

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION – PROPOSITION 84 FUNDS**

Project Name: Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Park	Amount of Request: \$ 508,823 Total Project Cost: \$ 13,986,985						
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	Amount of Match: Source of Match:						
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065 Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934	Project Address: 1200 West Colton Street <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">County</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Senate District</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Assembly District</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Los Angeles</td> <td style="text-align: center;">22</td> <td style="text-align: center;">45</td> </tr> </table> Email: Barbara.Romero@mrca.ca.gov	County	Senate District	Assembly District	Los Angeles	22	45
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Grantee’s Representative Authorized in Resolution: Barbara Romero, Director of Urban Projects 323-221-9944, x188 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> <i>Name and Title</i> <i>Phone</i>							
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project (if different from Authorized Representative): Stephanie Landregan, Chief Landscape Architect 323-221-9944, x184 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> <i>Name and Title</i> <i>Phone</i>							
Project Description: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will use the proposed grant to fund several features of the park that had been removed due to value engineering for the Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Park. The work funded by this grant will be perimeter fencing and interpretive entry gates; a watershed demonstration grotto; greening of the building roofs; and upsizing the specimen oak and sycamore trees and doubling the quantity of native plants. The Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project will provide a restored natural watershed experience. The natural environment will feature habitats found in the Santa Monica Mountains and the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed. Within the park, landforms will emphasize watershed processes that will capture and recycle all on site irrigation water. The Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project design features a cistern to capture, clean and reuse water runoff; passive solar buildings; green roofs to reduce urban heat island effect; and, a grotto water feature interpretive tool for environmental, water and energy conservation. The trees will be upsized to provide more immediate shade, and the amount of native plants has been increased and upsized where appropriate. The perimeter fencing will provide security for the site, and pilasters will have decorative tiles prepared by the community and will support interpretive wrought iron entry gates. The park design implements the objectives of Proposition 84, specifically 75003 (6) e: “Revitalizing our communities and making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks, and urban greening.” The cistern is designed to prevent stormwater from becoming urban runoff, and a portion of the captured water will be used for irrigation. The green roof will provide a natural insulation, and reduce the effects of the urban heat island effect. The watershed grotto feature is adjacent to the outdoor classroom and demonstrates how a watershed							

functions. The site fencing provides a safe park experience and the pilasters and entry gates provide graphic interpretive elements. Larger oaks and sycamores will be purchased and other native plantings increased. Students at the neighboring high school will be able to see these systems in use on a daily basis, improving their understanding of watershed processes and water quality.

Section 79508 of the Water Code requires the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to implement the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan, commonly known as the Common Ground Plan. The Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project implements several of the guiding principles¹, strategies², and opportunities³ identified in the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed Open Space Plan adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in October 2001. These include: creating public open space throughout the region; improving urban lands for opportunities for access to parks and recreation; improving habitat quality, educational and interpretive opportunities; and partnerships for multi-objective planning, among others. Furthermore, the Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Strategic Plan adopted by the Department of Finance in 1997: "Expand local government, school district, and nonprofit ventures to provide increased educational and access opportunities."⁴

1. The San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan p. 47
2. The San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan pp. 52, 53
3. The San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan p. 56
4. The Santa Monica Mountains Strategic Plan p. 10

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Construction	\$ 462,566	Fall 2007
2 Project Management	\$ 46,257	Fall 2007
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For Acquisition Projects: APN(s): N/A
 Acreage: N/A

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

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date