

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>Project Name: Chesebro Meadows Habitat Acquisition</b>	<b>Amount of Request:</b>	\$2,570,000.00	
	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$6,220,000.00	
<b>Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority</b>	<b>Matching Funds:</b>	\$3,650,000.00	
	<b>Lat/Long:</b>	34.144764°, -118.734426°	
<b>Applicant Address:</b> 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, California 90065	<b>Project Address:</b>	5430 Chesebro Road Agoura Hills, California 91301	
	<b>County</b>	<b>Senate District</b>	<b>Assembly District</b>
	Los Angeles	27	50
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<b>Grantee's Authorized Representative:</b>			
Lisa Soghor, Deputy Executive Officer <i>Name and Title</i>		323-221-9944, x105 <i>Phone</i>	
<b>Overhead Allocation Notice:</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any overhead costs will be identified as a separate line item in the budget and invoices. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Conservancy encourages grantees to reduce overhead costs including vehicle and phone expenses. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The overhead allocation policy has been submitted prior to or with the grant application. <i>All check boxes must be checked</i>			

**Project Description:**

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is proposing the fee simple acquisition of 71.26 acres within Chesebro Canyon and part of the regionally significant Malibu Creek Watershed (APNS 2052-009-270 and 2055-010-270). Located just north of the 101 freeway adjacent to Chesebro Road, Chesebro Meadows is one of the last significant properties along the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor. The subject property is part of multiple conservation planning documents and is integral in preserving water dependent habitats for fish and wildlife within the Santa Monica-Sierra Madre Linkage.

The property is currently unimproved and largely in its natural condition, however it is under contract for sale by the City of Agoura Hills to a private developer who has indicated plans for a residential subdivision. This transaction, however, is pending a lawsuit. MRCA staff anticipates that the lawsuit will be dismissed as part of a complete purchase of the property by a conservation agency. Presently the timetable of the litigation between the City of Agoura Hills and the plaintiffs is unclear. Nonetheless, MRCA intends to be in a position to make a strong formal offer for the purchase.

Preservation of Chesebro Meadows is critical for the functionality of the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor. The Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor serves as the only documented crossing to ensure genetic viability between the Santa Monica Mountains and Los Padres and Angeles National Forests. MRCA staff is requesting to apply for a grant up to \$2.57 million from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 allotment, but is also planning to seek other public funding for the acquisition project.

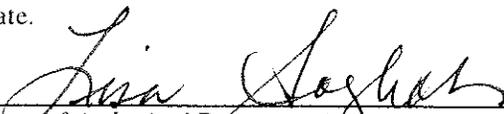
For additional project information, please see attached.

\*attach additional pages as necessary

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Escrow and staff time	\$20,000.00	
2 Acquisition of subject parcels	\$6,200,000.00	May 31, 2016

**For Acquisition Projects:** APN(s): 2052-009-270 and 2055-010-270  
Acreage: 71.26-acres

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

  
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Signature of Authorized Representative

11/30/2015  
Date