



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: February 7, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for Planning for Los Angeles River and Regional Community Engagement.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 1 funds for Planning for Los Angeles River and Regional Community Engagement in the amount of \$50,000.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority would submit a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) for Proposition 1 funds for an amount of \$50,000 to fund community engagement and planning activities that specifically analyze the impacts of parks and open space, and recreational projects therein, such as those SMMC may fund with Proposition 1, on homelessness and the reciprocal impacts of homelessness on parks and open space along the LA River and region-wide.

Maintaining parklands, and creating parks and open spaces along the LA River and urban core using the funding resources from the Proposition 1 Urban Creeks appropriation, will require this kind of engagement to ensure positive outcomes for public health and safety, neighborhoods, and access to parklands.

The subject grant activities would propose that MRCA will: (1) consult with advocates for public health, parks and open space, public safety and law enforcement, housing and transportation, and environmental and economic justice issues to identify innovative tactics and strategies to relieve homelessness in the communities; (2) commission related research; and (3) host a full day regional forum for discussion of these issues. The summit would bring together stakeholders from state and local parks agencies, municipalities, and homeless services providers and advocacy organizations to examine mutual impacts of parks on homelessness and

vice versa and develop a comprehensive parks response to needs of a growing homeless population.

Consideration: The grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is for \$50,000 of Proposition 1 funds.

Fiscal Impact: The subject grant will need to be added to the MRCA's fiscal year 2017-18 budget. There is no impact on the general fund.