

## **Community Conservancy International (CCI)**

### **Proposed Scope of Work**

#### **Technical Advice and Assistance for Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority**

#### **Comprehensive Feasibility Evaluation of L.A. County Water Quality Infrastructure Funding**

**February – June 30, 2006**

- I. Provide comprehensive strategic and feasibility analysis and evaluation of all aspects of a property fee to fund water quality improvements throughout L.A. County, including technical, fiscal, projects and programs, financing methodology, legal and public outreach. Conduct necessary research and develop a recommended project timeline. Identify relevant issues and concerns and propose recommended next steps. Provide professional expertise and direction to assist with integration of research and planning efforts being conducted by various organizations and public agencies.
- II. Retain and direct sub-contractors to provide appropriate professional expertise on and integrated approach to legal, fiscal, financing, engineering, public outreach, project and water quality issues related to countywide water quality infrastructure funding. Coordinate integration of all information.
- III. With assistance from an engineer to be retained by CCI, and using any relevant materials, data and work conducted to date by the MRCA and/or contractors of the MRCA, review and evaluate property ownership information and direct development, review and analysis of potential financing methods. Upon approval of this Scope of Work, the MRCA shall, within two weeks, either transfer the MRCA contract with Shilts Consulting to CCI and allow CCI to amend the contract as it deems necessary, or send to CCI all documents, data, computer files, draft financing methods and any other records or information produced or developed to date by Shilts Consulting, Inc. related to L.A. County water quality infrastructure funding.
- IV. Coordinate with and advise Board of Supervisors and County Departments as necessary; meet with staff as necessary; assess relevant concerns. Includes no more than two group meetings per month.
- V. Review and evaluate Department of Public Works' Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), meet with technical team producing the IRWMP, advise on necessary changes to the plan, and develop categories and criteria for water quality improvement programs and projects.
- VI. Advise county on preparation of a comprehensive evaluation and report documenting the need countywide for local and regional watershed management projects to address water quality issues.

VII. Evaluate the interface of the county, cities within the county, Conservancies, non-profit organizations and other entities that can provide services or conduct projects related to improving water quality. Provide direction for integrating these entities into planning for water quality infrastructure funding.