



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: July 3, 2019

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XVI: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of General Funds for Woolsey Fire Recovery and Restoration.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) for a grant of General Funds for Woolsey Fire Recovery and Restoration.

Background: In November of 2018, the Woolsey fire burned tens of thousands of acres of Conservancy parkland and open space. This proposal will allow the Conservancy to immediately address safety concerns, assess the damage and implement a restoration and recovery plan. The 2019-2020 State of California Budget appropriates \$12,500,000 to the Conservancy to provide for public safety related maintenance on Conservancy property due to the Woolsey fire.

The proposed \$1,000,000 grant will allow the MRCA to address immediate safety concerns, assess the damage from the fire and subsequent storms and develop site specific plans for recovery and restoration.

Fiscal Impact: This grant will allow for advanced funds and will cover all known expenses.