



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Rorie Skei
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Grant SMM-0464, Project Planning and Design Services

Dear Rorie:

The MRCA respectfully requests an augmentation for grant #SMM-0464, Project Planning and Design Services in the amount of \$200,000.00. The budget augmentation is necessary to more fully develop potential projects and retain expert consultants.

Our Natural Resources and Planning staff have begun a comprehensive search within the Los Angeles River, Santa Monica Bay, and Ventura County coastal watersheds for potential acquisition and park restoration projects that would demonstrably protect land and water resources. This work, described in our original grant application, has turned out to be more time-consuming than expected, and will require more personnel time than anticipated. This work is a high priority for our staff and we expect to be utilizing a majority of our staff resources to complete it.

Additionally, the MRCA is planning to enter into contracts with a leading engineering firm, CH2M-Hill, as well as a community-based research organization, Community Development by Design. The consultants will provide professional services related to the project development described above. These contracts were not anticipated at the time of the grant application.

Please respond to me at the above address indicating approval of the budget augmentation at your earliest convenience, or by email at Cara.McLane@mrca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara McLane".

Cara McLane
Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning
Contracts Officer

cc: Phyllis Lichtenstein