



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Governing Board

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

**DATE:** July 3, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to Community Nature Connection for the Youth Leadership Series.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant to Community Nature Connection for the Youth Leadership Series.

Background: On June 5, 2019 the MRCA Board approved application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) for a grant of \$120,000 of Environmental License Plate Funds for the Youth Leadership Series operated by Community Nature Connection. On June 24<sup>th</sup> the SMMC approved that grant.

The Youth Leadership Series, operated by Community Nature Connection (CNC), is a year long, multi-program series that leads young people from disadvantaged communities, through a series of training and on the job experience in furtherance of a pipeline to either a career in parks, entrance to university, or both. Programmatic and staffing components of the Youth Leadership Series includes Naturalist Explorers, the Community Naturalist Leadership Program and Outdoor Leaders.