

DATE: July 19, 2018

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Michelle Tarian, Associate Project Manager

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 11: Consideration of a resolution to ratify the application for and approve the acceptance of grant funds from Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the River Wilderness Park Entry Project (RMC14001).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Watershed Conservation Authority Governing Board ratify the application for and accept grant funds of \$74,956 from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the River Wilderness Park Entry Project (RMC 14011) increasing the total grant amount to \$530,953 and extending the grant performance period to June 30, 2020. (Exhibit A: Request Letter)

DESCRIPTION: The River Wilderness Park Entry Project funded by a Rivers and Mountains Conservancy grant will complete construction design documents for the River Wilderness Park entry section also known as Canyon Inn Property. Exhibit B: Conceptual Site Plan. This will be the fourth amendment to the grant with the prior amendments including adjustment to schedule and increase of the grant amount.

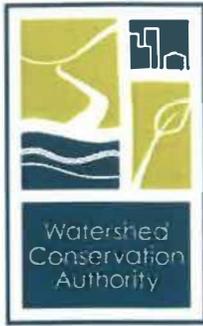
BACKGROUND: In the fall of 2008, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) completed its purchase of the Canyon Inn property with funds awarded from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) as well as the California Natural Resources Agency. On September 2012, the WCA completed the Canyon Inn conceptual plan with the remaining acquisition funds. The WCA Board formally adopted the Canyon Inn conceptual plan and incorporated the plan into the River Wilderness Park (RWP) Master Plan (Exhibit C: RWP Master Plan).

In May 2014, the Watershed Conservation Authority accepted a grant amendment from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy increasing the grant to \$455,998 to complete both environmental clearances and construction design documents for the entry improvements including, a roundabout, an extension of the San Gabriel Bikeway Trail, and traffic calming measures along State Route 39 to facilitate a safer crossing into the RWP, as well as, park amenities such as restrooms, picnicking areas, a children's adventure play area, pavilion, dry streambeds, native landscaping, overlooks and parking. Also included was the development of conceptual architectural plans for a concessionaire building and welcome center.

To date, WCA has successfully secured approximately \$2.75 million in grant awards to construct the overlook and park amenity features of the plan. Additionally, staff is supporting Los Angeles County Department of Public Works in applying for an ATP Cycle 4 grant to complete roadway improvements including the roundabout and trail extension.

With the additional RMC grant funding requested, the currently 60% completed construction documents will be broken into two separate CD packages (Overlook and Park Amenities) to allow for permitting and construction bid award to move forward. This stepped implementation strategy will allow the funded construction elements to begin while construction funding for the roadway and utility improvements are identified and secured at a later date. Exhibit D: Budget and Exhibit E: Task and Timeline.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The RMC approved \$74,956 in additional funding at its meeting on July 9, 2018 increasing the conservancy contribution to \$530,953. FY18/19 capital budget will be updated for the River Wilderness Park Entry project from \$455,998 to \$530,953 reflecting the additional award of \$74,956 and will be funded by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.



July 2, 2018

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd.
Azusa, CA 91702

Re: River Wilderness Entry Project (RMC14001) Grant Extension

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Mark Stanley

Dear Mr. Stanley:

The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is respectfully requesting an extension through June 30, 2020 and funding augmentation of \$74,956 for the RMC grant for the River Wilderness Park Entry Improvements Project (RMC14001).

Please find attached for your review and approval an amended project schedule/timeline and Budget. This time extension and budget update is being requested as the result of delays due to complexity of entitlements and the funding necessity to implement the project in three steps: Overlook; Park Improvements; and Entry Roundabout. Coordination is on-going with the City of Azusa, Caltrans, Southern California Edison, Azusa Light and Water, and LA County Public Works to deliver three separate Construction Document (CD) packages for permitting to implement the stepped construction strategy. The consultants are prepared to work to forward the findings for the Overlook and Park Improvements to complete these permit set and then the 100% construction drawing package now.

The funding update is related to geotechnical and the added A/E fees needed to develop and submit for permit approval and later bidding two separate CD sets. A roundabout/road/utility third package will follow under a separate funding augmentation and approval process to be coordinated with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works as part of their efforts to obtain a Cycle 4 Active Transportation Grant from the State.

Thank you for your consideration, if you have any questions, please contact the WCA project manager, Deborah Enos at denos@wca.ca.gov or at (626) 815-1019 ext. 112.

Sincerely,

M. Janet Chin
Governing Board Chair

Enclosures: Updated Exhibit A (Task/Timeline) and Exhibit B (Task/Budget) for RMC14001

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- EXTENDED BICYCLE PATH
- MONUMENT SIGN
- CLUSTERED PARKING
- REALIGNED ROADWAY
- ENTRY GATE
- INTERPRETIVE TRAIL
- GROUP PICNICKING & TENT CAMPING (BY PERMIT)

RIVER WILDERNESS PARK ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS



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| WESTERN BANK | AZUSA SPRINGS |
| ■ NATURE TRAIL | ■ TENT CAMPING (BY PERMIT) |
| ■ RIVER OVERLOOK | ■ NATURE TRAIL |
| ■ HABITAT RESTORATION | ■ HABITAT RESTORATION |
| ■ INTERPRETIVE SIGN | ■ INTERPRETIVE INSTALLATIONS |
| POINT BAR | THE TRIANGLE |
| ■ NATURE TRAIL | ■ HABIT RESTORATION |
| ■ HABITAT RESTORATION | ■ RIVER VIEW BENCH |

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| HIGHWAY 39 | CANYON INN | EL ENCANTO |
| ■ ROUNDABOUT | ■ CAFE/BAKERY WITH RESTROOMS & CATERING VEHICLE HOOK-UP | ■ RIVER VIEW TERRACE |
| ■ BICYCLE PATH CROSSES UNDER BRIDGE | ■ PAVILION (BY FEE) | ■ PUBLIC COURTYARD |
| ■ TRAFFIC CALMING | ■ LOOP NATURE TRAIL | ■ OFFICES & CONFERENCE ROOM |
| ■ INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE | ■ BICYCLE REST STOP | |
| ■ PARK ENTRY SIGN | ■ PICNIC AREA | NEWMAN'S ROOST (SPECIAL USE AREA) |
| ■ RIVER OVERLOOK | ■ ADVENTURE PLAY | ■ HILLSIDE THEATER |
| SHADY GROVE | | ■ LOW FLOW BROOK & HIGH-FLOW STREAM |
| ■ GROUP PICNIC (BY FEE) | | ■ PARK SHELTER |
| ■ TENT CAMPING (BY PERMIT) | | ■ PICNIC AREAS |
| ■ ADVENTURE DAY CAMP | | ■ ADA ACCESSIBLE PATH |
| | | ■ RESTROOM |
| | | ■ INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS |
| | | ■ TRAIL TO GAGING STATION |

RIVER WILDERNESS PARK MASTER PLAN

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BlueGreen CONSULTING



NEWMAN'S ROOST (SPECIAL-USE AREA)

River Wilderness Park Entry Improvements - RMC14001

Exhibit D – Budget

Total Project Budget Update

Project Management/RFP Development/Design Reviews/Grant Administration	\$ 60,000
• Task 1.1 - Develop Request for Proposal (RFP)	
• Task 1.2 - Release & Advertise RFP	
• Task 1.3 - Proposal Evaluation & Selection	
• Task 1.4 - Consultant Contract Award	
• Task 1.5 - Project Management	
• Task 1.6 - Grant Administration	
• Task 1.7 - Design Reviews	
Construction Documents – Design Consultant(s)	\$459,467
• Task 2 - Initiation of Construction Design Package Development	
• Task 3 - Design Development to 30% CDs	
• Task 4 - Task 4 - 60%, 90%, & 100% Construction Documents	
• Task 5 - Permitting & Entitlements	
• Task 6 - Environmental Analysis / Filing for CEQA	
Contingency	\$ 11,487
Grand Total – Approved by RMC Board	<u>\$530,954</u>

RMC Grant Current

Project Management/RFP Development/Design Reviews/Grant Administration	\$45,000
• Task 1.1 - Develop Request for Proposal (RFP)	
• Task 1.2 - Release & Advertise RFP	
• Task 1.3 - Proposal Evaluation & Selection	
• Task 1.4 - Consultant Contract Award	
• Task 1.5 - Project Management	
• Task 1.6 - Grant Administration	
• Task 1.7 - Design Reviews	
Construction Documents – Design Consultant(s)	\$365,998
• Task 2 - Initiation of Construction Design Package Development	
• Task 3 - Design Development to 30% CDs	
• Task 4 - Task 4 - 60%, 90%, & 100% Construction Documents	
• Task 5 - Permitting & Entitlements	
• Task 6 - Environmental Analysis / Filing for CEQA	
Contingency (10% of design)	\$45,000
Grand Total – Approved by RMC Board	<u>\$455,998</u>
Budget Augmentation	\$74,956

River Wilderness Park Entry Improvements

- RMC14001 Exhibit E - Tasks & Timeline

Scope of Work	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018				2019				2020		
					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	
Task 1 - Project Management/Grant Management	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Task 2 - Conceptual Design and Site Analysis	█														
Task 3 - Design Development to 30% CDs	█	█													
Task 4 - 60%, 90%, & 100% Construction Documents		█	█	█				█	█	█	█				█
Task 5 - Permitting & Entitlements				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Task 6 - Environmental Analysis / Filing for CEQA			█	█											
Close Out Grant															█

July 19, 2018 - Item 11

RESOLUTION 2018-18

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO 1) RATIFY THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AUGUMENTATION; AND, 2) ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FOR THE RIVER WILDERNESS PARK ENTRY PROJECT (RMC14001).

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (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 ratifies the grant application for the River Wilderness Park Entry Project grant (RMC 14011); and

WHEREAS, this action will ratify the application for grant funds from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, this action will accept additional grant funds of \$74,956 from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy grant (RMC 14001); 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 July 19, 2018.
4. **RATIFIES** the grant application to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the River Wilderness Park Entry Project (RMC14001); and
5. **ACCEPTS** grant augmentation funds of \$74,956 from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy increasing the River Wilderness Park Entry Project (RMC 14001) grant to \$530,953 and extends the performance period through June 30, 2020.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On July 19, 2018

M. Janet Chin, Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General