



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: February 3, 2021

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: 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 in the amount of \$120,000.

Background: On January 6, 2021 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 January 11, 2021 the SMMC approved that grant.

The Youth Leadership Series, operated by Community Nature Connection (CNC), is a multi-program series that leads young people from underserved 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 Leadership Program and Outdoor Leaders.