	1,242,046	12,368
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Public Access	1,254,414	N/A	1,242,046	12,368
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 12/13	41,736	N/A	41,736	0
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Public Access	41,736	N/A	41,736	0
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 12/13	88,850	N/A	88,850	0
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation - PA	88,850	N/A	88,850	0
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 14/15	275,000	N/A	275,000	0
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Land, Water and Wildlife Conservation	275,000	N/A	275,000	0
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 14/15	275,000	N/A	275,000	0
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation - PA	275,000	N/A	275,000	0

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Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 15/16	84,027	N/A	84,027	0
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Land, Water and Wildlife Conservation	84,027	N/A	84,027	0
Item 3810-301-6031 ENY 15/16	295,973	N/A	86,347	209,626
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation - PA	295,973	N/A	86,347	209,626
Item 3810-101-6031 ENY 16/17	186,452	N/A	186,432	20
A. Los Angeles River Watershed Protection - Public Access	186,452	N/A	186,432	20
Item 3810-101-6031 ENY 16/17	11,484	N/A	7,970	3,514
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation	11,484	N/A	7,970	3,514
Item 3810-101-6031 ENY 16/17	102,064	N/A	84,791	17,273
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water, and Wildlife Conservation - PA	102,064	N/A	84,791	17,273
Item 3810-101-6031 ENY 19/20	43,370	N/A	0	43,370
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Public Access- Projects	43,370	N/A	0	43,370
Item 3810-101-6031 ENY 19/20	21,470	N/A	0	21,470
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Land, Water	21,470	N/A	0	21,470
Item 3810-101-6031 ENY 19/20	16,160	N/A	0	16,160
A. Santa Monica Bay/Ventura County Coastal Watersheds Protection - Public Access- Projects	16,160	N/A	0	16,160
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>38,793,703</u>		<u>36,403,328</u>	<u>2,390,375</u>
SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION FUND OF 2006				
BOND FUND - PROPOSITION 84				
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 07/08	8,777,198	N/A	8,777,198	0
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River	8,777,198	N/A	8,777,198	0
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 07/08	6,993,802	N/A	6,843,904	149,898 ¹
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Protection of Santa Monica Bay and its Watersheds	6,993,802	N/A	6,843,904	149,898
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 08/09	9,948,749	N/A	7,566,604	2,382,145 ¹
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River	9,948,749	N/A	7,566,604	2,382,145
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 08/09	9,881,251	N/A	9,000,183	881,068 ¹
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Protection of Santa Monica Bay and its Watersheds	9,881,251	N/A	9,000,183	881,068

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Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 09/10	3,114,000	N/A	2,386,311	727,689 ¹
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River	3,114,000	N/A	2,386,311	727,689
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 10/11	4,000,000	N/A	2,374,654	1,625,346 ¹
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River	4,000,000	N/A	2,374,654	1,625,346
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 11/12	47,900	N/A	23,473	24,427 ¹
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River	47,900	N/A	23,473	24,427
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 11/12	949,100	N/A	325,766	623,334 ¹
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Protection of Santa Monica Bay and its Watersheds	949,100	N/A	325,766	623,334
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 13/14	6,460,053	N/A	6,425,241	34,812
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River	6,460,053	N/A	6,425,241	34,812
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 13/14	124,947	N/A	124,947	0
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Protection of Santa Monica Bay and its Watersheds	124,947	N/A	124,947	0
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 14/15	17,918	N/A	17,917	1
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River – Planning and Monitoring	17,918	N/A	17,917	1
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 14/15	3,122,082	N/A	3,344,151	-222,069
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River	3,122,082	N/A	3,344,151	-222,069
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 14/15	1,991	N/A	1,991	0
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Protection of Santa Monica Bay and its Watersheds – Planning and Monitoring	1,991	N/A	1,991	0
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 14/15	1,358,009	N/A	1,135,940	222,069
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Protection of Santa Monica Bay and its Watersheds	1,358,009	N/A	1,135,940	222,069
Item 3810-301-6051 ENY 15/16	505,000	N/A	483,809	21,191
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River	505,000	N/A	483,809	21,191
Item 3810-101-6051 ENY 16/17	40,000	N/A	0	40,000
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants: Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River – Planning and Monitoring	40,000	N/A	0	40,000
Item 3810-101-6051 ENY 16/17	342,000	N/A	342,000	0
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants:	342,000	N/A	342,000	0

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Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River				
Item 3810-101-6051 ENY 16/17	74,000	N/A	0	74,000
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants:	74,000	N/A	0	74,000
Protection of Santa Monica Bay and its Watersheds – Planning and Monitoring				
Item 3810-101-6051 ENY 16/17	468,000	N/A	303,000	165,000
A. Acquisition and Local Assistance Grants:	468,000	N/A	303,000	165,000
Protection of Santa Monica Bay and its Watersheds				
Item 3810-101-6051 ENY 17/18	963,000	N/A	740,576	222,424
Watershed Protection Activities Throughout the Watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River-Projects	963,000	N/A	740,576	222,424
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>57,189,000</u>		<u>50,217,665</u>	<u>6,971,335</u>
WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND OF 2014				
BOND FUND - PROPOSITION 1				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 15/16	17,000,000	N/A	16,843,429	156,571
A. Local Assistance Grants:	17,000,000	N/A	16,843,429	156,571
Multi-Benefit Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 15/16	500,000	N/A	474,495	25,505
A. Local Assistance Grants:	500,000	N/A	474,495	25,505
Multi-Benefit Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration - Planning and Monitoring				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 16/17	2,529,000	N/A	2,529,000	0
A. Local Assistance Grants:	2,529,000	N/A	2,529,000	0
Multi-Benefit Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 16/17	331,000	N/A	331,000	0
A. Local Assistance Grants:	331,000	N/A	331,000	0
Multi-Benefit Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration - Planning and Monitoring				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 17/18	2,450,000	N/A	686,227	1,763,773
A. Local Assistance Grants: PD	2,450,000	N/A	686,227	1,763,773
Projects to protect and enhance the LA River				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 17/18	4,900,000	N/A	3,765,499	1,134,501
A. Local Assistance Grants: P&M	4,900,000	N/A	3,765,499	1,134,501
Projects to protect and enhance the LA River				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 17/18	41,650,000	N/A	20,683,817	20,966,183
A. Local Assistance Grants: PJ	41,650,000	N/A	20,683,817	20,966,183
Projects to protect and enhance the LA River				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 18-19	4,050,000	N/A	4,045,314	4,686
A. Local Assistance Grants: PJ	4,050,000	N/A	4,045,314	4,686
Multi-Benefit Water Quality , Water Supply, Watershed Protection, and Restoration				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 19/20	1,775,000	N/A	0	1,775,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	1,775,000	N/A	0	1,775,000
Multi-Benefit Water Quality , Water Supply, Watershed Protection, and Restoration				
Item 3810-101-6083 ENY 20/21	1,135,000	N/A	0	1,135,000

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Consolidated Statement of Capital Outlay Fund Condition and Local Assistance through June 30, 2023*

Revenue Source	Original Appropriation	Appropriation after Sec. 28, Budget Revision, or Executive Order	Encumbered * through 6/30/2023	Funds not Encumbered
A. Local Assistance Grants: Multi-Benefit Water Quality , Water Supply, Watershed Protection, and Restoration	1,135,000	N/A	0	1,135,000
TOTAL	<u>76,320,000</u>		<u>49,358,781</u>	<u>26,961,219</u>
CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL FUND				
BOND FUND - PROPOSITION 68				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 18/19	8,225,000	N/A	2,503,574	5,721,426
A. Local Assistance Grants:	8,225,000			
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries -PJ Ch. 30, Statutes of 2018 (SB 856 trailer bill shift)		N/A	2,503,574	5,721,426
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 18/19	150,000	N/A	0	150,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	150,000			
Los Angeles River Greenways Restoration in Studio City - PJ Ch. 30, Statutes of 2018 (SB 856 trailer bill earmark)		N/A	0	150,000
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 18/19	25,000,000	N/A	12,904,487	12,095,513
A. Local Assistance Grants:	25,000,000	N/A	12,904,487	12,095,513
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Program - PJ				
PRC Section: Ch. 7 /80100(a)(1)(A), ref 1				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 19/20	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-PJ				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 19/20	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-SDAC				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 19/20	187,500	N/A	0	187,500
A. Local Assistance Grants:	187,500	N/A	0	187,500
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries Community Access Projects				
PRC Section: Ch. 7 /80100(a)(1)(A), ref 2				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 19/20	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-PJ				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 19/20	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-SDAC				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 19/20	187,500	N/A	0	187,500
A. Local Assistance Grants:	187,500	N/A	0	187,500
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries Community Access Projects				
PRC Section: Ch. 7 /80100(a)(1)(A), ref 1				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 20/21	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-PJ				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 20/21	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-SDAC				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 20/21	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000

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Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries Community Access Projects	187,500	N/A	0	187,500
PRC Section: Ch. 7 /80100(a)(1)(A), ref 2				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 20/21	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-PJ				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 20/21	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	2,000,000	N/A	0	2,000,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-SDAC				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 20/21				
A. Local Assistance Grants:	187,500	N/A	0	187,500
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries Community Access Projects	187,500	N/A	0	187,500
PRC Section: Ch. 7 /80100(a)(1)(A), ref 1				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 21/22	1,625,000	N/A	0	1,625,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	1,625,000	N/A	0	1,625,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-PJ				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 21/22	1,625,000	N/A	0	1,625,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	1,625,000	N/A	0	1,625,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-SDAC				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 21/22				
A. Local Assistance Grants:	125,000	N/A	0	125,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries Community Access Projects	125,000	N/A	0	125,000
PRC Section: Ch. 7 /80100(a)(1)(A), ref 2				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 21/22	1,625,000	N/A	0	1,625,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	1,625,000	N/A	0	1,625,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-PJ				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 21/22	1,625,000	N/A	0	1,625,000
A. Local Assistance Grants:	1,625,000	N/A	0	1,625,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries-SDAC				
Item 3810-101-6088 ENY 21/22				
A. Local Assistance Grants:	125,000	N/A	0	125,000
Protect or Enhance the LA River Watered and Tributaries Community Access Projects	125,000	N/A	0	125,000
TOTAL	<u>56,875,000</u>		<u>15,408,061</u>	<u>41,466,939</u>

1. Reverted SMMC Fund.

2. Funds reverted no longer available for expenditure. Funds are available for re-appropriation.

*The "Encumbered through 06/30/2023" totals are estimates, because the bond managers did not send out the official numbers for the encumbrance/expenditure reports for 06/30/2023.

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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, for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for fiscal year 2022-2023.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Land Protection Blueprints Planning and Design

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Acquisition
Location/Park Name: Conservancy Zone

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 3/27/17
Resolution Number: 17-19

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The grant supports planning and legal services, appraisals, and title reports for parcel-specific land protection blueprints for thirteen known year-round water sources between Bundy Canyon west of the 405 Freeway and Lake Hollywood east of the 101 Freeway. The project will provide information on what land must be protected, and mechanisms to do so, to keep the water sources accessible to wildlife. Protection mechanisms may include recommendations for fee acquisition, conservation easements, deed restrictions, and/or fencing removal and riparian habitat restoration. A planning and design grant will provide information needed before a public agency embarks on an acquisition. The MRCA's budget includes staff time for investigation of constraints and opportunities, appraisal and title costs, engineering, and structure condition assessments.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff has continued to draft and refine the action blueprints of sixteen specific perennial water sources in the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and the availability of these water sources to wildlife, with the purpose of preparing parcel-specific, and sub-parcel specific land protection blueprints. Under this grant, a local specialist was contracted to contact private landowners and enter private property to perform on-site analyses. Staff previously performed field visits to analyze multiple sites. Staff has prepared several maps for each water source and have begun drafting action blueprints for the long-term preservation of these water sources, and the long-term preservation of wildlife access to these water sources

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through the surrounding properties and habitat blocks. These maps will continue to be refined, and additional maps will be prepared to complement the action blueprints. Maps for the subject perennial water sources were provided to the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning to expedite the City of Los Angeles Wildlife Pilot Study which covers the same area as this project. MRCA staff anticipates that final reports will be sent to the City in Spring of 2024.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Proposition 1

PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Wildland Development Interface Planning and Design

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Acquisition
Location/Park Name: Conservancy Zone

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$375,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 5/22/17
Resolution Number: 17-30

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Planning to protect key water sources, riparian habitat and buffers for over a total of 9 ½ miles of streams within nine coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains. Land protection planning blueprints are needed to guide protection of ecologically important habitat areas that are close to development in the middle to lower portions of the canyon watersheds, notably those within the City of Malibu. Planning will provide info. on what lands must be protected from encroachment, impediments to free stream flow and riparian impacts. The grant includes preparation of parcel-specific mechanisms to keep habitat and water sources accessible to wildlife, & access to recreational trails. Protection mechanisms may include recommendations and info. for fee acquisition, voluntary donations, conservation easements, deed restrictions, or dedications pursuant to local govt. land use entitlements. Enhancing existing public lands, access and facilitating new public access opportunities are also grant goals, particularly for the Coastal Slope Trail.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff continue to evaluate and refine criteria to protect project related sub-watersheds based on habitat diversity, quality and connectivity, topographical constraints, development risk, and potential for public recreation (ease of access, viewshed, and potential for trail construction). Select properties within the Project Area have appeared on real estate listing services and staff have reached out to agents to secure Willing Seller Letters for prospective grant funding applications.

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ACQUISITION

Project Name/Code: Escondido Canyon Acquisition
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Location/Park Name: Escondido Canyon

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$999,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 06/26/17
Resolution Number: 17-38

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Acquisition of three parcels, APNs 4460-014-008, -010, and -011, totaling approximately 2.83 acres along Escondido Creek, City of Malibu. The property has approximately 120 feet along a perennial section of Escondido Creek, a blue line stream, and part of an environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA) as identified in the City of Malibu Local Coastal Program.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff continues to provide support to MRCA staff counsel and outside counsel for ongoing litigation over access rights along the primary road access to the properties. Tasks involve research on title information, dedicated public easements, historic trail use, and updates to encroachment surveys related to the acquired properties (APNs 4460-014-900, 901, 902).

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Proposition 1

IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Zev Yaroslavsky Greenway Improvements – Phase II
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Zev Yaroslavsky Greenway

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$800,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 10/23/17
Resolution Number: 17-65

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Improvements to the Zev Yaroslovksy Greenway that include, but are not limited to, irrigation along the newly landscaped slope, additional native landscaping where necessary along portions of the site, existing slope erosion repair and control measures, community art and rock cladding on unfinished plain retaining walls, new pedestrian access located at Bellaire Avenue street-end, and mulch throughout.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff coordinated with stakeholders, elected officials, and local non-profit organizations to unify planning efforts throughout the Greenway. MRCA's scope of work will focus on tree management, access, and site security improvements. In February, staff issued a bid for tree services and received three proposals. After review and analysis, Gomez Landscape Tree Services was selected to prune, cut, and remove 12 trees on site. The work was completed on March 23, 2023. MRCA maintenance staff mobilized on-site to clear the overgrown vegetation that was growing along the river-edge fence. Following redistricting, the project now lies in Council District 4. During April, staff met with representatives from Council District 4 to brief and discuss the improvements that will be taking place on site.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: River Ranger Program Planning
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Main Stem - Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-81

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$250,000
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 12/10/2018
Resolution Number: 18-57
Total Grant Amount: \$500,000

IV. NARRATIVE

Assembly Bill 1558 (AB 1558), Chapter 452, Statutes of 2017 requires extensive coordination between the Conservancies for the implementation, planning, design and delivery of the Los Angeles River Rangers program. The grant is split evenly between the two Conservancies.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA staff performed project management to pursue pilot program implementation with interested stakeholders. This phase required extensive coordination with the City of Los Angeles to identify potential for a pilot program, map potential locations, analyze legal requirements, and draft and review necessary agreements between the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, and MRCA. Staff led meetings and oversaw community engagement and outreach efforts to update stakeholders, local community groups, and leaders and understand community priorities.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Pond Improvements
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: King Gillette Ranch and Franklin Canyon

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-77

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Rehabilitation of the ponds at King Gillette Ranch and Franklin Canyon Park to reduce use of potable water, increase their habitat value and improve natural functions, and create more sustainable maintenance practices for these water resources.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA staff coordinated with staff members who currently primarily maintain the ponds to review the various issues and opportunities related to the ponds and to assess potential solutions. Potential improvements are being analyzed and will be determined and professional consultants may be solicited to assist in pond improvement proposals.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

**Project Name/Code: Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group Planning
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy**

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River and Tributaries

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-75

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6051
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-75
Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 2/25/19
Resolution Number: 09-15
Total Grant Amount: \$1,500,000.00

Amendment Amount: \$200,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 5/21/18
Resolution Number: 18-19
Total Grant Amount: \$1,700,000.00

Amendment Amount: \$750,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/19
Resolution Number: 19-65

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Total Grant Amount:	\$2,450,000.00
Amendment Amount:	\$750,000.00
Funding Source(s):	Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation:	3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date):	10/28/19
Resolution Number:	19-65
Total Grant Amount:	\$3,200,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Assembly Bill 466 (AB 466), Chapter 341 of the Statutes of 2017, authored by Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra and signed by the Governor on September 28, 2017 establishes, within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy), the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group (Working Group). AB 466 requires that by March 1, 2019, through watershed-based planning methods and community engagement, the Working Group develop a Revitalization Plan (Plan) for the Upper Los Angeles River, the tributaries of the Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, and Verdugo Wash, and any additional tributary waterway that the Working Group determines to be necessary.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. A previous Budget Act authorized a \$10,000,000 allocation to the SMMC for ULART related projects. Of this first tranche of funds, nine projects have been funded. These funds must be encumbered or expended by June 30, 2024. In addition, the Act also authorized the Working Group to meet at least twice per year to evaluate and report progress on implementation and to propose any amendments to the revitalization plan.

On September 6, 2022, the Budget Act of 2022 included a \$6,670,000 allocation to the SMMC for projects that improve the climate resiliency or the protection of the Los Angeles River Watershed or are a part of the revitalization plan developed by the ULART Working Group. Four MRCA projects were awarded funding at the SMMC Board meeting on December 5, 2022. Implementation will be completed by June 2025.

On May 15, 2023, the SMMC approved a pilot Tribal Signage Program that will be led by the MRCA. This project will research, identify, consult and work collaboratively with local tribes to gather historical information from a native and tribal perspective, propose information appropriate for new interpretive signage that is congruent with existing agency sign guidelines, and identify MRCA and SMMC publicly owned and managed lands within the Los Angeles River Watershed that have high visibility and where the addition of tribal history information would be enriching. During this reporting period, a total of fourteen ULART projects are currently active and continue to make progress. Staff has developed a series of support documents to reflect the current portfolio of projects plus development of future projects that can be presented at future Working Group meetings.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Reseda Park Planning
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Reseda

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$350,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-74

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and design for a renovation of Reseda Park. Potential improvements to be evaluated during project planning and design include a riverside walkway, storm drain diversion for efficient infiltration, low-tech bioswales for stormwater cleansing, efficient irrigation, interpretation of natural resources, and native habitat creation.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff continued to work on planning and design services related to improvements at Reseda Park north annex. Veritas staff continued communicating with City staff regarding the draft MOU/Donation Agreement. As part of exploring all potential design options, MRCA requested a cost estimate for a feasibility study to create a small-scale River Recreation Zone in that portion of the LA River from the onboard consultant. Final proposal is pending. Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) worked with staff on planning programs and outreach activities which will include a survey, a remote workshop, and a supplemental campaign on social media platforms. MRCA executed a contract with CNC for the development of interpretive displays and programs of the existing concept designs. These materials would be presented during the community meetings/events. There were a series of three meetings to collect input on the three concept designs. The first meeting was held virtually on August 17 with a presentation by the project team. The meeting was delivered in English with simultaneous translation provided in Spanish. Both versions of the meeting were recorded and posted online as a future resource. The last two meetings were held in person at

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Reseda Park, along the river edge. One on Saturday, August 20 in the morning and the second on Wednesday, August 24 in the afternoon. We had a combination of 50 participants through the Zoom meeting, on-site events, and online surveys. Overall positive feedback and excitement over new improvements.

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ACQUISITION

Project Name/Code: G2 Acquisition
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Location/Park Name: G2 – Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$10,00,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-72

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Acquisition of easement rights over a portion of APN 5442-002-823, project planning and design for permanent and interim improvements for public access and habitat restoration, and implementation of such improvements for the G2 project adjacent to the Los Angeles River.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA staff continued to meet with and coordinate with the Partnership and Lee Andrews Group (LAG), the community engagement lead consultant, to develop community engagement strategies for the of Paseo del Rio greenway on G2 and the Prop O project, now together called Paseo del Río at Taylor Yard (PdRTY) project. Lee Andrews Group continued to manage the Partnership website, develop social media and project content, and upload relevant project documents. LAG coordinated with the Partners on producing flyers and coordinating with the selected Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Community Organizer roles. The CAC is composed of community residents, small business owners, non-profit leaders, and students who act as community ambassadors to identify and address opportunities and challenges in soliciting community feedback during the community engagement period. The Community Organizer role is helping LAG in canvassing the local community in order to engage with community members on the project. The MRCA coordinated with LAG, the 100 Acre Partnership, and the PdRTY design team. In the previous reporting period, two in-person Workshop #2 events were held and the PdRTY design team presented three design alternatives, with each alternative including the same three feature components of the project's design but

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shown with varying thematic differences. A third Workshop #2 meeting was held virtually, with approximately 50 attendees on January 19. Staff also developed engagement contracts with NGOs-Anahuak Soccer, Unidos por NELA, and Friends of the LA River (FOLAR) to provide an additional layer of outreach within their respective networks. This approach coupled with the Community Organizers was successful, and staff received 1,200 completed questionnaires providing input on the three design alternatives. The PdRTY design team refined the conceptual design with project elements that the community most desired based on the 1,200 collected surveys. MRCA and LAG prepared for the third community workshop which will take place in-person on August 5, and will be held in English with Spanish translation.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Silverlake Stormwater Capture Planning and Design
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Silverlake

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 01/22/18
Resolution Number: 18-05

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The project would expand upon The Nature Conservancy's completed feasibility study and provide an engineering plan to implement a pilot project of stormwater capture and habitat enhancement at one of two possible project sites: the north side street end of Silverlake Boulevard or California State Parks' Bowtie Parcel. The grant funds were used for planning a stormwater capture and habitat enhancement project on the Los Angeles River. The Nature Conservancy's contractors, Stantec completed 30% designs for the Bowtie Demonstration project. Seed LA drafted a seed collection plan for the project. The Nature Conservancy also submitted a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to DTSC in August 2022.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Los Angeles River Community Access Planning and Design
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Main Stem - Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 03/26/18
Resolution Number: 18-11

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Regional planning summit for discussion of the reciprocal impacts of parks on homelessness and homelessness on parks and natural spaces and follow up development of a best practices report to recommend to agencies for implementation. The summit will bring together a wide range of agency and parks representatives, community stakeholders and advocacy organizations to examine these impacts, identify innovative strategies to relieve homelessness along the Los Angeles River and adjacent communities, and form a comprehensive parks response to needs of the region's most vulnerable populations.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. A grant extension was approved thru 6/30/23. It will serve to continue efforts and highlight strategies to collaboratively combat homelessness and displacement in areas receiving public investment. The grant extension will also support the next steps for developing pre-improvement and pre-acquisition planning for future joint development projects with LA ROSAH members.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Elysian Valley Gateway Park Improvements

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Elysian Valley Gateway Park

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$850,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 05/21/18
Resolution Number: 18-16

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Renovations for this well-used neighborhood and River Bikeway-adjacent Park are needed. In addition to best newer management practices for stormwater diversion and capture and other water enhancement and native habitat plantings, the project will include additional trees, seating, interpretive elements, and very importantly, will open the park more to the river and bikeway. Community input was sought in two public workshops last year.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The permit expediter (Burnham Nationwide, Inc) continued to work through clearances and coordination between our consultants. Withers & Sandgren (Architect) submitted a response letter to the Soils Report Letter Approval from sub-consultant Ninoy & Moore. The letter provided further testing with adjusted parameters for a liquefaction zone and additional information about the proposed infiltration system. The Soils Report response letter (addressing specific conditions) was submitted in early Q1 and approved at the end of Q1. Complete approval of the Soils Report was needed for submission to LID. LID review was also approved in late Q1. LADBS will conduct the final review before issuing the permit, which we anticipate in Q2. Staff also met with staff from the newly appointed Los Angeles City Councilmember for District 13, Hugo Soto-Martinez. This meeting served as an introduction to the project in their district and a clear point of contact from MRCA's side.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Caballero Creek Park Improvements

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Caballero Creek Park

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$2,000,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 05/21/18
Resolution Number: 18-17

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Water capture and other improvements at the Caballero Creek Park project. The project will convert a 1.6-acre parcel owned by the City of Los Angeles located adjacent to the confluence of the Caballero Creek and the Los Angeles River into a multi-benefit park.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. A grant extension request until 12/31/25 has been submitted. The MRCA worked with SALT, the prime design team, to coordinate with LASAN on reviewing proposed products and amenities that LASAN will maintain. Once the product review is complete, and any changes are incorporated, MRCA will provide the updated plans to City Recreation and Parks (RAP) to demonstrate that all previous RAP comments have also been incorporated and that the construction documents are completed, pending B-permit completion. The MRCA amended the contract with SALT to include obtaining utility notices as part of the B-permit comments.. The MRCA entered into a contract with Aspen Environmental Group to support USACE's new request for a Section 404 Nationwide Permit to be completed due to a new regulatory requirement that was identified after the initiation of permitting.. Aspen completed a site visit and provided a draft National Wide Permit report document. Aspen will provide the drafted Nationwide Permit Pre-Construction Notice form and updated supporting report. Staff managed the coordination of a Maintenance Agreement between RAP, LASAN, and LADWP pending final approval by RAP. Development of the Use Agreement for the County FCD maintenance road adjacent to the site, is ongoing.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Sepulveda Basin River Recreation Zone Planning and Design
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Sepulveda Basin River Recreation Zone

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$350,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 06/18/18
Resolution Number: 18-28

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Capital improvements that will be studied as part of the subject pre-improvement planning work include launch points (including options for mobility-impaired users), signage, restrooms, rest areas and overlooks, various user amenities, security enhancements, restoration planting, potential water quality improvements, and connectivity to the future bike path so that visitors do not have to drive to the River Recreation Zone. Water quality within the area is negatively impacted by lack of restrooms, fishing activities, homeless encampments, and nearby outfalls which lack Best Management Practices. The presence of year-round water makes the Sepulveda Basin a unique opportunity along the main stem of the river.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff continued to work on planning and design services related to enhancing public access to the Sepulveda Basin Los Angeles River Recreation Zone (SB RRZ). Staff continued to analyze effective design strategies for feasible enhancements within the Sepulveda Basin in and around the Recreation Zone. The joint sediment survey project with USGS continued. Equipment installed in April will collect continuous water quality data. Additional information on the project and future updates can be found on the project site (<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/california-water-science-center/science/continuous-real-time-water-quality-monitoring-los#overview>). Staff continued to learn more about the feasibility study and the City lead Master Plan. The feasibility study, lead by The River Project

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and funded by SMMC, was completed in April 2022 and available to the public soon after (<https://theriverproject.app.box.com/s/2rjnoror0sbni73z1g6x439wp5iz23jr>). The City selected the consultant team for the Master Plan and held a design kick off meeting in October. The team includes: The team includes: Geosyntec Consultants, OLIN, Agency: Artifact, The Robert Group, Gruen Architects, Psomas, Alta, Estolano Advisors, Leland Saylor, and Pacoima Beautiful. MRCA is participating as part of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Additional information published by BOE or their consulting team can be found on the project website (<https://eng.lacity.org/sepulveda-basin-vision-plan>).

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Confluence Park Phase II Planning and Design

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Confluence Park

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 06/18/18
Resolution Number: 18-29

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Potential improvements to be evaluated during project pre-improvement planning and design include elements related to watershed protection such as stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) for water quality improvement, native drought-tolerant landscaping for shade and habitat creation, efficient irrigation, interpretation of natural resources, and other park amenities. The project will be planned in such a way that future stormwater management components could maximize public benefit and take advantage of the location.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff continued work on planning and design services related to the future development of Confluence Phase 2 project. Staff requested a grant term extension due to COVID delays. The project outreach and design efforts remain on hold until CD1 provides an update for the site's use. A new council member for District 1, Eunisses Hernandez, assumed office on December 12, 2022. Staff will work with the new office to understand the new priorities of the subject parcel.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Rio Vistas
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River Street Ends

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: River LA

Total Grant Amount: \$578,700.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 07/23/2018
Resolution Number: 18-41

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

River LA seeks to construct three new multi-benefit street-end pocket parks along the Los Angeles River in the Elysian Valley, at Clearwater Street, Coolidge Street, and Newell Street. River LA have moved 100% construction drawings through the permitting process and continue to conduct ongoing community engagement. The project intends to divert and/or infiltrate runoff draining from approximately five upstream acres using low-tech improvements including pavement removal, swales and planted areas. Street end access to the river bikeway for pedestrians and bicyclists will be provided. New vegetation will reduce heat island effect and create green spaces. River LA proposes to contract with LA Conservation Corps for monitoring and ongoing maintenance, to be paid out of their matching funding.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. A meeting between BoE, LANI, Dake Luna and KPFF addressed right-of-way concerns for the Newell portion of the project. Project drawings were resubmitted to OCB Adopt a Median. A contract amendment to include additional scope to have KPFF review and address BoE concerns regarding right-of-way questions at the Newell site was created. The BoE submitted comments regarding new private property right-of-way concerns for Coolidge, Newell, and Clearwater. The designer updated Newell site plans to address Urban Forestry's concerns regarding a protected tree found at the Newell site. A bench and new tree element were removed from plans, allowing trees to remain on site.

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ACQUISITION

Project Name/Code: Lyons Canyon
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Location/Park Name: Lyons Canyon

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$100,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 09/24/2018
Resolution Number: 18-47

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Pre-Acquisition grant to initiate the process of acquiring approximately 235 acres of Lyons Canyon in the Santa Clarita area west of I-5 (APN'S 2826-022-026; -027; -035; 2826-023-014; and 2826- 041-039). The 235-acre former Warner Brothers Ranch property is in the Santa Susana Mountains, adjacent to the MRCA's Ed Davis Park in Towsley Canyon, and another smaller parcel, and open space owned by the City of Santa Clarita. The landowner, DR Horton Company, holds Los Angeles County-approved Tentative Tract map #53653 on the property for 92 single family homes and 93 condominium units, but is a willing seller if sufficient funding is secured pursuant to an approved appraisal.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The previous owner cut off discussion of a sale. Property was sold to development entity NUWI Lyons Canyon, LLC. This new owner has filed a tract map and staff has engaged them to shape development to achieve an ecologically and visually superior open space dedication with a management funding source. Staff has focused solely on analyzing the current tract map looking for ways to improve the project in the EIR process. Staff has also begun engagement with the Ayers Trust representative that control the approximately 400 acres in upper Lyons Canyon.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: LA River Greenway Studio City

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Studio City - Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: The River Project

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 12/10/2018
Resolution Number: 18-62

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Planning and design project for enhancement of the Studio City Greenway along the Los Angeles River, including planning and concept design for development of access points and enhancements to the greenway and surrounding landscape. Funds will be used in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles for planning and enhancing the Studio City Greenway project. The Conservancy was directed in the State Budget Act to grant \$150,000 to the City of Los Angeles for the Studio City project.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Held meetings and site visits with staff from CD4, Rec & Parks, the Parks Foundation, the Studio City Neighborhood Council, Residents Association, and Chamber of Commerce to map out a path forward. At the end of June, Rec & Parks began to clear the worst of the invasives in order to enable safe gatherings on site. Dialogue with project partners and stakeholders is ongoing.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: G2/Taylor Yard
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: G2 – Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of Los Angeles

Total Grant Amount: \$1,500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 01/28/2019
Resolution Number: 19-05

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and design and improvements for more immediate public access and habitat restoration for the “Early Activation” phase of the G2 Taylor Yard River Park project on the Los Angeles River. The City is in partnership with the Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for restoring the former Taylor Yard rail site adjacent to a soft-bottom segment of the Los Angeles River into a regionally significant park space, which would “enhance habitat connectivity, develop wildlife habitat, provide recreation and interpretation, improve the water quality of the watershed, and promote access to the Los Angeles River.” The City’s grant application complements a grant from the Conservancy to the MRCA for planning and construction of at least interim improvements for public access and habitat restoration on G2. The City indicates matching funding of \$1,666,667 for a total project cost of \$3,166,667, which will be used for the project, including Environmental Assessment work.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The project is currently in the Pre-Design phase. An additional virtual community workshop was held in January. The second project questionnaire closed in February and received 1200 responses. The design team is currently synthesizing the questionnaire data received. The 100 Acre Partnership at Taylor Yard’s (100 Acre Partnership) community engagement consultant, Lee Andrews Group (Lee Andrews), continues to attend Neighborhood Council community meetings on behalf of the 100 Acre Partnership to provide

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project updates. Lee Andrews will continue to maintain the Community Engagement Plan (CEP), which is a living document. Lee Andrews and the 100 Acre Partnership continue to meet biweekly. Lee Andrews continues to distribute project updates by email on behalf of the 100 Acre Partnership. Under the direction of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), BOE notified the surrounding community of soil sampling and testing to assess leachability in March. The results will help to guide Tetra Tech's design.

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RESTORATION

Project Name/Code: Flat Top Restoration
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Restoration
Location/Park Name: Flat Top – Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: North East Trees

Total Grant Amount: \$497,250.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 02/25/2019
Resolution Number: 19-12

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Habitat restoration and watershed enhancement project for Flat Top Park near the Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco. Flat Top is a highly prominent 38-acre hilltop situated just northeast from the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. It is surrounded by the communities of Lincoln Heights, Happy Valley, and Montecito Heights. North East Trees will enhance the existing native habitat by tree-planting, control of invasive species (such as the aggressive Tree of Heaven) and establish rain gardens and bioswales to capture runoff. Local youth will be hired for project work.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Outreach and Education – NET maintained ongoing communication with community members. Rain Gardens and Water Capture – NET continued to finalize plans for the rain gardens, produce cost estimates, source materials, and develop a timeline for implementation.

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RESTORATION

Project Name/Code: Studio City Greenway Restoration
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Restoration
Location/Park Name: Studio City Greenway – Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: TreePeople

Total Grant Amount: \$150,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 08/26/2019
Resolution Number: 19-49

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

TreePeople will provide in a two-year project the enhancement of the one-half mile long section of the Greenway between Coldwater Canyon and Whitsett Avenue. The project involves removing invasive exotics and reestablishing native species, conserving water, and limiting runoff into the river. TreePeople will propagate native seedlings in their nursery and engage and train community volunteers for the site restoration and planting. TreePeople staff worked on establishment and success of native habitat along the Greenway. Staff conducted monitoring, maintenance, and site improvements on a bi-weekly to monthly basis.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Throughout the 2nd quarter of 2023 TreePeople continued to conduct volunteer events and staff operations. Volunteers learned about native plants and the local ecosystem while participating in habitat restoration events which included plant installation, propagation, and exotic species control. Volunteer events were held weekly to biweekly, while staff operations were conducted multiple times a week.

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STUDY

Project Name/Code: Ecosystem Feasibility Study
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Study
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River, Elysian Valley

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Friends of the Los Angeles River

Total Grant Amount: \$172,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 08/26/2019
Resolution Number: 19-50

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$77,500.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 6/29/2020
Resolution Number: 20-25
Total Grant Amount: \$249,500.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Friends of the Los Angeles River will conduct an ecosystem feasibility study on a stretch of the Los Angeles River on the Elysian Valley and the G2 site, identified in the federal ARBOR plan for potential removal of 1,000 feet of concrete, 300 feet of channel widening, and over 20 acres of ecological restoration.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff finalized a study presentation and deck with Sherwood Design Engineers, then met with stakeholders and local community groups to present the findings and discuss next steps for implementations.

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STUDY

Project Name/Code: Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Study
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 08/26/2019
Resolution Number: 19-51

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Currently an instream flow study is being led by the State Water Resources Control Board, however, the scope of the study is limited in its analysis. This study would benefit from additional supplemental analysis related to ecology, habitat, and recreational uses of the river's instream flow, as well as the addition of a water quality analysis and modeling to predict adverse effects on wildlife and vegetation if flow regimes are reduced. The amount and management of instream flow has direct impacts on current and previous planning efforts by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the San Gabriel and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The two conservancies are jointly allocating \$500,000 split evenly between the two for the supplemental analysis.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA staff coordinated with the Project team, stakeholders, elected officials, and local non-profit organizations to augment supplemental analysis of the Los Angeles River Flows Study related to ecology, habitat, non-aquatic life beneficial uses, and addition of water quality modeling. Staff coordinated with Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) staff performing the study and Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) staff to provide input on the augmentation effort that includes: enhanced water temperature and water quality modeling, as well as community engagement scopes. Staff continued to analyze the study to identify limitations and opportunities to consider additional

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evaluation. Consultant Stillwater with staff from MRCA and SMMC met with regulatory agencies and water dischargers to discuss concerns surrounding the limitations of the Flows Study and the significant impacts to wildlife and recreation that could result from future flows reductions. Meetings were held with LA WaterKeeper team met with SWRCB and members from the Water Rights Division. The meetings were productive and with future coordination show promise that balanced decisions around flows can be made that are protective of existing wildlife and recreation. Seeking this balance will be the goal of the Flows Study Phase 2 scope proposed for the MRCA's recent new funding, now that this current grant has been fully expended.

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STUDY

Project Name/Code: Phyto/Mycoremediation Study and Workforce Development Program at Taylor Yard

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Study
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Friends of the Los Angeles River

Total Grant Amount: \$280,600.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 02/28/2022
Resolution Number: 22-18

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Friends of the Los Angeles River is teaming up with UC Riverside, Sand County Environmental, and Linear City to support a phyto and mycoremediation study on a one acre plot of G2 and Taylor Yard. Friends of the Los Angeles River will be working with local partners to leverage this innovative study for workforce development, community engagement and education on the opportunities and benefits of remediation across the entire 100 acres.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. FOLAR has established a relationship with the Career Technical Education department at Sotomayor Arts & Sciences Magnet and have identified ten high school students that will be trained in the science of Phyto-mycoremediation. Researchers Danielle Stevenson and Sam Ying are supporting the stem mentorship support and FOLAR educators will lead the youth development. The Project dates have been fully completed. In an effort to educate the public on the efficacy of plants and mushrooms in soil remediation, and to excite them about this possibility, FOLAR is featuring this project in its RiverFest community event. RiverFest gathered 600 participants at the Los Angeles State Historic Park on September 25, 2022. A dedicated table/space about this initiative was staffed by a UCR researcher. The public walked away from this space understanding the mechanism behind phyto/mycoremediation and will be made aware of the Taylor Yards project.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: River Green Project Planning and Design, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Upper Los Angeles River Watershed

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 09/23/2019
Resolution Number: 19-61

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 09/23/2019
Resolution Number: 19-61
Total Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

N/A

IV. NARRATIVE

Grantee seeks to frame River planning efforts with the premise that revitalization is fundamentally a green process, and to ensure that policies and goals are now being developed include the River Green concept: the need for more green space, natural habitat, outdoor passive recreation, and spaces for respite. The River Green concept is to be deeply integrated in all the efforts of the jurisdictions working along the waterways of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed through further cooperation with local governments.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The River Green concept seeks to reinforce the importance of prioritizing natural resources, outdoor passive recreation, and spaces for respite when regional planning decisions are made. Staff continues to examine prime opportunity sites presented within relevant watershed planning documents to perform pre-improvement planning and develop

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detailed concepts within the project boundary. Staff has ongoing internal meetings, including attending external meetings where upper Los Angeles River Watershed planning efforts are undertaken. These meetings include the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries (ULART) Working Group, SFVCOG, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee, the Upper Los Angeles River Integrated Regional Watershed Management program, and the City of Los Angeles Floodplain Management Plan Steering Committee.

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STUDY

Project Name/Code: Feasibility Study for Restoration of the Los Angeles River in Sepulveda Basin

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Study
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River in Sepulveda Basin

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: The River Project

Total Grant Amount: \$161,750.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 01/27/2020
Resolution Number: 20-03

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Feasibility study for restoration of the Los Angeles River in the Sepulveda Basin, which will include planning of a land improvement project to protect land and water resources, protect and restore rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water and other natural resources.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Project Planning and Design Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio G2

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Paseo del Rio on the State Parks site, G2 parcel

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$1,360,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 06/01/2020
Resolution Number: 20-14

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and design for the Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio G2 project, leading community outreach and engagement efforts for the G2 parcel, and coordination of outreach with those engagement efforts which will take place at Paseo del Rio on the State Parks site. The work will be implemented in a partnership with the City and State Parks, in order to allow the development of a coordinated early access river edge project.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA staff continued to meet with and coordinate with the Partnership and Lee Andrews Group (LAG), the community engagement lead consultant, to develop community engagement strategies for the of Paseo del Rio greenway on G2 and the Prop O project, now together called Paseo del Río at Taylor Yard (PdRTY) project. LAG coordinated with the Partners on producing flyers and coordinating with the selected Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Community Organizer roles. The CAC is composed of community residents, small business owners, non-profit leaders, and students who act as community ambassadors to identify and address opportunities and challenges in soliciting community feedback during the community engagement period. The Community Organizer role is helping LAG in canvassing the local community in order to engage with community members on the project. MRCA coordinated with LAG, the 100 Acre Partnership, and the PdRTY design team. In the previous reporting period, two in-person Workshop #2 events were held and the PdRTY design team presented three design alternatives, with each alternative including the same

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three feature components of the project's design but shown with varying thematic differences. A third Workshop #2 meeting was held virtually, with approximately 50 attendees on January 19. Staff also developed engagement contracts with NGOs-Anahuak Soccer, Unidos por NELA, and Friends of the LA River (FOLAR) to provide an additional layer of outreach within their respective networks. This approach coupled with the Community Organizers was successful, and staff received 1,200 completed questionnaires providing input on the three design alternatives. The PdRTY design team refined the conceptual design with project elements that the community most desired based on the 1,200 collected surveys. In this reporting period, MRCA and LAG prepared for the third community workshop which will take place in-person on August 5, and will be held in English with Spanish translation. Workshop #3 will provide the community opportunity to provide additional feedback based on the refined conceptual design. A virtual bilingual option with the same content will be held on August 23.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio Project - G2 and Bowtie
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Taylor Yard G2 and Bowtie parcels

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering

Total Grant Amount: \$5,840,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 06/01/2020
Resolution Number: 20-15

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Capital improvements for the Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio G2 and Bowtie project adjacent to the Los Angeles River, Glassell Park neighborhood, City of Los Angeles. The project will be implemented in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), in order to allow the development of a coordinate early access river edge project. The grant will fund planning and design of a land improvement project to protect land and water resources, protect and restore rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water, and other natural resources.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The project is currently in the Pre-Design phase. BOE and its design consultant, Tetra Tech, meet on a weekly basis. An additional virtual community workshop was held in January. The second project questionnaire closed in February and received 1200 responses. The design team is currently synthesizing the questionnaire data received. The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) and BOE's environmental and coordination consultant, WSP, meet monthly. WSP has completed a Conceptual Site Model. The 100 Acre Partnership at Taylor Yard's (100 Acre Partnership) community engagement consultant, Lee Andrews Group (Lee Andrews), continues to attend Neighborhood Council community meetings on behalf of the 100 Acre Partnership to provide project updates. Lee Andrews will continue to maintain the Community Engagement Plan (CEP), which is a living document. Lee Andrews and the 100 Acre Partnership continue to meet biweekly. Lee

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Andrews continues to distribute project updates by email on behalf of the 100 Acre Partnership. Under the direction of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), BOE notified the surrounding community of soil sampling and testing to assess leachability in March. The results will help to guide Tetra Tech's design. A 100 Acre Partnership MOU has been finalized and approved by the Partners. The Partners are preparing the MOU for signature.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio Bowtie
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio Bowtie

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: California State Parks

Total Grant Amount: \$2,800,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 06/01/2020
Resolution Number: 20-16

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Capital improvements for the Taylor Yard Paseo del Rio Bowtie project adjacent to the Los Angeles River, Glassell Park neighborhood, City of Los Angeles. The grant activities will constitute planning and design of a land improvement project to protect land and water resources, protect and restore rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water, and other natural resources.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Between January and March 2023, the State Parks Landscape Architect continued the design work with the City of LA BOE and US Army Corps of Engineers. State Parks is awaiting the public's review of the three proposed designs on G2 to get a better understanding of what the design will need to be on G1. WSP shared their conceptual site model and Workplan with DTSC.. The project team has been working closely with Army Corps to ensure the project supports the LA River Ecosystem Restoration Project. Army Corps is working to develop a habitat metric in order to calculate the total number of habitat units the project will provide. The team continues with the various components of project coordination. The administrative draft IS/MND was shared at the end of Q1. State Parks Southern Service Center design team has coordinated with LADWP on the design requirements for the project as it is adjacent to the power lines that continuously run the length of the project site.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Los Angeles River Fish Passage

Agency: Council for Watershed Health

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River between the soft-bottom reach and Washington Boulevard

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Council for Watershed Health

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creeks
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 06/21/2021
Resolution Number: 21-44

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The grantee is responsible for supporting current planning efforts, including preparation of up to 60% design, to modify the existing LA River flood control concrete-lined channel to improve fish passage for steelhead migration to soft-bottom reaches of the LA River and upper tributaries while maintaining flood protection. Matching project funds will be used to augment this scope as well as to develop a CEQA Initial Study for an Environmental Impact Report.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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INTERPRETATION

Project Name/Code: Bowtie Wetland Demonstration Project

Agency: The Nature Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Interpretation
Location/Park Name: Eighteen-acre Bowtie Parcel (G1.The parcel is adjacent to the LA River channel

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Total Grant Amount: \$150,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 05/15/2023
Resolution Number: 23-13

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The grantee is responsible for continuing community engagement efforts for the Bowtie Wetland Demonstration project along the Los Angeles River. This includes the development of interpretive elements and strategic communications.

V. PROJECT STATUS

SMMC board approval was on May 15, 2023 and the grant is in process.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Accessibility Improvements Project Planning and Design

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design

Location/Park Name: Multiple

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Funding Source(s): Proposition 12

Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

Board Actions (Date): 9/25/17

Resolution Number: 17-58

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Funding Source(s): Proposition 50

Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6031

Board Actions (Date): 9/25/17

Resolution Number: 17-58

Total Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:

Funding Source(s):

Item of Appropriation:

Board Actions (Date):

Resolution Number:

Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The grantee will develop an Accessibility Improvement Plan for properties managed by MRCA, including surveys of the physical and structural barriers at park facilities such as parking, restrooms, public meeting areas, and the paths of travel between these areas. The focus will be those sites that frequently host public meetings or events, and parks that accommodate a variety of experiences, such as Franklin Canyon Park, King Gillette Ranch, and the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. The reports will identify architectural barriers that may need modification or complete reconstruction, such as sidewalks, parking, curb ramps, handrails, ramps, stairs, accessible entrances, door hardware and widths, drinking fountains, signage, lifts, and seating.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The field evaluations to identify barriers at MRCA-managed parks are

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complete. These field evaluations will be used to prioritize future improvement projects for MRCA. Ongoing tracking of barrier removals will continue with support from specialized software

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Mentryville Water Line Improvements

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Mentryville

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 4/27/15
Resolution Number: 15-24

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Capital improvements to rehabilitate the water line and Mentryville Park. The project will preserve the canyon's recreation opportunities and protect the property's resources by rehabilitating the main water line upon which current and future drinking fountains, restrooms, irrigation systems, facilities, and fire protection infrastructure depend on.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The MRCA Construction Division staff completed installation of a new waterline adjacent to Pico Canyon Road. Construction Division repaired a leak in the line located near the newly installed booster pump. Additional fencing materials were purchased to repair the resident's fence. Fencing repairs to the residence were completed by MRCA's Construction Division. Staff completed work on several new interpretive signs for the park, including two kiosk panels and small displays about each of the park's historic buildings. The new interpretive signs were installed by the Construction Division. Planning staff will coordinate installation of remaining interpretative signs at the park with the Construction Division. The remainder of the grant is planned to be used to purchase additional pipe to replace a portion of the property's fire service line.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Towsley Improvements
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Towsley Canyon

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 4/27/15
Resolution Number: 15-23

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$19,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6029
Board Actions (Date): 5/16/22
Resolution Number: 22-33
Total Grant Amount: \$319,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Capital improvements to an area of Towsley Canyon Park that will enhance utility and visitor experience. To expand the available space for community gathering and providing public programs, an area behind the pool has been identified as underutilized. The grant will be used to plan, design, and implement improvements to create a ranch-style gathering area that can be used for public programs and special events. Improved paths of travel and security fencing, will be constructed to create an enjoyable usable space.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The grant funds were used for planning, design, and implementation of capital improvements at Ed Davis Park in Towsley Canyon. Improvements were done in the gathering area located between the pool and the lodge, a new concrete ramp to connect the lower area by parking up to the main pool deck, new fencing around the pool, an accessible parking spot and renovation of the existing public restrooms.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Franklin Canyon Improvements

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Franklin Canyon Park

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 50
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6031
Board Actions (Date): 1/23/06
Resolution Number: 06-05

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$200,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 50
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6031
Board Actions (Date): 12/5/11
Resolution Number: 11-81
Total Grant Amount: \$450,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Capital Improvements to facilities at Franklin Canyon Park.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Infrastructure improvements include new backflow preventer, parking lot lighting, sewer line improvements, addition of an automated gate, roofing, and energy efficient HVAC system. The lower ranch restrooms were renovated in 2011, including replacing termite-rotted doors, replacing lights and signs, and painting exposed surfaces. Irrigation in the immediate area was renovated to provide full coverage, and new picnic tables and a bench were added. Wood rot within the buildings structure was addressed and replaced as needed. In 2013, the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom's amphitheater was renovated with replaced seating, new concrete, DG surfaces, new railings, steps, and new electrical service, picnic tables were added. Lighting in the Sooky Goldman Nature Center and in the lower parking lot was converted to energy efficient LED fixtures.

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ACQUISITION

Project Name/Code: Coastal Slope Acquisitions

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Location/Park Name: Coastal Slope Trail between Latigo and Ramirez Canyon

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$1,500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 50
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6031
Board Actions (Date): 7/30/07
Resolution Number: 07-65

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$407,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84 – SMB Watershed
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 1/25/2010
Resolution Number: 10-04
Total Grant Amount: \$1,907,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Acquisitions to implement Coastal Slope Trail between Latigo and Ramirez Canyon.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Tasks worked on during this period included facilitating the Malitex acquisition in Escondido Canyon (APNs 4465-004-013, 080, 072 and 075) providing alternate trail routes and spurs along the conceptual Coastal Slope Trail alignment. Completed were associated closing costs to complete the transaction. Staff did further correspondence and legal work on trail easement rights over Murphy Way and the corresponding connection to the newly acquired Malitex parcels. Staff time also included the design/fabrication of site signage and the installation of signage at the newly acquired Triangle Ranch (APN 2063-005-025).

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: King Gillette Ranch Trail Improvements

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: King Gillette Ranch

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$200,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 50
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6031
Board Actions (Date): 2/22/16
Resolution Number: 16-08

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Trail improvements at King Gillette Ranch. The 588-acre King Gillette Ranch is situated in the heart of the Malibu Creek watershed (Santa Monica Bay watershed). The new trail improvements will ensure visitor safety and enhance the visitor experience. California State Parks staff will take the lead role in planning the specific routes and developing priorities for implementation. Potential impacts to the riparian habitat of Stokes Creek, park and Visitor Center operations, and archaeological resources must all be taken into consideration along with aesthetics, maintenance needs, funding limitations, and building code requirements.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project ongoing. This grant was originally intended to build a portion of an accessible loop trail that connected across Las Virgenes Road to Malibu Creek State Park. California State Parks was the lead agency in planning that loop trail, and due to the potential impacts to archaeological and biological resources, opted to suspend the project. MRCA staff have continued to identify and scope out projects that would both protect and restore trails at King Gillette Ranch as well as improve accessibility. At this time, there is not a viable trail project that could be fully completed during the term of the agreement. MRCA respectfully requests to close out the grant.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Accessibility Improvements Project Planning and Design

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Multiple

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 50
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6031
Board Actions (Date): 9/25/17
Resolution Number: 17-58

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005
Board Actions (Date): 9/25/17
Resolution Number: 17-58
Total Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

An Accessibility Improvement Plan and Survey for accessibility improvements to properties managed by MRCA, includes surveys of the physical and structural barriers to park facilities, including parking, restrooms, public meeting areas, and the paths of travel between these areas. The focus will be those sites that frequently host public meetings or events, and parks that accommodate a variety of experiences, such as Franklin Canyon Park, King Gillette Ranch, and the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. The reports will identify architectural barriers that may need modification or complete reconstruction, such as sidewalks, parking, curb ramps, handrails, ramps, stairs, accessible entrances, door hardware and widths, drinking fountains, signage, lifts, and seating.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The field evaluations to identify barriers at MRCA-managed parks are

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complete. These field evaluations will be used to prioritize future improvement projects for MRCA. Ongoing tracking of barrier removals will continue with support from specialized software.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Liberty Canyon

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$3,000,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 10/22/2018
Resolution Number: 18-50

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The Conservancy and MRCA are part of a partnership for design and ultimate construction of the corridor linkage bridge, in conjunction with Caltrans, National Wildlife Federation, National Park Service, and the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains. This structure will ensure that wildlife movement back and forth between the Santa Monica Mountains, Simi Hills, and Santa Susanas (and the two National Forests to the north) can continue unimpeded for the foreseeable future. The long-term health of the ecosystem and persistence of wildlife populations depend on it. This grant is to augment other private funds and California wildlife funds for Caltrans to proceed with design and engineering for the long-planned wildlife bridge over the 101 Freeway and Agoura Road in Agoura Hills.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project ongoing. The grant is to support the joint Caltrans/MRCA Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing project over the 101 Freeway and Agoura Road in Agoura Hills. Caltrans worked on the preliminary design of the Agoura Road tunnel, Vendell structure, gabion walls and other assorted design elements.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Coastal Slope Trail – Decker to Trancas Connector

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Coastal Slope Trail

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$325,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 12/10/2018
Resolution Number: 18-58

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and design services pertaining to Coastal Slope Trail land interest acquisitions, trail construction permitting, and trail construction between Decker and Trancas Canyons. This addresses twenty properties in sections of the Coastal Slope Trail where obtaining public ownership or access rights has been particularly difficult. The proposal calls out a particular need for matching funds to acquire a key parcel where the proposed trail alignment contacts Encinal Canyon Road. That acquisition would complete a chain of public easement ownership between Charmlee Wilderness Park and Encinal Canyon Road

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff have identified APN 4473-006-010 as the critical CST connection from Encinal Canyon Road east to existing MRCA trail easements on the Rancho Malibu/ "Banyan property" that then connects to the National Park Service's Zuma-Trancas unit. Staff obtained an appraisal, received an Inspection Report, and conducted coordination with CDFW regarding potential MRCA acquisition of this property. Staff are also monitoring Malibu CDP 17-104 for a proposed private development off Noranda Lane to support a public trail easement that can connect Charmlee Wilderness Park to Encinal Canyon Road as part of the conceptual CST route.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Flint Wash Trail
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Flint Wash Trail

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of La Cañada Flintridge

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 01/28/2019
Resolution Number: 19-06

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

A study of engineering and design alternatives for restoration of the Flint Canyon Trail. The Flint Canyon Trail is a major trail along Flint Wash which connects Cherry Canyon open space in the City of La Cañada Flintridge with Hahamongna Watershed Park in the City of Pasadena. Flint Wash, Hahamongna Watershed Park, and the Arroyo Seco are part of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed and tributaries of the Los Angeles River. The Flint Canyon trail has become seriously undercut and endangered by storm flows over the past few years and solutions are to be studied to prevent further erosion, trail failure, and stream sedimentation. The Conservancy in past years (going back to 1985) has the granted funds to the City for the acquisition of Cherry Canyon parcels and Flint Wash trail projects. Extensive measures may be needed to restore and stabilize for the long term this major trail; the grant would allow the City to perform a preliminary Engineering Alternatives Analysis. Once the engineering and design phase is accomplished, the City will be encouraged to seek implementation funding from other sources as the cost estimates may be substantial.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The City approached the consultant and requested the project design be more in line with the need to protect the toe of the slope from erosion vs. a more formidable solution. An alternative, more appropriate approach to the issue was presented in the form of rock filled gabion baskets. The City was pleased with the solution and even more pleased at the revised construction cost estimate of \$3,000,000. As a result, the SMMC grant would now

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fund the entire project, not just 50%. To arrive at the revised scope of work, additional geotechnical investigation was conducted. For Environmental Documentation and Review ECORP completed the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration in March 2023. The City put the IS/MND out for public review for 45 days from March 16- May 1,2023. On June 6, 2023, the City Council conducted a Public Hearing and adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Flint Canyon Wash Trail Project. This action concluded the initial phase of the project.

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Project Name/Code: Franklin Canyon Visitor Center
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Franklin Canyon

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$350,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 02/25/2019
Resolution Number: 19-14

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$274,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 07/19/2021
Resolution Number: 21-53
Total Grant Amount: \$624,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Visitor-serving improvements at Franklin Canyon Park. The improvements will improve accessibility to the park's administrative and visitor center, including the nature center, main restrooms, auditorium/meeting room, and the administrative offices.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff continued planning for the renovation of the restrooms, parking, and the primary path of travel from the parking area to the public meeting and office spaces. Work completed during this period includes installation of pending signage. Staff reviewed the project site and site accessibility report for any outstanding barriers.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Santa Clara River
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Santa Clara River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$150,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 03/25/2019
Resolution Number: 19-18

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and design work in the Santa Clara River watershed. The grant would fund work in up to three critical habitat linkages within the Santa Clara River watershed and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, as further defined in the South Coast Wildlands Missing Linkages Report. The project area encompasses the upper Santa Clara River from Angeles National Forest, downstream into Ventura County, near Fillmore. The scope includes project analyses and preparation for securing other funding sources for land acquisition and improvements, potential property donations and land dedications through local government development entitlements. The project area includes many sensitive or otherwise listed animal and plant species, and sensitive habitat.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The Santa Clara River Watershed PP&D Project focused on preparing projects for Wildlife Conservation Board funding, donations, entitlement dedications, and other funding sources for the direct protection of key water resources, riparian habitat, habitat buffer areas, wildlife corridors, and public recreation opportunities that exist within the Santa Clara River watershed and within the Santa Monica-Sierra Madre Linkage, Sierra Madre-Castaic Linkage, or San Gabriel-Castaic Linkage as defined in the South Coast Wildlands' Missing Linkage Report. Staff continued to pursue land acquisitions at the confluence of Bee Canyon with Soledad Canyon and along wetted channels of the Santa Clara River within Soledad Canyon. Staff contacted the ownership group downstream of MRCA's Stickleback River Ranch

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(SRR) and are negotiating a temporary access easement to support ongoing habitat enhancement projects at SRR and potential fee simple ownership of lands within the Santa Clara River floodplain. Staff is also pursuing a Conservation Easement between MRCA properties that also contains wetted Santa Clara River channel to support the persistence of the federally endangered unarmored threespine stickleback.

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RESTORATION

Project Name/Code: Arroyo Seco Trail
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Restoration
Location/Park Name: Arroyo Seco Trails

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: One Arroyo Foundation

Total Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 1/24/2022
Resolution Number: 22-06

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Significant deterioration has caused the trails in the Arroyo Seco to become noncontiguous, difficult to navigate, and in some areas inaccessible and unsafe. The One Arroyo Foundation's initial goal is to rebuild and unify the trails on the banks of the Arroyo by first completing two demonstration projects at the Upper and Lower Loop Trails. These projects will address uneven trail surfaces, erosion, steep and undefined trail edges, and little to no wayfinding signage.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The grant term ended on 6/30/23 and a grant extension request was received to extend the grant thru June 30, 2026.

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IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: River Center Improvements

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$1,500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 06/24/2019
Resolution Number: 19-37

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Safety and accessibility improvements at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. The improvements will improve accessibility to the park's primary public meeting spaces, including the atrium, Los Feliz Room, and administrative offices, and upgrade the existing facility in order to create new access to programs, services, and better-quality experiences for park users of all abilities. Activities funded by the grant would include pre-improvement planning, design and engineering, and implementation. The objective is to eliminate barriers to restrooms, paths of travel, parking, doorways, and information signs.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Local vendor, AM/PM Door and Gate Inc was contracted for replacement of the arched exit doors to the San Fernando Courtyard. The installation of the doors is anticipated for July 2023. The replacement is necessary to facilitate use of the doors to the appropriate weigh limits as part of the path of travel. Work for the renovation and rehabilitation of the additional interior office spaces is on hold pending budget review once all ADA improvement items are completed. MRCA staff continue to seek funding opportunities that will help support the longevity of existing structures at the River Center against potential hazards. MRCA completed a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) in 2022, with the support of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The report identified the River Center to have the potential to be severely impacted by earthquakes. Having a current HMP makes the agency eligible for

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any future Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding made available during federal disaster declarations. As part of the January 2023 storms and corresponding declarations, MRCA staff developed and submitted a notice of interest and funding subapplication for the development of a seismic evaluation of the 40,000 sq ft of structures at the River Center. The application required providing a cost estimate and staff contracted JRAM Engineering to provide a high-level evaluation and estimation for the purposes of the subapplication. If accepted, funding would be available by January 2025 at the earliest.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Coastal Slope Trail
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Coastal Slope Trail

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 06/24/2019
Resolution Number: 19-42

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The Coastal Slope Trail is part of both the Los Angeles County and City of Malibu General Plans. The proposed trail extends from just beyond the Ventura County line to Topanga State Park. A major objective of the trail is to provide a means to connect the series of existing coastal canyon parks north of Pacific Coast Highway. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is proposing a new Public Works Plan (PWP) to authorize implementation of the central segment of the Coastal Slope Trail from Kanan Dume Road through Tuna Canyon Park. The PWP includes development of amenities to complement the trail such as trailheads, public parking, picnic areas, and restroom facilities. The proposed conceptual alignment of the Coastal Slope Trail traverses several canyons, slopes, and ridges along the Santa Monica Mountains within the City of Malibu and the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles. The exact alignment of the trail may be subject to change, and the locations of amenities will be determined during the technical analysis.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Staff is continuing to obtain background research and compiling of all background records related to the long-term planning efforts of the Coastal Slope Trail, including connections from Winding Way and Murphy Way adjacent to Escondido Canyon Park. Staff continues to coordinate with Stantec on an as-needed basis for limited analysis related to the proposed Murphy Way Trail alignment as the MRCA, on behalf of SMMC, continues to negotiate and implement the removal of private encroachments within the

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recorded trail easement. The drafted trail design explores the most feasible connection to reach the proposed Murphy Way Connector trail to the Escondido Falls Trail. MRCA staff has also retained the professional services of Hebda Property & Title Solutions to research and retrieve title documents and records related to the SMMC's grant of easements over Murphy Way as we negotiate the removal of private encroachments. As part of this Public Works Plan, staff are involved with various property acquisitions that both support the public use of and contain portions of the proposed alignments for the Coastal Slope Trail. In March of 2023, staff completed an opportunity purchase of over 88-acres in Escondido Canyon, including Escondido Falls, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land. Staff is continuing to identify needs and alternatives for amenities along the trail, suitable sites for trail amenities, and potential alternatives for the trail alignment. Trail amenities include facilities such as, but not limited to, restrooms, parking lots, drop-off/pick-up zones, picnic areas, and trailheads.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: River Green Project Planning and Design, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Upper Los Angeles Watershed

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 09/23/2019
Resolution Number: 19-61

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 09/23/2019
Resolution Number: 19-61
Total Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Grantee seeks to frame River planning efforts with the premise that revitalization is fundamentally a “green” process, and to ensure that polices and goals that are now being developed include the “River Green” concept: the need for more green space, natural habitat, outdoor passive recreation, and spaces for respite. The River Green concept is to be deeply integrated in all the efforts of the jurisdictions working along the waterways of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed through further cooperation with local governments.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The River Green concept seeks to reinforce the importance of prioritizing natural resources, outdoor passive recreation, and spaces for respite when regional planning decisions are made. Staff continues to examine prime opportunity sites presented within relevant watershed planning documents to perform pre-improvement planning and develop

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detailed concepts within the project boundary. Upper Los Angeles River Watershed planning efforts have been undertaken including the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries (ULART) Working Group, SFVCOG, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee, the Upper Los Angeles River Integrated Regional Watershed Management program, and the City of Los Angeles Floodplain Management Plan Steering Committee.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

**Project Name/Code: Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group Planning
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy**

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River and Tributaries

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-75

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6051
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-75
Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 2/25/19
Resolution Number: 09-15
Total Grant Amount: \$1,500,000.00

Amendment Amount: \$200,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 5/21/18
Resolution Number: 18-19
Total Grant Amount: \$1,700,000.00

Amendment Amount: \$750,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/19
Resolution Number: 19-65
Total Grant Amount: \$2,450,000.00

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Amendment Amount: \$750,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/19
Resolution Number: 19-65
Total Grant Amount: \$3,200,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Assembly Bill 466 (AB466), Chapter 341 of the Statutes of 2017, authored by Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra and signed by the Governor on September 28, 2017, establishes, within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy), the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group (Working Group). AB 466 requires that by March 1, 2019, through watershed-based planning methods and community engagement, the Working Group develop a Revitalization Plan (Plan) for the Upper Los Angeles River, the tributaries of the Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, and the Verdugo Wash, and any additional tributary waterway that the Working Group determines to be necessary.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project ongoing. A previous Budget Act authorized a \$10,000,000 allocation to the SMMC for ULART related projects. Of this first tranche of funds, nine projects have been allocated funding. These funds must be encumbered or expended by June 30, 2024. In addition, the Act also authorized the Working Group to meet at least twice per year to evaluate and report progress on implementation and to propose any amendments to the revitalization plan. On September 6, 2022, the Budget Act of 2022 included a \$6,670,000 allocation to the SMMC for projects that improve the climate resiliency or the protection of the Los Angeles River Watershed or are a part of the revitalization plan developed by the ULART Working Group. During the previous reporting period, staff recommended projects to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Governing Board for SMMC grant funding consideration. All four projects were approved by the MRCA board to seek funding by the SMMC. The recommended projects were presented and awarded funding at the SMMC Board meeting on December 5, 2022. Implementation will be completed by June 2025. The new grants will be used for future expenses and staff time associated with each respective project.

On May 15, 2023, the SMMC approved an additional ULART funded project. This project is a pilot Tribal Signage Program that will be led by the MRCA. This project will work collaboratively with local tribes to gather historical information from a native and tribal perspective, propose information appropriate for new interpretive signage that is congruent with existing agency sign guidelines, and identify MRCA and SMMC publicly owned and managed lands within the Los Angeles River Watershed that have high visibility and where the addition of tribal history information would be enriching. During this reporting period, a total of fourteen ULART projects are currently active and continue to make progress. Staff continues to help coordinate and track the full portfolio of funded ULART projects and have developed a series of support documents to reflect the current portfolio of projects plus development of future projects that can be presented at future Working Group meetings.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Project Planning and Design Visitor Facilities La Tuna Canyon
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: La Tuna Canyon, City of Los Angeles

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$25,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 08/26/19
Resolution Number: 19-53

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The Tuna Canyon Detention Station site lies withing the now-closed Verdugo Golf Course and has been designated by the City of Los Angeles as Historic-Cultural Monument Site No. 1039. The site designation recognizes and memorializes the imprisonment of Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants and extradited Japanese Peruvians during World War II. The property is owned by a development company; its proposed tract map conditions require a dedication of over 30 acres of open space to the MRCA. A Memorandum of Agreement also provides that MRCA can acquire additional sections pending availability of funds. The Conservancy's Proposition 68 funds will be match by the MRCA with \$10,000.00 of its funds, bringing the total planning costs to \$35,000.00. Planning and design of visitor-serving facilities will assist the site memorialization and historic story, and the product may engender additional acquisition funding.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Planning and design of visitor-serving facilities will assist the site memorialization and historic story; and the Project may engender additional acquisition funding. On March 26, 2021, staff submitted a project grant extension request to extend the grant agreement through June 30, 2023. The request to extend was authorized in May 2021.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Pacoima Wash Project Planning and Design

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Pacoima Wash in the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Kounkuey Design Initiative

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – Urban Creek SF
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 09/23/19
Resolution Number: 19-58

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$478,815.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – Urban Creek SF
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 7/19/21
Resolution Number: 21-52
Total Grant Amount: \$778,815.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc. (KDI) and Pacoima Beautiful will implement planning and design of a new greenway and open resources along the southern segment of Pacoima Wash, implementing the next phase of the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The design team kicked off the Construction Document phase and started developing more design details that reflect the community's input and City regulations. KDI continued to hold biweekly meetings with sub consultants. KDI started developing a more detailed Economic Development Plan in order to understand the community's economic needs. This effort was done by holding interviews with experts in the area. Such experts include representatives of green jobs, arts and culture and small business owners. This research will conclude with a report outlining conclusions and next steps.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Fire Resilience Improvements – Coastal Zone & Los Angeles/Ventura
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Coastal Zone and Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$750,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 09/23/2019
Resolution Number: 19-59

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Fire resilience improvements to park infrastructure on properties located in the Coastal Zone, Counties of Los Angeles, and Ventura. Proposed capital improvements include both building hardening activities to reduce the potential of ignition and installation of semi-automatic suppression systems that would protect a structure as a final line of defense. Improvements may include new water pumps, distribution lines, and storage; modifications to emergency routes and parking; and fuel modification near vulnerable structures.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. At Red Rock Canyon Park in Topanga a total of (3) three roof structures were replaced by Best Contracting Services, Inc. The buildings are the Ranger Residence, Residence Building, and Barn/Shed. All three (3) structures underwent evaluations, and all roof membranes were deemed compromised and requiring proper fire resilience efforts to properly seal and repair all roof membranes. MRCA also contracted building inspector services to ensure all work was performed to all bid requirements and roof installation codes. The next location was East Canyon Park in Newhall, where the ranger residence required repairs to ensure fire resilience efforts. Repairs to the ranger residence were completed by MRCA Construction Division staff. Repairs were completed to the skirting of the trailer and wooden front stairs, including paint, to prevent fire embers from entering the trailer.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Haramonkngna American Indian Cultural Center

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Red Box Saddle, Angeles National Forest

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Pukú Cultural Community Services

Total Grant Amount: \$65,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/2019
Resolution Number: 19-67

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Planning for restoration and improvements to the Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center (HAICC) which operates under a permit from the Forest Service on Red Box Saddle in Angeles National Forest. The grant will provide for environmental analysis, needs assessment, and technical design for site improvements that will enhance community access and programs. New trail signage and interpretive displays are also envisioned.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Project Name/Code: Vegetation Management, Fire Prevention and Resilience FY20/21
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Fuel Modification
Location/Park Name: Conservancy Zone

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$2,000,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – General
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 2/24/2020
Resolution Number: 20-07

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Reduction of hazardous fuels and drought-damaged vegetation over 450 acres to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds, prevent the air quality degradation that would result from wildfire, and promote establishment of resilient native trees and vegetation such as oaks and toyon.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Felling, limbing, chipping and bucking procedures are mainly used to assist with downed trees that impede roadway, trails within various parks, and open space parcels. These procedures occurred at the following properties: Lopez Canyon, East Canyon, Pico Canyon, San Vicente, and Mentryville. The Green Climber Apparatus application is a remote controlled mower used to assist with brush clearance on steep terrained slopes. This apparatus was used on the following properties: Wilson Canyon, Lopez Canyon, Cheseboro. Mechanical application is mainly used to clear around neighboring structures within fuel modifications parameters used on MRCA parcels. This type of clearance occurred on the following properties: East Canyon, Towsley Park and Lopez Canyon, Mulholland Gateway Park, and Carbon Canyon. The fire crew performed thorough weed abatement around each property, clearing all weeds to a height of no more than three inches within 200 feet of all structures

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Tierra Rejada Valley Trail Connections

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Tierra Rejada Valley

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Moorpark Watershed, Parks, Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$41,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – General
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 03/30/2020
Resolution Number: 20-08

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Planning and design of a trail connection project. Identify access issues, needed improvements such as bridging, and interpretive signage, and traffic studies in order to facilitate a recreational connection from the 80-acre site just outside the city sphere to the Conejo Open Space Agency's 15,000 acres of public lands and over 100 miles of trails.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Grant funds were used to prepare a feasibility study to determine whether a trail connection from the Moorpark Watershed, Parks, Recreation and Conservation Agency property in the Tierra Rejada Valley, through the Santa Rosa Valley to Conejo Recreation and Park District and Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency property. Different alignments were reviewed as a part of the study. Stakeholders including the County of Ventura, City of Thousand Oaks and several Homeowner's Association's along the alignments were also consulted as a part of the community engagement process. The Study determined that a trail connection would be feasible and identified the various hurdles that would need to be addressed to build the trail connection. The consultant also provided an Opinion of Probable Construction Cost for the trail alignment to aid in future budgeting and grant applications. Not all grant funds were expended because additional field survey work that was anticipated as a part of the feasibility study was not needed to be conducted.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Arroyo Seco Trails Project Planning and Design

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design

Location/Park Name: Arroyo Seco

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Grantee: One Arroyo Foundation

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – River

Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088

Board Actions (Date): 06/01/2020

Resolution Number: 20-17

Total Grant Amount: \$25,000.00

Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – River SDAC

Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088

Board Actions (Date): 06/01/2020

Resolution Number: 20-17

Total Grant Amount: \$75,000.00

III. AMENDMENTS N/A

Amendment Amount:

Funding Source(s):

Item of Appropriation:

Board Actions (Date):

Resolution Number:

Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Design of two (2) demonstration projects at key connection points and significant trail linkages in the Arroyo Seco: the Haramokngna Woodland Loop and the Colorado Street Bridge Streamside Walk in the City of Pasadena. The grant will be matched with other funding sources to total a \$500,000.00 project.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. One Arroyo Foundation (OAF) conducted tours with City staff in mid-July. OAF and City staff conducted a preliminary review for CEQA on August 23, 2021. City staff supported all project concepts. The City hired an environmental consultant, Psomas, and OAF, RJM and the City conducted a kick-off meeting for the environmental review of the projects on 9/21/2021. CEQA review is ongoing, on a slightly delayed schedule, expected April 2022. Awaiting SCCIC report. CEQA was delayed by COVID-19 and a need for specialized historical preservation review. Consultant completed historical reviews in late August 2022. Psomas and historical consultant recommended development of Project Protection Plan which was

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submitted to the City in November 2022. Trail portions of the project, now considered a Phase 1, are expected to receive a categorical exemption and construction plans are being developed. The second effort is the Parker Mayberry bridge trail crossing and will be Phase 2. This part of the project is proceeding with CEQA review for an MND.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Arroyo Simi Trail and Greenway Phase 4

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Arroyo Simi Greenway

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
Total Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – General
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 06/01/2020
Resolution Number: 20-18

III. AMENDMENTS N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Extend and complete a next phase in the Arroyo Simi Greenway, a long-planned nearly 12-mile trail system to traverse the City of Simi Valley along the Arroyo Simi. The \$1,000,000 grant will be matched with approximately \$262,000 in District funds.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. On August 19, 2022, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) and WCI executed the First Amendment to the previously approved agreement for the additional work along the west side of Darrah Volunteer Park. On October 17, 2022, RSRPD submitted construction plans to obtain an Encroachment Permit from VCWPD. RSRPD received plan review comments from VCWPD first submittal. RSRPD and WCI addressed comments and resubmitted construction plans for final review and approval by VCWPD. On April 10, 2023 RSRPD processed the required fees to VCWPD to process the Encroachment permit. On April 19, 2023, the Park District's Board of Directors authorized district staff to solicit bids for the project. A Notice Inviting Bids for the construction of the project was published on the RSRPD website and in the Ventura County Star on April 23, 2023. On May 18, 2023, the Park District held a mandatory pre-bid conference to review the project with interested contractors. On May 10, 2023, RSRPD applied for an Encroachment Permit with the City of Simi Valley to renovate three driveway approaches. RSRPD requested that WCI prepare a proposal for engineering and surveying for their assistance during the construction phase. The proposal was received on May 17, 2023. On June 6, 2023 public bids were due. RSRPD received two bids for the construction of the Arroyo Simi Greenway Trail Phase 4 Project. On June 21, 2023, the RSRPD

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Board of Directors awarded the contract to Ardalan Construction Co. for \$1,038,631 and authorized the District Manager to execute and amend the agreement for project contingencies not to exceed \$110,000.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Rancho Potrero Visitor-Serving Improvements

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Rancho Potrero Open Space

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Conejo Recreation and Park District
Total Grant Amount: \$600,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68 – General
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 06/01/2020
Resolution Number: 20-19

III. AMENDMENTS N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Improve an accessible visitor-serving gathering area for recreation programs, including picnic facilities, hitching posts, benches, tree planting, drinking water, and educational interpretive signage. This is a joint project with the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency and the City of Thousand Oaks. The project involved low impact development of Sub-Area 1 of Rancho Potrero Open Space. The visitor serving amenities included an accessible visitor gathering area for recreation programming, horse corral with hitching post, picnic facilities, benches, mature tree canopy for shade, drinking fountain, storage, and educational signage.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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RESTORATION

Project Name/Code: Los Angeles River Greenway Habitat Restoration

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Restoration
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River Greenway

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks
Total Grant Amount: \$150,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 06/01/2020
Resolution Number: 20-20

III. AMENDMENTS N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Restoration and enhancement of a segment of the southern bank of the Los Angeles River in Studio City between Whitsett Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard, to remove weedy nonnative species, re-establish irrigation, stabilize slopes to minimize erosion, and plant native riparian species. The grant of \$150,000 will be matched with \$533,015 from other sources.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Bids came in high. During this period the location of the project has been redistricted to Council District 4 from Council District 2 after the City of Los Angeles City Council redistricting was completed by December 31, 2021. From April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, RAP and Council District 4 are still in discussion of downsizing and/or phasing the project into smaller phases or finding additional funding for the project. From July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022, RAP is unable to locate additional funding for the project shortfall. RAP and Council District 4 are planning the project into two phases. October 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022, RAP is working on the design plan for Phase I to keep within the budget with the available funds of \$521,000. The scope is as follows: 1. Removal of Existing- Irrigation, Planting, & Linear Drain. 2. Installation of New Irrigation, Planting, and Linear Drain. Include Grading & Slope Erosion Control. 3. Agency Coordination for Required Permits. Estimated time for construction 12-15 months. RAP can only plant California native plants at certain time of the year. RAP will not be requesting staff labor related to the project at this time. No expenditure for materials or equipment have been purchased for this project yet.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Angeles National Forest Community Access Transit

Agency: Nature For All

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Mt. Wilson Express/Highway 2 Transit Route

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Nature For All
Total Grant Amount: \$100,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 02/22/2021
Resolution Number: 21-06

III. AMENDMENTS N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The Grantee shall be responsible for a community access transit program for the Mt. Wilson/Highway 2 transit route into the Angeles National Forest. The grant of \$100,000 will be matched with \$50,000 from other sources.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Pasadena Transit has set a tentative public launch date for the Mt. Wilson Express route, target: April 2025. This internal planning target is not yet public. In May, Pasadena Transit conducted its first bus test on a portion of the route in the Forest (Memorial Park station up Hwy 2/Angeles Crest Hwy to Red Box/Haramokngna. The test included bus operators, managers, dispatchers, planners and Nature for All. Pasadena Transit will continue testing other vehicles up the route to determine the ideal vehicle size. The transportation consultant, Vicus Planning, recommends that for the pilot year (2025) a temporary "tactical" infrastructure is developed. Grantee requested a grant term extension thru 6/30/28.

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RESTORATION

Project Name/Code: Monarch Recovery Habitat Assessments

Agency: Ventura County Resource Conservation District

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Restoration
Location/Park Name: Oak View High School/Oak Park Independent, Oak Hills Elementary, and Red Oak Elementary

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Ventura County Resource Conservation District
Total Grant Amount: \$85,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 06/21/2021
Resolution Number: 21-39

III. AMENDMENTS N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The Grantee shall be responsible for collaboration with the Oak Park Unified School District at three school locations to restore two acres of school property for critical breeding and migratory habitat. Besides planting of native milkweed and nectar sources, education/interpretative signage will be erected at each restoration location and registering each site as a monarch waystation.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Ventura County RCD (VCRCD) held two more soil prep days to lay cardboard and spread mulch on a monarch garden restoration site. The May soil day involved two Oak Park High School project interns. For garden water access, the Oak Park grounds staff installed 250 feet of two-inch water pipe. Then VCRCD's own irrigation specialist was able to install four new valve boxes and timers to be able to provide water for the timed drip irrigation system near the garden sites. The first planting day was planned, advertised, and held on June 24. The Friends of Oak Park Open Space (FOPOS) made up the majority of volunteers who came that day to help. About 140 plants were installed and mulch added to curtail weed invasion and retain moisture. Over the next week, VCRCD got help from their interns to hook each plant up to drip irrigation. This area covers 0.18 acre (7,809 square feet) and is very visible to the public as it faces an open space natural area and many people walk along Oak Hills Drive. Native narrowleaf milkweed was already growing there and the first monarch butterfly caterpillar was sighted on July 18. The cardboard treatment worked amazingly well

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considering the aggressive and invasive weeds and grasses that had grown there and around the area. The weed barrier fabric that was purchased was also placed along Kanan Road adjacent to this site to begin solarizing (killing) the weeds there for the next planting effort.

VCRC staff and Oak Park student interns finalized the outreach materials for the monarch toolkits which were given to the public at the planting day on June 24. The materials include information on the monarch lifecycle, beginner resources for starting a pollinator garden, and advertisements for the "Monarch and Pollinator Alert" program, a new subscription-based email system that will help connect local residents to conservation efforts and education related to pollinators. 150 plants were purchased for the first planting day. All seven OPUSD school sub-site landscape plans have been digitized using professional (PRO Landscape) software for better presentation in the final Restoration Plans. The VCRC high school intern completed most of this work, cost-free to the VCRC and to the project.

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RESTORATION

Project Name/Code: Monarch Recovery Milkweed Project

Agency: City of La Cañada Flintridge

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Restoration
Location/Park Name: City-wide: five parks – Memorial, Olberz, Discovery, Glenhaven and Glenola.

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of La Cañada Flintridge
Total Grant Amount: \$2,500.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 06/21/2021
Resolution Number: 21-40

III. AMENDMENTS N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The Grantee collaborated with Boy Scout Zander Fog for an Eagle Project to improve habitat for the threatened western population of monarch butterflies. Grantee coordinated planting of 20 milkweed plants per park in five parks in La Cañada Flintridge: Memorial, Olberz, Discovery, Glenhaven, and Glenola Park. Monarch waystation signs were purchased and installed in the parks as well. City crews will assist with maintenance and irrigation for establishment. The project was carried out with in-kind labor.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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RESTORATION

Project Name/Code: Monarch Butterfly Recovery Project

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Fund

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Restoration
Location/Park Name: Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and urban neighborhoods.

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Fund
Total Grant Amount: \$87,500.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 06/21/2021
Resolution Number: 21-41

III. AMENDMENTS N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The Grantee shall be responsible for seed collection and propagation of many thousands of narrow-leaf milkweed plants, as well as at least ten (10) California native nectar-providing species, both early and late blooming. At least four (4) youth from the Los Angeles, Oxnard, Ventura communities will be employed to promote the connections with milkweed and pollinator plants and the Monarchs. The budget for the project will be augmented by in-kind contributions and leveraged funds of \$46,800.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The funding is being used to accomplish four main objectives: 1). Recruiting Diverse Youth - Ashley Borrego and Lesley Ramirez were recruited and hired. Ashley and Lesley are two local youth residing in Los Angeles and Ventura counties and have become the monarch project leads. Both have received training and guidance from the National Park Service Restoration Ecologist, the SAMOFund Nursery Manager, and the SAMO Fund Herbarium and Seed Program Manager, and have worked alongside various restoration and nursery/ seed collecting teams.

2). Native Seed Collection - The 2021 seed collecting season for *Asclepias fascicularis* (narrowleaf milkweed) is complete, covering over ten park sites and harvesting over 100,000 narrowleaf milkweed seeds. Seeds have been cleaned and are currently being stored in the

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SAMOFund seed bank until March 2022, when most will be given away to the public in various public outreach events and sown in the nursery for restoration purposes. Plans are to donate live milkweed plants and/or seed packets to over 1,000 households across Los Angeles and Ventura counties to increase monarch habitat and biodiversity in the region. In addition, seed packets or live plants have been donated to over 100 volunteers that have supported nursery operations with seed cleaning and propagation activities.

3). Community Engagement - Project leads Ashley Borrego and Lesley Ramirez have actively engaged the public nearly every week since being hired in July 2021 through coordinated volunteer activities and various outreach events. Ashley and Lesley interacted with hundreds of local (mostly Los Angeles) residents, conducting seven outreach events in total, reaching over 1,000 individuals. Other community outreach and volunteer events made possible by this grant have included outreach at local street fairs and farmers' markets, local hiking clubs, Girl Scout Troops, and Volunteer events.

4). Scientific Research - The main scientific objective this year was to identify, document (herbarium sample and population count), and collect seed from as many of the three local milkweed species as possible. Seed was collected from different sites, and Ashley and Lesley identified 26 new (previously unrecorded) coordinates for *Asclepias eriocarpa*, and 15 new coordinates for *Asclepias fascicularis*.

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RESTORATION

Project Name/Code: Monarch Recovery San Gabriel
Agency: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Restoration
Location/Park Name: The foothills of the San Gabriel and Verdugo Mountains and the San Rafael Hills

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$75,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 06/21/2021
Resolution Number: 21-42

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

N/A

IV. NARRATIVE

The Grantee shall be responsible for planting native milkweed on Arroyos & Foothill Conservancy properties and collaborating with a broad range of partners for milkweed propagation, volunteer planting education, youth training, planting and upkeep. The grantee proposes \$49,900 of matching funds.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Due to the wet and cold weather during the winter of 2022-23, propagation has been delayed and we cannot get one-gallon plants until August. Our current purchase orders of 1,150 milkweed plants (650 ¼" and 500 1-gallon) will be ready for our upcoming adoption events on 5/13, 6/4, 6/17 and 8/5. To date 2,166, 1-gallon milkweed plants have been planted at 263 unique sites. 1,866 were planted by community members through our milkweed give away program and 365 through a Boy Scout Conservation Award project, which facilitated plantings at schools, churches and in Griffith Park. The other 300 were planted and watered by Outward Bound Adventures crews at AFC's open space properties. Our program will continue through Fall 2023 with additional plantings and watering. We have had 949 people register to participate in this program with 466 adopting and planting milkweed so far and 483 on a waiting list to adopt. We provide education and planting instructions at each event. The location of the milkweed plants can be viewed through this interactive map: <https://arcg.is/1bKiWS>.

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VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Project Name/Code: Vegetation Management, Fire Prevention & Resilience
Agency: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Vegetation Management
Location/Park Name: Throughout Los and Angeles and Ventura County

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$2,100,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 68
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date): 05/09/2023
Resolution Number: 23-05

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

N/A

IV. NARRATIVE

The Grantee shall be responsible for the reduction of hazardous fuels and drought damaged vegetation over 400-450 acres to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds, prevent the air quality degradation that would result from wildfire, and promote establishment of resilient native trees and vegetation such as oaks and toyon.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA crews focused on various different fuel modification projects and felling, limbing, chipping and bucking procedures - These procedures occurred at the following properties: Upper Las Virgenes Ranch - for a large downed Oak tree blocking trail access. Red Rock Park, for a large downed tree. King Gillette Ranch - The crews rolled downed logs toward the road for chipping and grounded the stumps. Ramirez Ranch - Cut remaining part of fallen tree into a stump and disposed of limbs with bee hive in it. The Green Climber Apparatus application is a remote controlled mower used to assist with brush clearance on steep terrained slopes. This apparatus was used on the following properties: Santa Clarita area: East Canyon parcels. Upper Las Virgenes: They used the application to complete the 200 foot clearance around the structure. Additionally, the Bobcat heavy equipment was used to support fuel reduction by serving as a mower. Mechanical Application is mainly used to clear around neighboring structures within fuel modifications parameters used on MRCA parcels. This type of clearance occurred on the following areas/parcels: North East Los Angeles - for a total of 35 parcels, which include: Burnell, Mt. Washington Pepper, Glassell Park - Diversfield, 2012A Tax Default Jimenez, Seaview/ Mabe Dudrow, Rainbow Canyon, Glassell Radeki 2015A, Nu Century

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Properties LLC, 2017B Tax Default Meza, and Glassell Mt Washington Invest. LLC 2015A). Hollywood Hills – for a total of 3 parcels, which include: (Lambert Drive Griffith Park adj. Sherman Oaks – for a total of 14 parcels, which include: (Oakforest/ Camino De La Cumbre and Fossil Ridge). Santa Clarita – 1 parcel in total (Towsley Canyon Park). Hollywood Hills: for a total of 22 parcels, which include: (Canyon Drive Dellinger, 2011A Tax Default, York Durand, Hargrave Dr, Logandale, Lake Hollywood, Larocho Dr, Lakeridge Place, Bubalo, Craven, Hollywood Hill Park Dedication, Tax Default Queen of Angeles, 2019B Johnson Tax Default, Mckay Chapter 8, 2187 Tax Default, Vista Crest, Wildrow Wilson Chapter 8, Wilacre, Fryman, Passmore, Oakshire, Mullholland Adj 1 & 2). The fire crew performed thorough weed abatement around each property, clearing all weeds to a height of no more than three inches within 200 feet of all structures. All leafy foliage, twigs, and branches within six feet from ground level were removed from trees within the 200-foot radius. Trees and branches overhanging emergency access roads were removed and brushing was continued for 15 feet on either side of these roads. All properties were left with no accumulated piles of combustible materials left behind, and easily accessible emergency service routes.

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ACQUISITION

Project Name/Code: Coastal Slope Acquisitions

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Location/Park Name: Coastal Slope Trail between Latigo and Ramirez Canyon

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$1,500,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 50
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6031
Board Actions (Date): 7/30/07
Resolution Number: 07-65

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$407,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84 SMB Watershed
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 1/25/2010
Resolution Number: 10-04
Total Grant Amount: \$1,907,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Acquisitions to implement Coastal Slope Trail between Latigo and Ramirez Canyon.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. Tasks worked on during this period included facilitating the Malitex acquisition in Escondido Canyon (APNs 4465-004-013, 080, 072 and 075) providing alternate trail routes and spurs along the conceptual Coastal Slope Trail alignment. Completed were associated closing costs to complete the transaction. Staff did further correspondence and legal work on trail easement rights over Murphy Way and the corresponding connection to the newly acquired Malitex parcels. Staff time also included the design/fabrication of site signage and the installation of signage at the newly acquired Triangle Ranch (APN 2063-005-025).

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: River Recreation Zone
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: River Recreation Zone

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$25,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 9/23/2013
Resolution Number: 13-20(a)

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Planning, design and engineering for the Los Angeles River Recreation Zone (LARRZ). Objectives are to identify the capital improvements, interpretive features and regulatory requirements required to make a permanent recreation zone on the Los Angeles River viable, based on the 2013 pilot program.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The grant was used to identify the capital improvements, interpretive features, and regulatory requirements required to make a permanent recreation zone on the Los Angeles River viable, based on the 2013 pilot program. Staff worked to evaluate land acquisitions and improvement projects to protect, restore, preserve, interpret and develop the land and water resources of the Upper Los Angeles River watershed, specifically in the area defined by the Los Angeles River Elysian Valley River Recreation Zone (EVRZ). Evidence of the grant's support can be found in that the yearly scheduled annual recreation zone now marks the 10th year of the EVRRZ program.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: San Vicente Improvements
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: San Vicente Mountain Park

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 7/22/2013
Resolution Number: 13-60

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Interpretive and preservation improvements at San Vicente Mountain Park, Los Angeles. The grant was used for rehabilitation of railings, shade structure, restroom buildings and accessories, benches, and picnic tables. Installation of signage, two water pump tanks and a control panel.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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ACQUISITION

Project Name/Code: Elephant Hill

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Location/Park Name: Elephant Hill

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$636,500.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 8/29/11
Resolution Number: 11-65

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Acquisition and improvements at Elephant Hill to provide public access to five acres in order to preserve scarce open space and natural resources in the dense, underserved community of El Sereno; restore up to two acres of woodland or riparian habitat and remedy drainage problems of the site using best management practices.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA reached out to potential sellers whose properties are adjacent to the planned trail alignment. During the reporting period, an interested seller was identified and the following activities were completed: appraisal of property, MRCA providing an offer letter which was signed by property owner, notice of exemption filed, and the acquisition being approved by the MRCA Governing Board; however, the property owner ultimately declined to move forward with the sale. The MRCA will continue to engage with interested sellers under a separate grant. The MRCA continued to engage with community stakeholders on the illegal off roading activities. During the reporting period, MRCA applied to a California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division grant to fund off-roading mitigation efforts including increased ranger patrols, installation of boulders, fences, and gates, as well as funding non-profit organizations to engage with the local community regarding off-roading education at Elephant Hill Open Space. In August 2023, MRCA was awarded \$1.2M in funding from the State Parks OHV grant for off-roading mitigation activities.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Hollywood Bowl Overlook
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Hollywood Bowl Overlook

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 3/28/11
Resolution Number: 11-22

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Planning and construction of restoration and improvements to the Hollywood Bowl Overlook in the City of Los Angeles to improve visitor accommodations and restore the site's resources.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Los Angeles River Center Improvements

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River Center

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$750,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 6/3/13
Resolution Number: 13-56

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Los Angeles River Center and Garden improvements.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. A grant term extension was approved thru 6/30/23.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Pacoima Wash to the Angeles National Forest

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Pacoima Wash to the Angeles National Forest

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$60,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 06/03/13
Resolution Number: 13-51

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$20,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 06/03/2013
Resolution Number: 13-51
Total Grant Amount: \$80,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and design work and expenses for the confluence of Tujunga Wash along the Pacoima Wash Recreational Greenway to the Angeles National Forest.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA staff submitted a grant term extension request thru 6/30/28 to continue with grant work.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: San Rafael Hills, Verdugo Mountains, and Northeast Los Angeles Open Space

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: San Rafael Hills, Verdugo Mountains, and Northeast Los Angeles Open Space Recreation Trail Corridor

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$55,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 6/3/13
Resolution Number: 13-48

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and design work and expenses for the San Rafael Hills, Verdugo Mountains, and the Northeast Los Angeles Open Space, including Arroyo Seco and Verdugo Wash.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA staff continued to provide and coordinate project planning and design services related to land acquisition and improvement projects to protect, restore, and develop land and water resources for the Upper Los Angeles River watershed. General coordination with community members and stakeholders about potential improvement projects within the project area continued. MRCA staff learned of a grant program from California State Parks through the Off-Highway Motor Vehicles Recreation Division (OHMVR Division) for funding to support patrol and monitoring of MRCA owned parcels at Elephant Hill, improvements to access gates for site control, and community outreach. Staff participated in various grant informational webinars, developed a project scope and budget, and researched site specific information pertaining to soil conservation and habitat management. Preliminary application was submitted March 6, 2023, and final application is due June 5, 2023.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Ballona Creek and Ballona Wetlands Area

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Ballona Creek and Ballona Wetlands Area

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$39,546.82
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 6/3/13
Resolution Number: 13-47

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and design work and expenses for acquisition and improvement projects in the Ballona Creek and Ballona Wetlands area from Culver City to the Pacific Ocean, Santa Monica Bay Watershed.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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INTERPRETATION

Project Name/Code: Interpretation
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Interpretation
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Friends of the Los Angeles River

Total Grant Amount: \$100,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 1/26/2015
Resolution Number: 15-03

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Interpretive programs along the upper Los Angeles River and tributaries. This includes citizen science docent programs, and interpretive programs and events. mobile interpretive programs with FOLAR's 38' mobile visitor and education center, the Los Angeles River Rover, and interpretive materials and exhibits at the FOLAR seasonal visitor riverside visitor center "The Frog Spot."

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project ongoing. This grant has been extended to 6/30/23.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: San Fernando Valley Greenway Planning and Design

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: San Fernando Valley Greenway

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$150,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 9/28/15
Resolution Number: 15-56

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and design related to a San Fernando Valley stretch of the Los Angeles River Greenway. The specific area to be studied extends along the Los Angeles River from Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Canoga Park High School on the western end, to the Sepulveda Basin on the eastern end, and also extends southward along Caballero Creek and Reseda Boulevard up to Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. Project planning and design describes a range of staff activities that prepare a potential project to the point that capital funding can be secured for implementation. In the case of land acquisition projects, the project planning and design effort extends throughout the escrow period. For capital improvement projects, project planning and design work extends through the completion of construction.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. The LAR-SFV projects seeks to secure and develop parklands, and improve, protect, restore, preserve, interpret and develop the land and water resources of the Upper Los Angeles River watershed. Staff continues to examine prime opportunity sites presented within relevant watershed planning documents to perform pre-improvement planning and develop detailed concepts within the project boundary. Staff is key to the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries (ULART) Working Group, SFVCOG, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee, the Upper Los Angeles River Integrated Regional Watershed Management program, and the City of Los Angeles Floodplain Management Plan Steering Committee. Los Angeles River Master Plan Update Working Group.

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Located at the confluence of Bell Creek and Arroyo Calabasas, Canoga Park presents a significant opportunity to reimagine the Los Angeles River as a shared cultural, ecological, and infrastructural resource for adjacent communities in relation to the goals of the Draft 2020 LA River Master Plan. The Canoga Park Headwaters Area Project (HAP) is identified as an Extra-Large Major Project in the Master Plan and was commissioned to explore large scale feasibility for project development. Project meetings were held to request feedback and provide updates on Los Angeles County Public Works' HAP Concept.

Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee meetings were held via zoom from January to March during this reporting period to discuss the project scope and coordination and review of the ULART grant application process with the Trust for Public Land for the Aliso Creek Confluence Greenway project and North East Trees for the Sennett Creek Greenway Project. The Aliso Creek Confluence Project will create new recreational opportunities and greening along the Los Angeles River by constructing a half-mile walking trail between Reseda Boulevard and Wilbur Avenue on the north bank of the Los Angeles River. The Sennett Creek Greenway project site is located along the south bank of the Los Angeles River near Griffith Park and is adjacent to the City's Headworks Project. This project will improve the habitat value along the River and create wildlife corridors that can provide resources and access to the River and its tributaries. Both projects will benefit the Greenway by improving, protecting, restoring, preserving, interpreting, and developing the land and water resources of the Upper Los Angeles River watershed. Sepulveda Basin Feasibility Study: Staff continues to coordinate with the non-governmental organization (NGO) The River Project (TRP). They were awarded funding from SMMC in early 2020 to conduct a Feasibility Study within Sepulveda Basin to determine whether the River's concrete armor could be removed and replaced with vegetative banks, which could mark the first portion of the River where concrete is removed, if suitable. Furthermore, this work could allow the footprint of the Sepulveda Basin River Recreation Zone to significantly increase westward. The proposed project would identify restoration projects for the River and tributaries within the Sepulveda Basin and specifically improve habitat, recreational access, public safety, connectivity, and natural function. A Task Order Solicitation (TOS) for comprehensive master planning and design consulting services for the development of a Master Plan for the Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan project was issued in 2022-Q1 to BOE's Prequalified Consultant list. The City of Los Angeles will conduct a thorough review of the proposals, select a project team, and begin work during mid-2022.

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INTERPRETATION

Project Name/Code: Non-Personal Interpretation
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Interpretation
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 5/23/16
Resolution Number: 16-25

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$100,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 09/21/2020
Resolution Number: 20-32
Total Grant Amount: \$400,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Non-personal interpretation, including park information, exhibit design, maps, digital media, and other tangible communication.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: Escondido Canyon Parking Lot and Trail Improvements

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: Escondido Canyon

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$175,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 9/25/17
Resolution Number: 17-60

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Planning, permitting, and implementation of limited capital improvements to improve visitor experience to one of MRCA's most highly visited trails. The MRCA currently provides a portable toilet at the parking lot adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway, but it is inadequate for some visitors during the two (or more) hour hike. The provision of a second portable toilet at the trailhead would help alleviate the impact to resources. Additionally, MRCA gained site control of the parking lot several months ago from Los Angeles County, and a revision to the layout could result in greater accessibility. However, there are numerous aspects to the project that will require application for a coastal development permit (CDP).

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. In response to the ongoing access challenges being presented by the Winding Way Homeowners Association, MRCA staff requested proposals from licensed surveyors to plot and survey the full extent of this recorded easement from Pacific Coast Highway to the Edward Albert Trailhead and Latigo Canyon Road. MRCA entered into an agreement with Surveying and Drafting Services, Inc. to complete an encroachment survey of the hiking and equestrian easement along Winding Way. The MRCA staff received the final orthophoto survey overlay in December 2020 to defend the public's right to hike along the roadway. Based on the findings in the encroachment survey, it was determined that the full extent of the Murphy Way alignment be surveyed for encroachments as well. MRCA entered into a new agreement with Surveying and Drafting Services, Inc. in May of 2021 and received

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the final survey and orthophoto overlay for the Murphy Way encroachment survey in July of 2021. Given the substantial encroachments found across the entire set of trail easements (Winding and Murphy Way), the MRCA has begun working closely with the California Attorney General to proceed with a strategy for removal and final implementation for trail improvements across both roadways connecting to Escondido Canyon Park. MRCA is exploring other trail amenities and improvement options along the Winding Way and Murphy Way public right of way in order to assist in park management and operations for this heavily used trail connection.

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PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group Planning
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Pre-Improvement
Location/Park Name: Los Angeles River and Tributaries

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-75

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6083
Board Actions (Date): 12/11/17
Resolution Number: 17-75
Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 2/25/19
Resolution Number: 09-15
Total Grant Amount: \$1,500,000.00

Amendment Amount: \$200,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 5/21/18
Resolution Number: 18-19
Total Grant Amount: \$1,700,000.00

Amendment Amount: \$750,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 1 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation: 3810-101-6083
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/19
Resolution Number: 19-65
Total Grant Amount: \$2,450,000.00

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Amendment Amount:	\$750,000.00
Funding Source(s):	Proposition 68 – Urban Creek
Item of Appropriation:	3810-101-6088
Board Actions (Date):	10/28/19
Resolution Number:	19-65
Total Grant Amount:	\$3,200,000.00

IV. NARRATIVE

Assembly Bill 466 (AB 466), Chapter 341 of the Statutes of 2017, authored by Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra and signed by the Governor on September 28, 2017, establishes, within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy), the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group (Working Group). AB 466 requires that by March 1, 2019, through watershed-based planning methods and community engagement, the Working Group develop a Revitalization Plan (Plan) for the Upper Los Angeles River, the tributaries of the Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, and Verdugo Wash, and any additional tributary waterway that the Working Group determines to be necessary.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project ongoing. A previous Budget Act authorized a \$10,000,000 allocation to the SMMC for ULART related projects. Of this first tranche of funds, nine projects have been allocated funding. These funds must be encumbered or expended by June 30, 2024. In addition, the Act also authorized the Working Group to meet at least twice per year to evaluate and report progress on implementation and to propose any amendments to the revitalization plan. On September 6, 2022, the Budget Act of 2022 included a \$6,670,000 allocation to the SMMC for projects that improve the climate resiliency or the protection of the Los Angeles River Watershed or are a part of the revitalization plan developed by the ULART Working Group. During the previous reporting period, staff recommended projects to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Governing Board for SMMC grant funding consideration. All four projects were approved by the MRCA board to seek funding by the SMMC. The recommended projects were presented and awarded funding at the SMMC Board meeting on December 5, 2022. Implementation will be completed by June 2025.

The new grants will be used for future expenses and staff time associated with each respective project. On May 15, 2023, the SMMC approved an additional ULART funded project. This project is a pilot Tribal Signage Program that will be led by the MRCA. This project will undergo research, identify, consult and work collaboratively with local tribes to gather historical information from a native and tribal perspective, propose information appropriate for new interpretive signage that is congruent with existing agency sign guidelines, and identify MRCA and SMMC publicly owned and managed lands within the Los Angeles River Watershed that have high visibility and where the addition of tribal history information would be enriching. During this reporting period, a total of fourteen ULART projects are currently active and continue to make progress. Staff continues to help coordinate and track the full portfolio of funded ULART projects and have developed a series of support documents to reflect the current portfolio of projects plus development of future projects that can be presented at future Working Group meetings.

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IMPROVEMENT

Project Name/Code: El Dorado Improvements
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Improvement
Location/Park Name: El Dorado – Los Angeles River

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$800,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 12/10/18
Resolution Number: 18-65

III. AMENDMENTS

N/A

Amendment Amount:
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

Project planning and capital improvements of a 1.21-acre parcel located in the east San Fernando Valley adjacent to the Pacoima Wash. The project is a unique opportunity for the MRCA to convert a vacant City-owned property into a natural park along the future Pacoima Wash Greenway, which will connect the Angeles National Forest to Ritchie Valens Park and Recreation Center. The completed project is expected to provide public parkland with educational opportunities, water quality improvements, flood protection, and habitat restoration along a tributary of the Los Angeles River.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project is ongoing. MRCA staff continued to work on planning and design services related to improvements for the proposed El Dorado Park. Staff also reviewed design comments for permitting agencies and consultant proposals in response to comments. MRCA continued the permitting process and continued conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the Section 408 and Section 404 Permit. Aspen Environmental Group continued to work on the Environmental Assessment report draft, which was completed on January 18, 2023, and Cultural Resource Report draft which was completed on January 6, 2023. While drafting the Cultural Report, The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) completed a search of its Sacred Lands File (SLF) to determine if resources significant to Native Americans had been recorded in the area. The result was positive so tribal outreach was recommended. A contract amendment was added to Aspen Environmental Group's contract, and they sent out 19 letters

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to Native American Tribes early April, completing the Cultural Report on May 18, 2023. This outreach found that Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California indicated that Native American monitoring is required for all ground disturbing activity in the Project APE. Overall, the recommendation is that the implementation of the proposed Project is not expected to result in a significant adverse effect, impact, change, or material impairment to any NRHP eligible cultural resources. Therefore, no recommendations for additional studies or site-specific treatments are made for archaeological or built environment cultural resources. For the City permit with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), we had two easement clearances as part of the building permit. We have been working through those with City Department of Sanitation (LASAN) and the City Bureau of Engineering (BOE). This permit will be informed by the MOU between LASAN and RAP. A meeting was coordinated between MRCA staff and Michael Scaduto and Ida Meisami-Fard of LASAN on February 1, 2023. They suggest having clear Operations and Maintenance memos to assure that they know exactly what they need to take on. They also suggested a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LASAN and Recreation & Parks (RAP). An MOU draft and exhibits were sent to both LASAN and RAP for additional comments on April 24, 2023.

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INTERPRETATION

Project Name/Code: Community Training Institute

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Interpretation
Location/Park Name: Community Training Institute

II. GRANT INFORMATION

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Total Grant Amount: \$210,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84 - LAR
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 06/24/2019
Resolution Number: 19-41

Total Grant Amount: \$90,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 84 - SMB
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6051
Board Actions (Date): 06/24/2019
Resolution Number: 19-41
Total Grant Amount: \$300,000.00

III. AMENDMENTS

Amendment Amount: N/A
Funding Source(s):
Item of Appropriation:
Board Actions (Date):
Resolution Number:
Total Grant Amount:

IV. NARRATIVE

The Community Training Institute for the Protection and Interpretation of our Parks and Watersheds will be a comprehensive interpretive and leadership development program for staff, volunteers, program participants, and members of the public. Consolidating training offerings into one comprehensive program is not only more efficient and cost effective but allows for more diversity of offering to a wider audience. Matching funds will support noninterpretive training content and the development of a business model that leverages, grant funds, private dollars, and participant fees to ensure long term sustainable funding.

V. PROJECT STATUS

Project complete.

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