Youth Employment Plan
Los Angeles River Center and Gardens Improvements

August 7, 2013

Background:
The MRCA has been awarded a grant in the amount of $50,438 with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for tree planting at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. The scope of work includes the following:

  Removal and replacement of trees damaged in the recent windstorms and additional trees planted on the grounds of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth:
1. Debris cleanup           24 total hours
2. Preparation of tree planting pits    28 total hours
3. Planting small container trees     28 total hours

Estimated cost of at-risk youth employment:
Total estimated hours of at-risk youth employment 80 hours
Estimated average hourly rate $13.00
Total estimated cost of at-risk youth employment $ 1,040

Method of at-risk youth employment:
Qualified youth may be hired on a temporary basis for the project or a contract may be awarded to a youth organization such as LACC.

Youth Employment Goal:
Under the provisions of the District’s policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Youth Employment Goal of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and its designee, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, is $1,251,201.10, equal to 50% of Maintenance and Servicing funds. As of July 2013, MRCA/SMMC have completed, or have plans in place (including the subject plan) to complete over 94% of this goal.