



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: May 2, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for 3810-P01-1781, and a grant augmentation request to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, for River Rangers Program Planning.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for 3810-P01-1781 in the amount of \$250,000, and a grant augmentation request to the San Gabriel and the Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for River Rangers Program Planning in the amount of \$250,000.

Background: Since the 1940s, the County of Los Angeles and Army Corps of Engineers have managed the Los Angeles River (River) as a concrete flood channel. The communities through which the River passes have had limited contact with or responsibility for the River. In the last several decades, the River has received greater public attention and support for its restoration and availability as an environmental and recreational resource.

In December 2017, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) authorized a grant of Proposition 1 funds to MRCA to complete planning work required for the implementation of implement Assembly Bill 1558 (AB 1558), Chapter 452, Statutes of 2017. In January 2018 the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) also authorized a grant of Proposition 1 funds to MRCA for this effort. That legislation required SMMC and RMC to develop, in collaboration with other agencies, a program to provide a network of river rangers who assist the public at sites along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. The legislation specified that the plan be complete by June 30, 2018.

MRCA staff have begun extensive work on the plan but all the required work will not be complete by the legislative deadline. The subject grant augmentations will cover

a second phase of planning work, to be completed after June 30, 2018. The original grants are \$250,000 each, for a total of \$500,000 currently secured funding.

Consideration: Each grant augmentation request will be for \$250,000, for a total of \$500,000 added to the project. The final project total will be \$1,000,000 if both augmentation requests are approved.

Fiscal Impact: The grant augmentations will be included in MRCA's fiscal year 2018-19 budget. There is no impact on the general fund. The AB 1558 legislation did not contain a budget appropriation to fund the required work.