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Executive Officer
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
570 W. Avenue 26, Suite 100
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July 12th, 2016

Dear Joe,

I am pleased to provide a formal proposal to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to replace and re-install the interpretive signage panels for the eight sided informational kiosk located within the Los Angeles County's Bosque del Rio Hondo.

Eight years ago, Amigos de los Rios was commissioned by RMC to develop and installed the signage that was damaged last year in the Lincoln Fire at the Bosque. This site is a key node of the Emerald Necklace Greenway Park and Trail and as you are well aware has significant local natural and cultural to celebrate.

Organizational Mission and History

Since 2003, Amigos de los Rios has dedicated itself to designing high-quality public environments that revitalize urban neighborhoods within economically disadvantaged Southern Californian communities. Our mission is to create a regional "Emerald Necklace" green infrastructure network of sustainable open spaces from the Mountains to the sea keyed off our urban river corridors, protecting the environment and strengthening community life for the benefit of current and future generations.

Our California Natural Resources Agency funded Emerald Necklace Expanded Plan outlined multi objective greenways along the San Gabriel, Rio Hondo, and lower Los Angeles River corridors, we aim to create a continuous network of Emerald Necklace parks and trails across eastern Los Angeles County from the San Gabriel Mountains in the north to the Pacific Ocean in the south that link communities to nature and expand access to safe, convenient green spaces and outdoor recreation. The Bosque is a special site within this network.

Statement of Need

One of Amigos de los Rios' key projects is restoration work at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. At 1,492 acres, this site is one of East L.A. County's largest and most popular open green space recreational amenities. When originally conceived of, the Emerald Necklace was a 17-mile loop along the Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers, with the Whittier Narrows serving as the Necklace's "pendant jewel" where these two rivers meet. However, this critical open space habitat was badly damaged by the August 2015 Lincoln Fire, which destroyed about 370 acres in the Whittier Narrows' Bosque del Rio natural habitat area and the adjoining Montebello Hills. As a result of this fire, this once



pristine trail and habitat viewing area has been closed to the public, and we are currently working to restore this area to provide critical habitat connectivity and recreation to surrounding communities.

An important part of our restoration efforts will be the re-development and installation of informational kiosks to replace kiosks damaged and destroyed by last year's fire. As one of the L.A. region's only natural, non-concrete river corridors, it is critical that visitors understand this site's critical importance providing ecosystem services like rare habitat connectivity, as well as providing some of the L.A. area's best links to its past. These kiosk will provide visitors with information about the site's natural and cultural history, helping provide a deeper sense of connection and place to this vital resource, and will provide important safety guidelines and history of the site to help ensure that it remains a safe place of recreation and solace for generations to come, and for the benefit of sensitive wildlife.

Funding Request

Amigos de los Rios requests \$23,344.49 in support of Bosque Emerald Necklace Kiosk. The kiosk is an essential part of our restoration efforts, raising awareness about the critical importance of this habitat site and promoting safe and responsible public use. With this grant we intend to update existing panels, compete the re-design, manufacture, and re - installation of eight large format panels depicting: 1) Native plants and their habitat values, 2) Native habitat and wildlife, 3) Cultural history of the local Tongva/Gabrieleno Native American tribe, 4) Latino Culture - Marengo Beach, 5) Emerald Necklace regional map that includes information about the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, which was established by President Obama in 2014. 6) A panel about the "Awesome Power of the River," detailing its history both as a natural river system and a concrete flood control channel. 7) The history of MRCA development at this site, 8) Rules and regulations governing safe and responsible use of the site. See attached document for cost breakdown.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to hear from you soon to discuss Bosque Emerald Necklace Kiosk in more detail and to begin planning our collaborative work to create a cleaner, healthier L.A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Claire Robinson'.

Claire Robinson,
Managing Director
Amigos de los Rios

PROJECT COST EXHIBIT AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS

KIOSK PANEL REPLACEMENT	
DETAILED COST Break Down	
AMIGOS STAFF COSTS TO UPDATE RESEARCH & COMPLETE GRAPHIC DESIGN AND	\$ 1,250
MATERIALS	
FULL COLOR POLYMER 3/8 " thickness FOLIA OR FOSSIL or EQUIVALENT QUALITY (4' wide by 6' feet tall) @ approx. \$45 per SF	\$ 1,082
Clear Polycarbonate Cover 4" by 8" for vandalism protection (@ \$4.80 per SF)	\$ 115.20
Vandal Resistant Bolts (ten per panel @ \$3 each)	\$ 30.00
TOTAL LABOR AND MATERIALS COST PER PANEL	\$ 2,477
Installation (@\$250 per panel)	\$ 250
TOTAL COST PER PANEL INSTALLED	\$ 2,727
TOTAL PER 8 PANELS	\$ 21,818
PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION 7%	\$ 1,527
PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 23,345

KIOSK PANEL REPLACEMENT w/OUT INSTALLATION	
DETAILED COST Break Down	
AMIGOS STAFF COSTS TO UPDATE RESEARCH & COMPLETE GRAPHIC DESIGN AND	\$ 1,250
MATERIALS	
FULL COLOR POLYMER 3/8 " thickness FOLIA OR FOSSIL or EQUIVALENT QUALITY (4' wide by 6' feet tall) @ approx. \$45 per SF	\$ 1,082
Clear Polycarbonate Cover 4" by 8" for vandalism protection (@ \$4.80 per SF)	115.2
TOTAL LABOR AND MATERIALS COST PER PANEL	\$ 2,447
TOTAL COST PER PANEL INSTALLED	\$ 2,447
TOTAL PER 8 PANELS	\$ 19,578
PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION 7%	\$ 1,370
PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 20,948