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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
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Los Angeles, California 90065
Phone (323) 221-9944 Fax (323) 221-9934

May 29, 2007

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

**Grant Application - Proposition 12 Funds
Acquisition of tax defaulted properties**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for acquisition of tax-defaulted properties within the upper Santa Clara River watershed and the San Gabriel Mountains, unincorporated Los Angeles County. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$150,000 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) Article 8, Mountain Resource Program, Section 5096.353.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) commonly enters into Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County to acquire tax defaulted properties. This process is an essential component of the agency's efforts to increase the amount of protected open space in southern California. The MRCA has acquired over 1,500 acres through this process, and we currently have many pending Chapter 8 agreements in both the Santa Clara River watershed and the San Gabriel Mountains. Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Paul Edelman, at 310-589-3230, extension 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Lange".

George Lange
Vice-Chairperson

Attachments: Application

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Upper Santa Clara River Watershed and San Gabriel Mountains Tax Default Properties	Amount of Request: \$ 150,000 Total Project Cost: \$ To be determined						
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Amount of Match: \$ To be determined Source of Match: To be determined						
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, California 90065	Project Address: N/A						
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Phone: (323) 221-9944 Fax: (323) 221-9933	Email: edelman@smmc.ca.gov						

Grantee's Authorized Representative:
 Cara McLane, Contracts Officer (323) 221-9944 ext. 117

Name and Title *Phone*

Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:
 Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning (310) 589-3230 ext. 128

Name and Title *Phone*

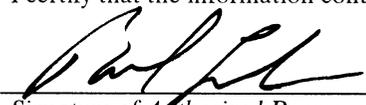
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum):
The subject funding will be used to acquire Tax-defaulted properties via Chapter 8 Agreements. Such acquisitions will all occur in the 5th Supervisorial District in either the Santa Clara river watershed on either the north or south slope of the San Gabriel mountains or the north slope of the Sierra Pelona Mountains.

Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 12

Narrative/Project Description:
 The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) currently has 8 pending Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County in the 5th Supervisorial District. These agreements include low-cost parcels with high habitat, watershed, viewshed, and recreational values. Typically, these Chapter 8 acquisitions pool funding from numerous sources. The decision of which parcels to apply to the money to depends on whether the taxes are redeemed on some parcels, the final cost per parcel, and the availability of matching funding sources.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Acquire tax-defaulted parcels.	\$ 150,000	June 30, 2008
Acquisition Projects:	APN(s): To be determined	
	Acreage: To be determined	

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.



Signature of Authorized Representative

 5-29-07

Date

Form SMM-001