

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Name: Escondido-Ramirez Canyon Connector Acquisition	Amount of Request: \$750,000 Total Project Cost: \$1,350,000						
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	Amount of Match: \$520,000 Source of Match: Prop A, CHIMF						
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065	Project Address: N/A						
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Grantee's Authorized Representative:
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Name and Title *Phone*

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Name and Title *Phone*

Brief Scope of Work:
 Acquisition of APNs 4465-004-053, 4465-005-006 in upper Escondido Canyon, between Kanan Dume Road and Latigo Canyon Road, abutting the western boundary of Weintraub Family Park.

Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 40

Narrative/Project Description:
 The subject parcels (APNs 4465-004-053, 4465-005-006) are located in upper Escondido Canyon watershed, between Kanan Dume Road and Latigo Canyon Road, in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The 78 acres contain a pristine section of Escondido Creek and Escondido Canyon watershed up to the Ramirez Canyon ridgeline. Properties of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) border the subject parcels to the east and west. The subject acquisition will comprise a major eastern extension of contiguous public land from the Zuma/Trancas unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

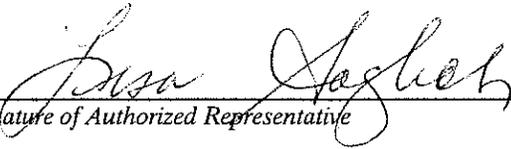
Both parcels are part of the only designated habitat linkage in the Los Angeles County General Plan for wildlife movement, which in this case is a connector between Zuma/Trancas Canyon of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (west of Kanan Dume Road), and the Latigo-Solstice Canyon habitat complex to the east. Most of the property is designated Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area in the existing Los Angeles County General Plan and the soon to be adopted Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program. The parcels support sycamore oak riparian woodland, large stands of purple sage coastal sage scrub, multi-acre coastal live oak woodlands, walnut woodland, and different species of ceanothus chaparral mapped by the National Park Service.

These parcels would create trail linkage opportunities in all directions to the surrounding open space in upper Ramirez Canyon and Escondido Canyon. The subject parcels will provide for a gateway from the Weintraub Family Park westward into Ramirez Canyon and across Kanan Dume Road into the Zuma/Trancas Canyon unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The subject parcels would also provide a linkage opportunity along the Ramirez Canyon ridgeline southward to the proposed Coastal Slope Trail and northward to the Backbone Trail.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Start Date	Completion Date
1 Acquisition of subject parcels	\$1,350,000	May 5, 2014	December 31, 2014

Acquisition Projects: APN(s): 4465-004-053, 4465-005-006
Acreage: 77.43 acres

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.


Signature of Authorized Representative

3/13/2014
Date

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