



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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**Request for Grant of Conservancy Funds
for Los Angeles River Restoration**

Dear Chairperson Gonzales and Conservancy Members:

To date, the Conservancy has authorized the creation of two grants from the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to conduct riparian restoration projects on MRCA parkland in both Brown's Canyon and Lopez Canyon. Based on this successful model, the MRCA respectfully requests a third grant tied to a specific mitigation payment deposited into The Conservancy Fund.

A three-way agreement between the Conservancy, Caltrans, and the Army Corps of Engineers was signed in late 2009. In February of 2010, the Conservancy received a \$90,000 check from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), for a 0.523-acre mitigation project to be conducted anywhere within the Los Angeles River watershed. These funds were appropriated in the State's 2010/2011 budget.

The MRCA respectfully requests a grant of these funds and an advance of said funds in the amount of \$90,000 for the implementation of a mitigation project within the Los Angeles River watershed.

The MRCA is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to identify potential sites. The MRCA plans to commence work in Fall 2011 if funding is available. The advance is necessary to ensure no interruptions in the MRCA's cash flow. Restorations require attention, steady capital, and labor input on a weekly basis for several years.

Please direct your response to Chris Trumpy our project manager for the subject project. His mailing address is 5810 Ramirez Canyon Road, Malibu, 90265 and telephone is (310) 589-3230 ext. 263.

Sincerely,

George Lange
Chairperson