



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 5, 2020

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

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of General Funds for Woolsey Fire Restoration, Safety and Recovery projects in the amount of \$8,100,000.

Background: In November of 2018, the Woolsey Fire burned tens of thousands of acres of Conservancy parkland and open space. The 2019-2020 State of California Budget appropriated \$12,500,000 to the Conservancy to provide for public safety related maintenance on Conservancy property due to the Woolsey Fire. A previous grant was made to MRCA from these funds to immediately address safety concerns, assess the damage, and provide preventative measures. An additional grant is proposed to implement more extensive restoration, safety and recovery projects.

Proposed projects include patrol and monitoring, road work to provide safer egress and access for emergency purposes, replacement of up to 3 of MRCA's Type III engines, building improvements to accommodate onsite staff and facilitate division operations, erosion control measures, vegetation management, trail restoration, and equipment to support those activities. Work locations include Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Ramirez Canyon Park, King Gillette Ranch, and other affected sites. Activities would be implemented from 2020-2024.

Consideration: The grant request is for \$8,100,000.

Fiscal Impact: If awarded, the grant will need to be added to the 2019-20 budget. The proposed work on roads, buildings, and engine replacements, are expected to reduce maintenance costs.