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NOTICE**SMMC Proposition 1 Grant Cycle
Proposition 1 Urban Creek Funding**

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) is pleased to announce the first grant cycle for Proposition 1 grants for Urban Creek funding is open.

The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) is codified as Division 26.7 of the Water Code. Proposition 1 authorizes \$7.545 billion in general obligation bonds for state water projects, including surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and drinking water protection. The SMMC's Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program Guidelines specifically pertain to competitive grants for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects pursuant to Water Code Section 79731(h), and for projects to protect and enhance an urban creek pursuant to Water Code Section 79735(a).

The Conservancy received the first appropriation of funding pursuant to section 79735(a) in July of 2017. On September 25, 2017, the Conservancy adopted revised grant guidelines to incorporate the appropriation language for the Urban Creek funding.

Due to the delay in receiving this appropriation, the Conservancy will be receiving and awarding grants for funds pursuant to section 79735(a) on a rolling basis through December 31, 2017 to expedite implementation of these critical projects.

Potential grantees must contact staff at grants@smmc.ca.gov and discuss potential applications prior to submittal to allow staff to provide guidance through the application process. It is recommended that potential grantees go through the scoring criteria line by line while drafting applications to ensure all potential scoring opportunities are addressed in the project narrative. It is the burden of the potential grantee to make the case for receiving available points in the scoring criteria.

The SMMC Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines, Grant Application Form and other important information regarding SMMC grant programs is available at:

www.smmc.ca.gov

Applications may be emailed to grants@smmc.ca.gov or delivered at the following address:

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
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Various tools for calculating Green House Gas Emission benefits can be found at the Air Resources Board website and <http://www.coolcalifornia.org/article/climate-calculators>. Other tools and calculators may be accepted with sufficient explanation and justification provided.

Grants which meet the guideline requirements will be submitted to the SMMC board for final award at the earliest date possible.