

DATE: July 16, 2020

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Deborah Enos, Deputy Executive Officer

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 11: Consideration of a resolution to approve an amendment to contract WCA19507 to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for US Forest Service Project 15-PA-11050100-020 Mod 2.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Watershed Conservation Authority Governing Board approve an amendment to contract WCA19507 to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for US Forest Service Special Project 15-PA-11050100-020 Mod increasing the contract by \$13,000 for a new not to exceed value of \$125,000.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The contract with San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC) will support youth engagement and natural and recreational resource management within the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (SGMNM) and the Angeles National Forest (ANF). These projects may include recreation site restoration, watershed restoration, trail restoration, environmental education training in leave no trace principles, invasive plant and graffiti removal, and providing as needed support services under the direction of ANF staff. ANF staff requested WCA to utilize the federal funding set aside through the Master Participating Agreement and this SPA to continue the ANF Environmental Restoration – Job Training and Youth Development program with SGVCC that has been extended by one year through June 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND: In November 21, 2019, the Governing Board (Resolution 19-48) authorized the award of a contract up to \$112,000 to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for youth to provide restore and enhance U.S. forest resources to be completed by June 30, 2020. Due to COVID-19 State and local stay at home orders the U.S. Forest Service approved a one-year extension of the Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) 15-PA-11050100-020, Modification 2 obligated up to \$125,000 to be spent on youth engagement projects (Exhibit A: SPA Amendment). This action will increase the contract value up to the maximum value allowed under the SPA agreement.

U.S. Forest Service has worked closely with local Conservation Corps to mitigate human impact on public lands by engaging them in partnerships that will not only educate and train youth and young adults to practice conservation but will also accomplish much needed restoration tasks that help protect forest resources. These projects may include but are not limited to pollution abatement, recreation site restoration, watershed restoration, trail restoration, environmental education, forestry protection, community engagement and education, resource protection and youth job training and development. Projects to be completed within the San Gabriel Canyon Improvement Project Area and including Azusa River Wilderness Park and Mt Baldy Habitat Preserve.

FISCAL INFORMATION: This action will increase the contract agreement by \$13,000 for a new not to exceed value of \$125,000 utilizing federal funding obligated under US Forest Service Special Projects Agreement (SPA) 15-PA-11050100-020 Mod 2 and extended through June 30, 2021..



USDA Forest Service

Exhibit A

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MODIFICATION OF GRANT OR AGREEMENT		PAGE	OF PAGES
		1	5
1. U.S. FOREST SERVICE GRANT/AGREEMENT NUMBER: 15-PA-11050100-020		2. RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR GRANT or AGREEMENT NUMBER, IF ANY:	
		3. MODIFICATION NUMBER: 003	
4. NAME/ADDRESS OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNIT ADMINISTERING GRANT/AGREEMENT (unit name, street, city, state, and zip + 4): USDA Forest Service; Angeles National Forest 701 N. Santa Anita Ave Arcadia, CA 91006		5. NAME/ADDRESS OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNIT ADMINISTERING PROJECT/ACTIVITY (unit name, street, city, state, and zip + 4): Same as block 4.	
6. NAME/ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR (street, city, state, and zip + 4, county): Watershed Conservation Authority 100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road Azusa, CA 91702		7. RECIPIENT/COOPERATOR'S HHS SUB ACCOUNT NUMBER (For HHS payment use only):	
8. PURPOSE OF MODIFICATION			
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:	This modification is issued pursuant to the modification provision in the grant/agreement referenced in item no. 1, above.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE IN PERFORMANCE PERIOD: Extend for one-year from the expiration date to 7/1/2021 due to closures as a result of the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic that impeded work from advancing as planned during current performance period. See section 9 and attached justification.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHANGE IN FUNDING:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (Specify type of modification):		
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the Grant/Agreement referenced in 1, above, remain unchanged and in full force and effect.			
9. ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR DESCRIPTION OF MODIFICATION (add additional pages as needed):			
10. ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION (Check all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Revised Scope of Work		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Revised Financial Plan		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: Extension Justification (Exhibit A); CA Executive Order N33-20 (Exhibit B), USFS Covid19 Memo (Exhibit C)		
11. SIGNATURES			
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: BY SIGNATURE BELOW, THE SIGNING PARTIES CERTIFY THAT THEY ARE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES AND AUTHORIZED TO ACT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS FOR MATTERS RELATED TO THE ABOVE-REFERENCED GRANT/AGREEMENT.			
11.A. COOPERATOR SIGNATURE <small>DocuSigned by:</small> <small>9CF0740E524DWEB...</small> (Signature of Signatory Official)		11.B. DATE SIGNED May 25, 2020	11.C. U.S. FOREST SERVICE SIGNATURE (Signature of Signatory Official)
11.E. NAME (type or print): MARK STANLEY		11.D. DATE SIGNED	
11.G. TITLE (type or print): EXECUTIVE OFFICER		11.F. NAME (type or print): JEROME E. PEREZ	
		11.H. TITLE (type or print): FOREST SUPERVISOR	
12. G&A REVIEW			
12.A. The authority and format of this modification have been reviewed and approved for signature by: CONSTANCE ZIPPERER <small>Digitally signed by CONSTANCE ZIPPERER Date: 2020.05.12 10:27:53 -0700'</small> Constance Zipperer U.S. Forest Service Grants & Agreements Specialist			12.B. DATE SIGNED

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RESOLUTION 2020-19

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WCA19507 TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS FOR US FOREST SERVICE PROJECT 15-PA-11050100-020 MOD 2.

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action approves a resolution to approve an amendment to contract WCA19507 to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for US Forest Service Project 15-PA-11050100-020 Mod 2; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; **NOW**

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. **FINDS** that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. **FINDS** that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated November 21, 2019.
4. **APPROVES** an amendment to contract WCA19507 to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for US Forest Service Project 15-PA-11050100-020 Mod 2 increasing the contract by \$13,000 for a new not to exceed value of \$125,000.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Resolution 2020-19

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On July 16, 2020

Herlinda Chico, Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General