



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:   
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DATE: October 3, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation to Community Nature Connection for expanded outreach and advocacy.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant augmentation to Community Nature Connection for expanded outreach and advocacy.

Background: Community Nature Connection (CNC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to promote access to public lands for under served communities. As part of its strategy CNC engages in robust community engagement and education with community based organization regarding issues, opportunities and programs that support robust public access and sustainable healthy communities. This grant will fund an outreach and engagement strategy that includes coalition building and stakeholder engagement; educating community stakeholders, public agencies and elected officials on a regional-based approach to developing durable investment in community and conservation projects and connections between legislators and potential projects in their district. The proposed coalition will bring people/climate justice, local planning, and conservation interests together around single, shared proposals, conservation projects, new park projects and community access projects and best practices.

Fiscal Impact: Funded from unrestricted revenue, this grant was contemplated in the approved 2018-19 Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) budget. The augmentation would be for \$5,000 per month and will be authorized to be renewed annually until such time as the MRCA cancels or amends the terms.