

DATE: September 21, 2017

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Joseph Gonzalez, Project Manager

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 21: Consideration of a resolution to authorize the Chair or designee to award a construction contract for the Oaks Picnic Area Stairway Maintenance Project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) authorize the Governing Board Chair or designee to award a construction contract to a responsible bidder for the Oaks Picnic Area Stairway Maintenance Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Oaks Picnic Area Stairway Maintenance Project seeks to address visitor management issues at the Oaks Picnic Area, a popular concentrated recreational use area in the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, located across from the Oaks Picnic Area and along the East Fork of the San Gabriel River (EFSGR) near the confluence with Cattle Canyon Creek—see Exhibit A: Vicinity Map.

The Project will provide an Outdoor Recreation Access Route (ORAR) that leads down to the EFSGR, as well as planting of native species to control erosion, provide habitat, and discourage river access via informal routes. In addition, this project will replace damaged and/or missing interpretive signage that conveys information about ecological and cultural interests to visitors as they access the River.

BACKGROUND: To respond to increasing public demand, the US Forest Service (USFS) has partnered (through a Master Participatory Agreement and project-specific Supplemental Project Agreement) with the WCA, to plan and implement sustainable recreation in the Angeles National Forest, including along the East Fork of the San Gabriel River.

The Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument are in one of the most populated and culturally diverse areas in the nation. The Oaks Picnic Area is one of the more popular destinations along EFSGR. The primary goal of the proposed Project is to improve an existing access point to the river. Due to the steep bank of the River, a long-term holistic solution for improved access is necessary.

Deferred maintenance elements undertaken by this Project includes activities that are outside of the operational budget for the Angeles National Forest. Specific elements include:

- Implement accessibility improvements to an existing path leading down to the river;
- Planting of native species to discourage river access, provide habitat, and control erosion;
- Replacement of interpretive panel(s), with content conveying information about the protection of sensitive habitat species, the River, and cultural interests;

Collectively, this Project will provide improved access to the river while emphasizing the rarity and value of the area's natural resources. Access improvements will also provide an easier way to remove trash from

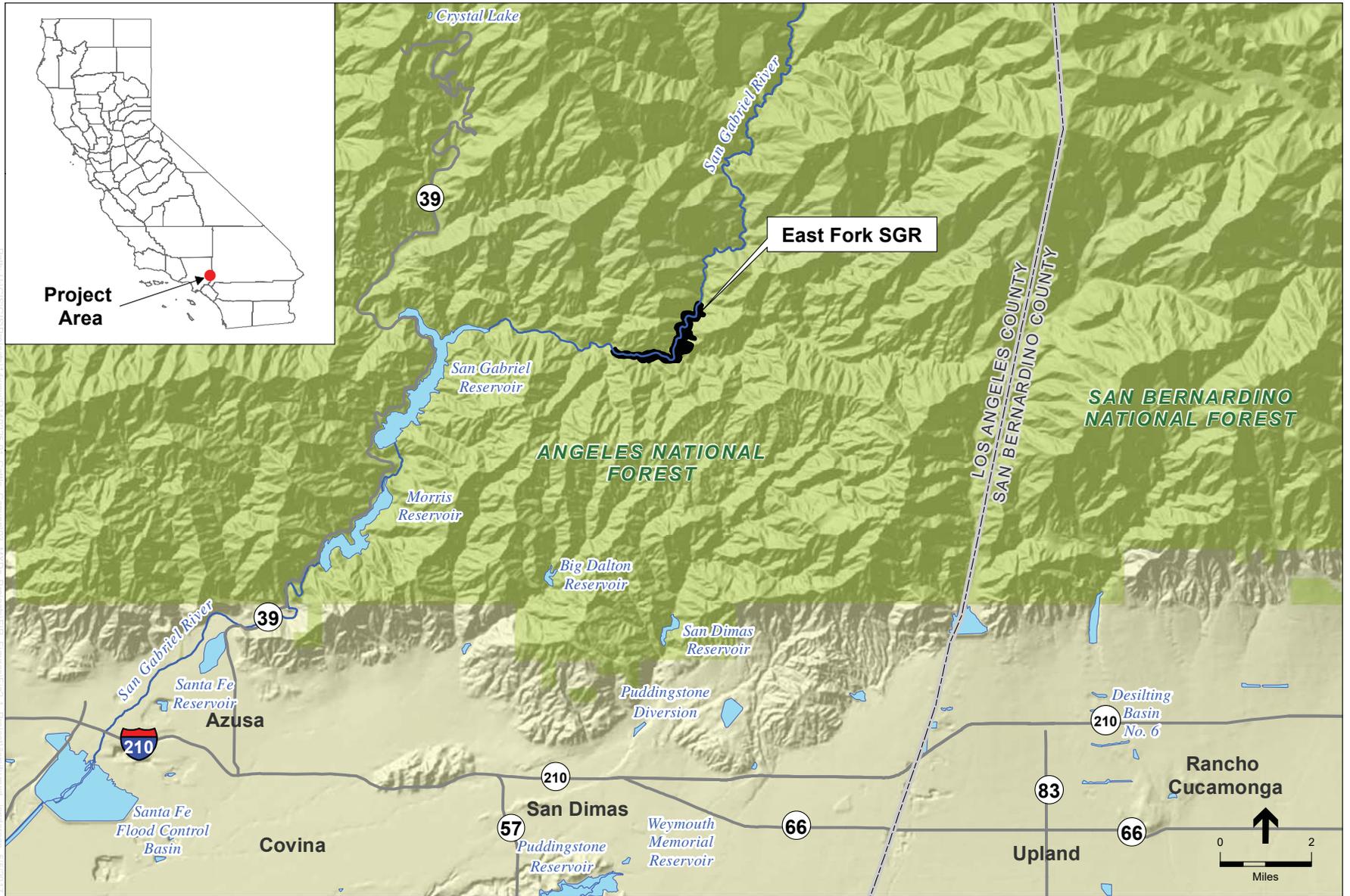
the river and flood plain. This deferred maintenance is part of the Oaks Picnic Area planned improvements (Exhibit B).

Because of the nature of this project and the steep terrain, a permanent solution for safe access exceeded the budget for this scope of work. Construction of an interim solution is intended to build a foundation for later long-term improvements. Two masonry landings and one pier will be constructed in the interim phase and will be built upon for the long-term solution.

The project components would be constructed in three phases over an estimated 3-month period, with the start date contingent upon funding being secured and approvals being received by November 2017. Project funding from private grants from the Resource Legacy Fund and National Forest Foundation both expire on February 28, 2018, which is the project's substantial completion date. Table 1 summarizes the major tasks proposed for each phase. Construction drawings are currently being finalized to be reviewed and approved by Forest Service (along with the Statement of Work). A Project draft Statement of Work is included as Exhibit C for further details.

A project estimate was completed 5/24/17 with an updated construction estimate of \$125,321—see Exhibit D. The project budget has been updated for this amount, and a construction contract is expected for a value not to exceed \$130,000.

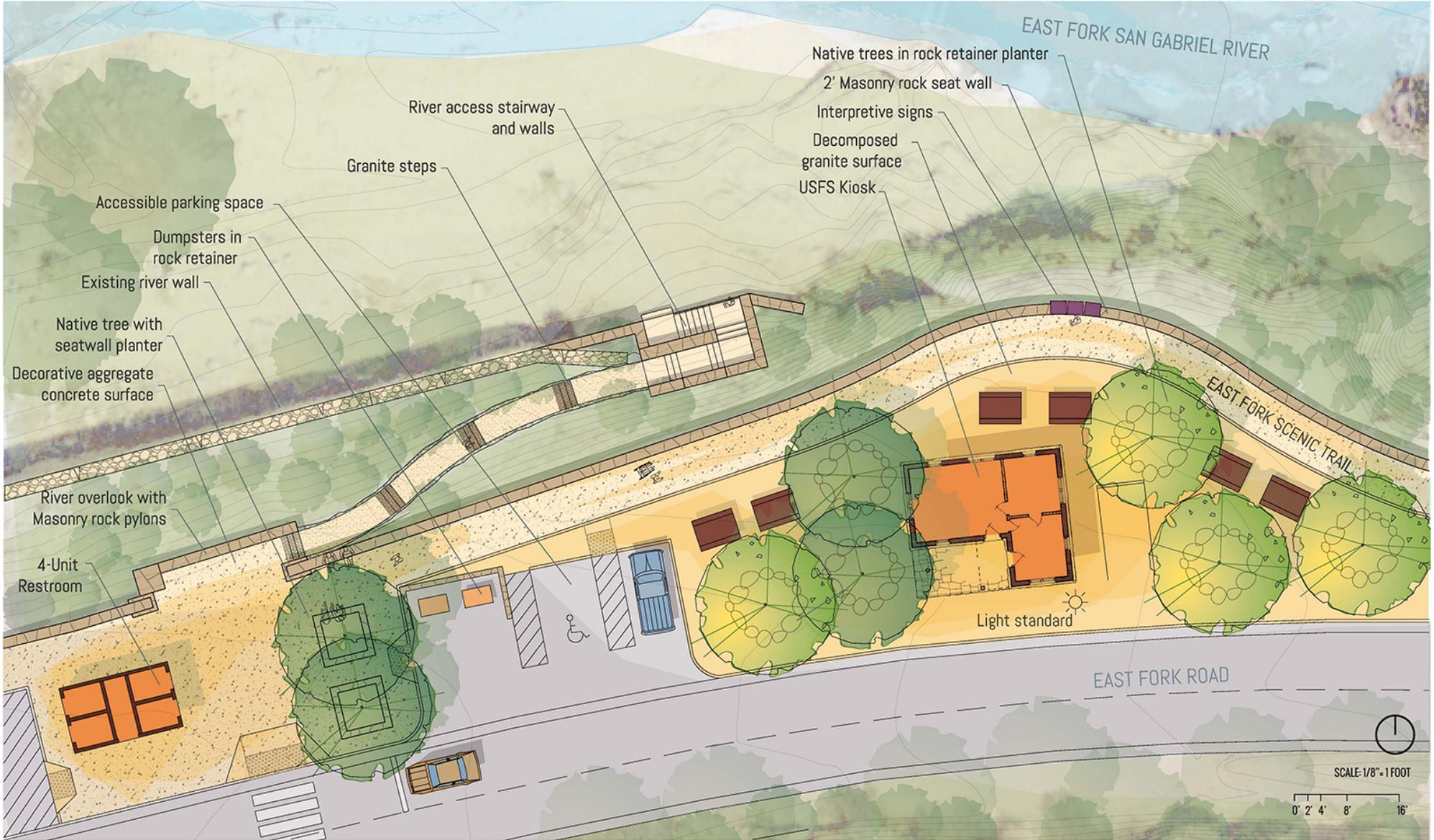
FISCAL INFORMATION: Based on an updated project estimated provided by BlueGreen (5/24/17), the interim solution total project cost is \$310,000. WCA has secured \$84,114 directly from The Resources Legacy Fund and a Strategic Project Grant from the National Forest Foundation in the amount of \$152,000. Additionally, there is an informal agreement to receive funding from Forest Service through an existing Supplemental Project Agreement for the remainder of the project costs—negotiations are still pending.



East Fork of the San Gabriel River (EFSGR) near the confluence with Cattle Canyon Creek

SOURCE: ESRI

Project Vicinity



OAKS OVERLOOK SCHEMATIC PLAN

Draft prepared by the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA)**DRAFT STATEMENT OF WORK**

PROJECT NAME: Oaks Picnic Area Stairway Maintenance Project

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The *Oaks Picnic Area Stairway Maintenance Project* seeks to address visitor management issues at the Oaks Picnic Area, a popular concentrated recreational use area in the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, located across from the Oaks Picnic Area and along the East Fork of the San Gabriel River (EFSGR) near the confluence with Cattle Canyon Creek. The Project proposes to help achieve more sustainable recreation by providing accessible river access and visitors information about the importance of river health and the protection of sensitive/special status riparian and aquatic species.

The Oaks Picnic Area is a major destination for regional visitors that are drawn to the area for its natural beauty, miles of wilderness trails, picnicking, and easy access to the river within a few hundred feet of the roadway. This developed recreation site offers easy roadside access, connected parking, interpretive signage, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and trash receptacles. These amenities draw notably high levels of use that together with limited management resources has resulted in degraded facilities that compounds the ecological degradation caused by visitors. Currently, visitors wishing to access the river from Oaks Picnic Area utilize an informal trail across the road which has uneven, steep steps constructed of interlocking, precast concrete crib wall components.

Seeking to address these visitor management issues at the Oaks Picnic Area, the *Project* will provide an *Outdoor Recreation Access Route (ORAR)* that leads down to the EFSGR, as well as planting of native species to control erosion, provide habitat, and discourage river access via informal routes. In addition, this project will replace damaged and/or missing interpretive signage that conveys information about ecological and cultural interests to visitors as they access the River.

PROJECT PARTNERS

To respond to increasing public demand, the US Forest Service (USFS) has partnered (through a Master Participatory Agreement and project-specific Supplemental Project Agreement) with the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA), a joint powers authority between the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), to plan and implement sustainable recreation in the Angeles National Forest, including along the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. The *Oaks Picnic Area Stairway Maintenance Project* is funded through grants from the USFS, National Forest Foundation, and Resource Legacy Fund, with support from San Gabriel Mountains Forever, local stakeholders, and others.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument are in one of the most populated and culturally diverse areas in the nation.

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The Oaks Picnic Area is one of the most popular destinations along EFSGR. The primary goal of the proposed Project is to improve an existing access point to the river. Due to the steep bank of the River, a long-term holistic solution for improved access is necessary.

Deferred maintenance elements undertaken by this Project includes activities that are outside of the operational budget for the Angeles National Forest. Specific elements include:

- Implement accessibility improvements to an existing path leading down to the river;
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PROJECT LOCATION

Oaks Picnic Area Stairway Maintenance Project site is located in the vicinity of Oaks Picnic Area along the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. The site is within the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest (ANF) and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and is owned by the federal government and managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

The Angeles National Forest (ANF) of the U.S. Forest Service is located in the San Gabriel Mountains, in Los Angeles County and partially in San Bernardino County.

PROPOSED ACTION

Proposed Work and personnel support will include:

1. WCA procurement of consultant services, as needed to provide technical resources.
2. WCA led development of a draft Stairway Maintenance Project Plan. This document will provide a detail overview of the proposed deferred maintenance improvements, including specification, callouts for replacement equipment, and detailed cost estimates.
3. The theme and content of the replacement interpretive panels.
4. ANF review and comments on draft Stairway Maintenance Project Plan.
5. WCA development of final Stairway Maintenance Project Plan, incorporating ANF comments.
6. ANF review of environmental affects/NEPA project clearance, Environmental Assessment/Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA/MND).
7. ANF approval of final Stairway Maintenance Project Plan.
8. WCA implementation of Stairway Maintenance Project Plan. Work will utilize a local youth conservation corps as maintenance contractors to the extent feasible.
9. WCA project management and coordination.

ANF and WCA staffs will communicate regularly to coordinate work to be completed, and to review detail descriptions of work, budgets and schedules for this scope.

Technical Resources Provided through WCA to the level supported by available funding:

1. Project Manager
2. Construction Manager

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3. Landscape Architect
4. Contractor/Youth Conservation Corps
5. Others as needed

Technical Resources Available through the Angeles National Forest for consultation:

1. Resource Specialist/Officer
2. Recreation Specialist/Officer
3. Forest Engineer
4. Landscape Architect
5. NEPA Planner
6. Monument Manager
7. Arborist/Silviculturist
8. Others as needed

Consultant services will perform design/engineering and construction/field observations services. A local conservation corps will be utilized for construction to extent feasible. It is anticipated that construction will require not more than 90 days. Consultant will coordinate with WCA Project Manager and will consult on design and provide:

1. Conceptual site plan and cross-section(s) with a corresponding cost estimate and recommendations for construction materials;
2. Grading and alignment plan;
3. Drawings and specifications with detailed material callouts; and
4. Construction/field observations.

FIRST SEQUENCE TO A LONG-TERM SOLUTION:

Because of the nature of this project and the steep terrain, a permanent solution for safe access exceeded the budget for this scope of work. Construction of an interim solution is intended to build a foundation for later long-term improvements. Two masonry landings and one pier will be constructed in the interim phase and will be built upon for the long-term solution.

The following is a narrative description of the Project's scope of work. Project details can be found in the construction drawings.

Interim Solution:

The interim solution is accomplished with minimal walls, trail improvements, wood and masonry stairs and revegetation. This improvement is designed as an Outdoor Recreation Access Route (ORAR) which would require that the design follow the Forest Service Outdoor Recreation Accessibility Guidelines (FSORAG).

For purposes of the Forest Service Outdoor Recreation Accessibility Guidelines (FSORAG), a trail is a pedestrian route developed primarily for outdoor recreational hiking purposes. A pedestrian route provided primarily to connect elements, spaces, or facilities within a site is not a trail; it is an Outdoor Recreation Access Route (ORAR).

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- DEMO
 - Construction of the interim access route will disturb up to .06 acres of land. by the demolition of existing crib wall steps, loose unconsolidated fill and construction of access route;
 - Demolition and removal of crib walls and steps;
 - Demolition and removal of all accumulated debris and unconsolidated fill;
- SITE PREP
 - The Outdoor Recreation Access Route (ORAR) will be graded based on final site layout plans. According to the preliminary grading plans, 34 cubic yards would be cut, excavated material will be disposed of at a landfill outside of the ANF or stockpiled at the discretion of the USFS;
 - The grading design utilized the existing geology and will require the demolition and/or chiseling of bedrock to accommodate the trail;
 - Compaction of the soils would be in accordance with the recommendations in the geotechnical soils report. All disturbed lands not required for operations that would be temporarily impacted would be revegetated upon completion of construction.
 - Level berm at top of slope;
 - Large partially buried boulders will be placed along top of slope, upper coir mat will be secured with boulders;
- STAIRWAY COMPONENTS
 - Two concrete masonry landings will be constructed at top of slope. The landings will include large footings and may be anchored to bedrock. The lower landing will include two concrete steps. The riverside of the upper landing will have a cobble masonry face and wood handrail. The landings constructed for interim phase will remain to be utilized in the *Long-Term Solution* as presented in San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Administrative Draft EIS/EIR;
 - A set of four wood stairs will mount onto the landings/pier;
 - A series of nine cast-in-place concrete steps is integrated into the lower trail;
 - Slope of existing trail modified to meet Outdoor Recreation Access Route (ORAR) standards, running slopes shall not exceed 1:10 (10 percent), maximum length of segment between resting intervals is 30 feet;
 - The Access Route will be surfaced with stabilized and compacted decomposed granite;
 - Protect slope and Access Route with masonry armoring per construction plan and details;
- INTERPRETIVE PANELS
 - Masonry pylon will be located at the trailhead and can be used as the base of interpretive display;
 - Interpretive panel(s);
- HILLSIDE
 - Hillside revegetation for habitat and erosion control, includes container planting and hydroseeding. The following species will be used for upland plantings: yucca (*Hesperoyucca whipplei*), California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*), birch leaf mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*), blue elderberry (*Sambucus*

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nigra ssp caerulea), chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*), chaparral needlegrass (*Acnatherum coronatum*), laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*), white sage (*Salvia apiana*) and black sage (*Salvia mellifera*). Tree species are as follows: Interior live oak (*Quercus wizlizeni*);

- Planting and seeding will be completed (as much as possible) between September and January to benefit from winter rains and be mature enough to withstand summer heat;
- Irrigation will be by water truck and hose.

Long Term Solution:

The design for a more permanent River Access Route is included in the San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Improvements Administrative Draft EIS/EIR;

- The stairway proposed for the River Access Route Access would be built into an approximately 40 linear-foot extension of the existing river wall, with a maximum height of 9 feet;
- Extension of the existing river wall will close gap between end of the wall and the bedrock upstream;
- Project retains elements of *Interim Solution* including masonry landings and pier;
- Slope of the upper trail is modified to not exceed 5 percent;
- Trailhead incorporates overlook, rock walls, steps and masonry piers;
- Hillside revegetation for habitat and erosion control.

SITE PREP, ACCESS AND STAGING

Access routes for construction vehicles will be restricted to Highway 39 and East Fork Road. Staging area will be located across from the Oaks Picnic Area, on the earthen roadside, western side of East Fork Road. Public access will be maintained on East Fork Road during construction;

A staging area will be established with temporary construction fencing and will include soil stockpile area, equipment storage area, concrete washout, porta-potty, solid waste dumpster and fueling area;

No construction activities, equipment, infrastructure or project generated materials will be allowed in the active stream channel. Construction equipment may include excavator, loader, graders, backhoe, dump truck, hydraulic jack hammer, and other standard equipment;

Landscape architect will tag native vegetation to be protected and document all native vegetation to be removed with photographs and diagram. One existing mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*) will be protected with temporary construction fencing. A patch of California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*) located above the river wall will be protected with temporary construction fencing;

Erosion control measure to be installed per Erosion Control Plan approved by ANF;

Ruderal vegetation will be cleared and grubbed.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

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Table 1
Project Construction Schedule

| Construction Phase | Anticipated Duration |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Site Preparation, Demolition | 90 Days from Notice to Proceed |
| 2. Excavation, Construction of Masonry Armoring, Landings, Steps and Handrails | |
| 3. Trail Edging and Surfacing, Planting and Hydroseeding | |

BUDGET

Based on an updated project estimated provided by BlueGreen on 5/24/17, the interim solution total project cost is \$310,000. WCA has secured \$84,114 directly from The Resources Legacy Fund and a Strategic Project Grant from the National Forest Foundation in the amount of \$152,000.

NEXT STEPS

- Project approval for Statement of Work and Plan Set by ANF;
- Approval and transmittal of additional project funding from ANF to WCA;
- ANF provide Notice to Proceed to issue construction RFB;
- WCA and ANF review bids;
- WCA Board approves construction contract(s);
- Award construction contract(s).

PROJECT OPERATIONS AND MAINENANCE (*INFORMATION ONLY*)

Current operation and maintenance activities include routine maintenance of recreation areas by ANF staff. Routine maintenance includes trash pickup, litter abatement, graffiti removal, cleaning and restocking restrooms, minor repairs and exterior upkeep, maintaining roads and trails, and similar activities. While completing maintenance activities, ANF staff often answers questions from visitors and check for compliance with posted regulations. Maintenance intervals are varied based on visitation and overall use.

This project's scope of work excludes future operations and maintenance activities. The project presumes ANF staff will incorporate maintenance as part of their O&M of the Oaks Picnic Area.

Future operations and maintenance upon project completion will require the following:

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1. All container plants are to be hand watered for two years. It is expected that water application will be higher in first year, and application rates can be reduced in the second year in order to wean the plant from irrigation. Maintain a 4” deep by 25” x 15” hand dug basin to keep irrigation water at the root zone. Basins must be maintained prior to watering.

| SAMPLE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE FOR OAKS ACCESS BY MONTH FOR FIRST YEAR (NUMBER OF IRRIGATION EVENTS PER MONTH. FIVE GALLONS OF WATER WILL BE SUPPLIER PER PLANT, PER IRRIGATION EVENT.) | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT |
| 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

2. The path of travel along access trail and stairs shall be maintained to the designed grade, free of sluff, debris, holes and trip hazards.
3. Ongoing invasive weed control will be monthly. Weed will be removed by hand. Invasive weed removal can be combined with plant maintenance visit.
4. Sites should be monitored monthly with site visits for the first year after planting (both to check on plant success and new invasive species), every other month in year 2 to 3.

Oaks Access Estimate¹

| | | Project Area: | | 2,952 S.F. | | |
|--|--|---------------|-------|-------------|----|-------------------|
| Category | Description | Quantity | Unit | Unit Rate | | TOTAL |
| DIVISION 01 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS | | | | | | |
| TEMPORARY FACILITIES AND CONTROLS | | | | | | |
| EXECUTION | SWPPP and Erosion Control | 2,952 | SF | \$ 1.00 | \$ | 2,952 |
| | Mobilization | 2,952 | SF | \$ 0.60 | \$ | 1,771 |
| | Construction Survey & Staking | 2,952 | SF | \$ 1.25 | \$ | 3,690 |
| TOTAL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS | | | | | | \$ 8,413 |
| DIVISION 02 - EXISTING CONDITIONS | | | | | | |
| Section 02 41 00 Demolition: | | | | | | |
| | Protect in place existing wall | 1 | LS | \$ 600.00 | \$ | 600 |
| | Remove and dispose existing steps and rubble | 1 | LS | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ | 2,500 |
| TOTAL EXISTING CONDITIONS | | | | | | \$ 3,100 |
| DIVISION 05 - METALS | | | | | | |
| 05 52 00 Metal Railings | | | | | | |
| | Metal railings @ access point | 21 | LF | \$ 150.00 | \$ | 3,150 |
| TOTAL METALS | | | | | | \$ 3,150 |
| DIVISION 06 - WOOD | | | | | | |
| 06000 Wood Stairs | | | | | | |
| | Wood stairs | 24 | SF | \$ 100.00 | \$ | 2,400 |
| | Wood railings | 16 | LF | \$ 50.00 | \$ | 800 |
| TOTAL WOOD | | | | | | \$ 3,200 |
| DIVISION 10 - SPECIALTIES | | | | | | |
| Section 10 14 00 Signage: | | | | | | |
| | Interpretive Sign (graphic production and fabrication by BlueGreen) ² | 1 | LS | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ | 6,000 |
| TOTAL SPECIALTIES | | | | | | \$ 6,000 |
| DIVISION 31 - EARTHWORK | | | | | | |
| Section 31 11 00 Site Clearing: | | | | | | |
| | Clearing and Grubbing | 1 | ALLOT | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ | 2,000 |
| Section 31 22 00 Grading: | | | | | | |
| | Rough Grading | | | | | |
| | Excavation | 34 | CY | \$ 25.00 | \$ | 850 |
| | Bedrock excavation | 1 | ALLOT | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ | 3,500 |
| | Fine Grading | 2,952 | SF | \$ 3.00 | \$ | 8,856 |
| | Export | 34 | CY | \$ 60.00 | \$ | 2,040 |
| TOTAL EARTHWORK | | | | | | \$ 17,246 |
| DIVISION 32 - EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS | | | | | | |
| Section 32 13 13 Concrete Paving | | | | | | |
| | Concrete steps and landings | 131 | SF | \$ 30.00 | \$ | 3,930 |
| Section 32 15 00 Trail Surfacing | | | | | | |
| | Compact native soil, sifted to 1/4 minus | 373 | SF | \$ 6.00 | \$ | 2,238 |
| Section 32 14 40 Mortared Stone Curb: | | | | | | |
| | Mortared Stone Curb | 128 | LF | \$ 26.00 | \$ | 3,328 |
| | Rock water bars | 3 | EA | \$ 500.00 | \$ | 1,500 |
| Section 32 32 19 Masonry Rock Retaining Walls | | | | | | |
| Masonry pylon | River Access Point Walls ³ | 58 | LF | \$ 880.00 | \$ | 51,040 |
| | Masonry pylon (base for signage) | 1 | LS | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ | 3,000 |
| Section 32 84 00 Planting Irrigation: | | | | | | |
| | Cocoon brand temporary irrigation | 1 | ALLOT | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ | 1,800 |
| | Water truck | 1 | ALLOT | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ | 1,500 |
| Section 32 90 00 Restoration Planting: | | | | | | |
| | Soil Amendment/Planting Prep | 2,237 | SF | \$ 0.50 | \$ | 1,119 |
| | Fine grading / weed control | 2,237 | SF | \$ 0.25 | \$ | 559 |
| | Hydroseeding | 2,237 | SF | \$ 1.50 | \$ | 3,356 |
| Restoration Container Planting⁴ | | | | | | |
| | 15 gallon | 25 | EA | \$ 75.00 | \$ | 1,875 |
| | 5 gallon | 75 | EA | \$ 30.00 | \$ | 2,250 |
| | 1 gallon | 50 | EA | \$ 15.00 | \$ | 750 |
| TOTAL EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS | | | | | | \$ 78,244 |
| TOTAL DIRECT COST | | | | | | \$ 119,353 |

Oaks Access Estimate¹

| | | Project Area: 2,952 S.F. | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------|---------------|-------------------|
| Category | Description | Quantity | Unit | Unit Rate | TOTAL |
| Contingency | | 0.050 | | \$ 119,353.45 | \$ 5,968 |
| TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST | | | | | \$ 125,321 |

Notes:

1. Cost estimate based on unit prices from similar landscape projects, accounting for the fact that the project is steeper and more remote than the average project.
2. Sum based on costs for porcelain enamel signage at previous BG project.
3. Based on cost of labor plus 30 CY concrete @ \$1,000/CY.
4. Shrubs and trees calculated @ 4' O.C. spacing.

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RESOLUTION 2017-38

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR OR DESIGNEE TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE OAKS PICNIC AREA STAIRWAY MAINTENANCE PROJECT.

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 authorizes the Chair, or designee to award a construction contract for the Oaks Picnic Area Stairway Maintenance Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); 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 CEQA.
3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated September 21, 2017.
4. **AUTHORIZES** the Chair, or designee to award a construction contract for the Oaks Picnic Area Stairway Maintenance project for a value not to exceed \$130,000.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Resolution 2017-38

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On September 21, 2017

M. Janet Chin, Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General