



# 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(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for 3810-P01-1775, Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for 3810-P01-1775, Upper Los Angeles River Project Planning and Design in the amount of \$200,000.

Background: In December 2017, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy granted funds to MRCA for Upper Los Angeles River project planning and design, to carry out the studies required by Assembly Bill 466 (AB 466), Chapter 341 of the Statutes of 2017. That legislation required that the Conservancy develop a revitalization plan for the Upper Los Angeles River, the tributaries of the Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, and Verdugo Wash, and potential additional tributaries as necessary. The plan is required to be completed by March 1, 2019.

MRCA has begun work on the plan, but have already encountered unanticipated situations that have increased the complexity of work, and by extension, the cost of the plan. Without an extension to the legislative deadline, delays caused by increased complexity will likely increase the cost of the base work as well. There is great interest in adding multiple additional tributaries to the analysis, and in performing an extended amount of public outreach. Staff also identified the need for a professional review and compilation of all existing plans to identify needs, gaps, overlay and inconsistencies. It is expected that some amount of mapping and engineering will be required to conduct equivalent analyses of each area, and that effort would need to be added to the scope.

Consideration: The grant augmentation request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is for \$200,000.

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Fiscal Impact: The grant augmentation will be included in MRCA's fiscal year 2018-19 budget. There is no impact on the general fund. The AB 466 legislation did not contain a budget appropriation to fund the required work.