

Attachment
SMMC Item 14
April 25, 2005



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
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April 18, 2005

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant Application - Proposition 12 Funds
Project Planning and Design**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for Project Planning and Design for Proposition 12. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$225,000 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) Article 8, Mountain Resource Program, Section 5096.353.

The proposed grant would fund project planning and design activities leading directly to the acquisition, improvement, enhancement, or restoration of park, wildlife or natural areas. Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact our project manager, Paul Edelman, at 310-589-3230, extension 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Berger".

Michael D. Berger
Chairperson

Attachments: Application



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EXHIBIT A PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN – PROPOSITION 12 4/18/05

PROJECT BUDGET

Task 1 –

Personnel (including benefits and overhead)	\$ 178,000
Legal	\$ 11,000
Transportation	\$ 5,000
Appraisals and Title Reports	\$ 25,000
Environmental Assessments	\$ 3,000
Mapping/Graphics	\$ 3,000
Task 1 Total	\$ 225,000

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

1. Land acquisition, trail construction and habitat restoration in the following coastal canyon watersheds within the Santa Monica Mountains:

- a. Accept donations along the Mulholland Scenic Parkway
- b. Laurel - Acquire donations
- c. Benedict - Acquire donations
- d. Beverly Glen - Acquire donations
- e. San Ysidro - Acquire donations
- f. Peavine - Acquire donations
- g. Mandeville - Acquire donations
- h. Topanga - Acquire surplus Los Angeles County property in the Sylvia Park and Hillside Drive area
Acquire property in the Kerry Lane Area
Acquire property between Mulholland Gateway Park and Garapito Creek stream channel east and north of Ed Edelman - Summit Valley Park
Acquire donations and tax defaulted parcels from Los Angeles County watershed-wide
- i. Tuna - Acquire property around the perimeter of Tuna Canyon Park
- j. Las Flores - Acquire property to maintain a coastal slope wildlife corridor and the Coastal Slope Trail between Tuna and Las Flores Canyons
- k. Malibu - Acquire property in the Stokes Canyon tributary, Piuma Ridge, upper Cold Creek/Dark Canyon tributaries and upper La Sierra Canyon tributary, and dedications along Mulholland Highway in the Cold Creek tributary

- l. Puerco - Acquire dedications for the Coastal Slope Trail and additions to Corral Canyon Park
- m. Corral - Acquire property to connect Corral Canyon Park with Malibu Creek State Park and for the Coastal Slope Trail
- n. Solstice - Acquire property to connect Solstice Canyon Park with Malibu Creek State Park
- o. Latigo, Escondido, and Ramirez Canyons- Acquire property to maintain a coastal slope, east-west wildlife corridor and Coastal Slope Trail between Solstice Canyon Park and the Zuma Canyon unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
- p. Encinal - Acquire pending dedication, donations and Offers to Dedicate
- q. Lechuza - Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate
- r. Los Alisos - Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate
- s. Nicholas - Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate
- t. Arroyo Sequit - Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate
- u. Calleguas Creek - Acquire conservation easements and donations, particularly conservation easements, in agricultural lands along Calleguas Creek at the eastern end of the Santa Monica Mountains to the Point Mugo Naval Air Station

2. Land acquisition and restoration in the following inland canyon watersheds within the Santa Monica Mountains:

- a. Carlisle Canyon - Acquire donations in central and upper canyon focusing on protecting riparian habitat
- b. Triunfo Canyon - Acquire pending dedications and donations
- c. Lobo Canyon - Acquire donations
- d. Medea Canyon - Acquire donations
- e. Las Virgenes Canyon - Acquire donations and dedications
- f. Liberty Canyon - Acquire pending dedications and donations
- g. Natoma, Ventura and Fryman Canyons - Acquire donations

3. Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Simi Hills:

- a. Crummer Canyon - acquire dedications east of MRCA Crummer Canyon easement
- b. El Escorpián Canyon - Acquire donations between Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve and Valley Circle Boulevard
- c. Bell Canyon - Acquire donations
- d. Dayton Canyon - Accept pending dedication and acquire donations from Valley Circle Blvd. westward
- e. Woolsey Canyon - Accept dedications and acquire donations between Chatsworth Reservoir and Sage Ranch
- f. Box Canyon - Accept donations and acquire in lieu mitigation fee properties along Box Creek

- g. Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park - Accept donations around, and coordinate acquisitions with other entities to add to State Park holdings
- h. Chatsworth Peak (north slope) - Accept donations and coordinate acquisitions with other entities such as Rancho Simi Park and Recreation District
- i. Arroyo Simi - Acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties in eligible portions of the Arroyo Simi
- j. Black Canyon - Accept donations north of Sage Ranch and acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties
- k. Runkle Canyon - Accept pending dedication
- l. Palo Comado Canyon - Accept donations and dedications from the City of Agoura Hills

4. Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Montclef Ridge, Tierra Rejada and Santa Rosa Valleys:

- a. Acquire dedications and donations in the designated greenbelt and inter-mountain range wildlife corridor area bounded by the Arroyo Simi, Olsen Road, the 23 Freeway and Madera Road
- b. Acquire dedications and donations and acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties to maintain the wildlife corridor between the Wildwood Park and the area bounded by Olsen Road, Moorpark Road, the 23 Freeway and Tierra Rejada Road
- c. Acquire dedications and donations and acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties in the Las Posas Hills and Santa Rosa Valley in the area bounded by Moorpark Road, the Arroyo Simi, and Santa Rosa Road
- d. Acquire fee simple and easement interests, and dedications and donations in the Montclef Ridge Wildlife Corridor between the Joel McCrea Wildlife Preserve and Wildwood Park

5. Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Santa Susana Mountains:

- a. Arroyo Simi tributaries between Happy Camp and Alamos Canyons - accept dedications
- b. Alamos - accept dedications and donations
- c. Tapo - accept dedications and donations
- d. Chivo and Las Lajas Canyons - accept donations from small lot subdivisions
- e. Devil - accept dedications and donations throughout watershed
- f. Browns - accept dedications and donations throughout watershed
- g. Bee - accept pending dedications
- h. Newhall Pass - accept donations and dedications west of Interstate 5 and between State Route 14 and Interstate 5
- i. East - acquire properties along Old Road and accept donation of inholdings in upper watershed
- j. Towsley - accept donations in canyon upstream from Santa Clarita Woodlands Park
- k. Lyons - accept donations and future dedications throughout watershed

- I. Pico - accept donations and future dedications throughout watershed both upstream and downstream of Mentryville

6. Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Santa Clara River:

- a. San Martinez Grande - Acquire tax defaulted and in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties and donations
- b. Lower Castaic Creek - Acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties, tax defaulted properties and dedications from the northern limit of the Castaic Recreation Area to the Santa Clara River
- c. San Francisquito Creek - Acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties and dedications
- d. Soledad Canyon - Acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties, tax defaulted properties, dedications and donations
- e. Grasshopper - Acquire future dedications
- f. Halsey Canyon - Acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties, tax defaulted properties, donations and dedications between the built environment and the divide of the Piru Creek watershed

7. Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the San Gabriel Mountains:

- a. Elsmere Canyon - process and negotiate open space dedications and donations in the area between State Route 14 and the Angeles National Forest
- b. Placerita Canyon - process and negotiate open space dedications and donations in the area between the Golden Valley Ranch dedication and the Angeles National Forest
- c. Grapevine Canyon - complete dedication and donations in process and accept future dedications and donations
- d. Lopez Canyon, Kagel Canyon, Little Tujunga Canyon - process and negotiate open space acquisitions, dedications, and donations in the area between the built environment and the Angeles National Forest
- e. Big Tujunga Canyon- acquire City of Los Angeles and Department of Water and Power surplus property and City of Los Angeles entitlement dedications between the 210 Freeway and the Angeles National Forest
- f. Millard Canyon - acquire parcels between the Angeles National Forest and Canyon Crest Road
- g. Angeles Forest Adjacent - Acquire tax defaulted properties and accept dedications and donations of properties adjacent to, or near-adjacent to, the Angeles National Forest between Haines Canyon and Sierra Madre
- h. Soledad Canyon - Acquire fee simple, easements, donations and dedications in the habitat block-linkage between State Route 14 and Soledad Canyon Road

8. Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Sierra Pelona Range:

- a. Acquire tax defaulted properties and accept dedications and donations of properties adjacent to, or near-adjacent to, the Angeles National Forest, the MRCA's Ritter Ranch Open Space, the Pacific Crest Trail, and other public open space lands in area between the crest of the Sierra Pelona Mountains and State Route 14.

9. Land acquisition and restoration in the following sub-areas of the Antelope Valley:

- a. Acquire tax defaulted properties and accept dedications and donations of properties adjacent to, or near-adjacent to, the Angeles National Forest, other public open space lands, or in Significant Ecological Areas between Hwy. 138 and the Angeles National Forest and east of State Route 14
- b. Acquire tax defaulted properties and accept dedications and donations of properties adjacent to, or near-adjacent to, the Angeles National Forest, the MRCA's Ritter Ranch Open Space, other public open space lands, or in Significant Ecological Areas between the crest of the Sierra Pelona Mountains and the California Aqueduct and west of State Route 14
- c. Acquire tax defaulted properties and accept dedications and donations of properties adjacent to, or near-adjacent to, the Angeles National Forest, the , other public open space lands, or in Significant Ecological Areas between the crest of the Liebre-Sawmill Mountains and the California Aqueduct and west of State Route 14
- d. Acquire tax defaulted properties and accept dedications and donations of properties adjacent to, or near-adjacent to, State-owned natural areas in the Antelope Valley

10. San Rafael Hills

- a. Acquire and restore open space in the Cities of Pasadena, Glendale and La Canada-Flintridge at east end San Rafael Hills north of the 134 Freeway

11. Land acquisition and restoration in the Verdugo Mountains

- a. La Tuna Canyon - Acquire and restore open space up stream of Sunland Boulevard including the Canyon Hills-Whitebird and Hillview-Duke properties abutting the 210 Freeway, and the Majors property at the eastern end of the Verdugo Mountains
- b. Accept donations and dedications in the eastern Verdugo Mountains both south and north of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Verdugo Mountain Open Space in the City of Glendale