

DATE: June 20, 2019

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Debbie Enos, Deputy Executive Officer

THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 11: Consideration of a resolution to authorize grant applications to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 program for acquisition, planning and development projects.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Governing Board authorize the submittal of grant applications to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 program for acquisition, planning and development projects for a cumulative request of between \$8 - 10 Million dollars.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Applications to be prepared and submitted to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's (RMC) grant Proposition 68 Program by the WCA are as follows:

1. Azusa River Wilderness Park Entry Development – *park infrastructure and public space amenities including parking and entry improvements, utilities, trail extension, paving and courtyards, restroom facility, picnic area, overlooks, river walk and interpretation.*
2. Duck Farm River Center Development – *facility Improvements and public space amenities including new or remodeled building, sound attenuation walls, restrooms, parking area, seating areas, utilities, outdoor classroom, and interpretation.*
3. East Fork Oaks Trailhead Development at the Oaks Picnic Area – *river walk, river access stairs, parking and general site improvements, restroom, shade structures, picnic area, overlook, and interpretation.*
4. Rainbow Ranch Acquisition – *acquisition and related activities.*
5. Vasquez Overlook Acquisition – *acquisition and related activities.*

A project location map denoting the above five projects is included as Exhibit A.

Additionally, a Gateway Regional Strategic Livability Plan project application is being prepared and will be submitted by the Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA), in partnership with WCA and Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) as a joint application.

BACKGROUND: The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) released a region-wide call for projects for its California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Prop 68) grant program with applications due by July 15, 2019. Chapter 8 of Proposition 68, entitled "State Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board, and Authority

Funding,” allocates one hundred and eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000) to state conservancies for projects according to their governing statutes for their specified purposes.

Funds under this category allocated to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for projects is Thirty- million dollars (\$30,000,000).

WCA’s current portfolio of projects includes three implementation projects that have funding gaps due to specificity of previously awarded funding sources and the eligible project components under those programs. To close the funding gaps and/or provide the previously identified match for these projects, WCA staff recommends applying to the RMC’s Prop 68 grant program for up to \$2 million, depending on final scope in the application, for each of the following implementation projects:

- River Wilderness Park Entry project (Exhibit B) is currently partially funded by both A Proposition 1 grant and Prop A grant for water related infrastructure and Children’s play area and pavilion, respectively. This leaves a funding gap to complete parking and roadway improvements, restroom facility, courtyard and overlook, picnic area, utilities and area development. This grant application of up to \$2 million will help to close the identified remaining gap of approximately \$7 million; while WCA will continue to seek the remaining \$5 million from other sources including County Measure A in the future.
- Duck Farm River Center (Exhibit C) is an expansion of the Duck Farm River Park currently under Construction to include the old farm house location as a community water conservation resource center. Currently, this project is partially funded by a Proposition 1 grant for the water conservation and infrastructure elements of the gardens, leaving a funding gap to complete facility modifications/rebuild and non-water related public amenities including outdoor courtyard/classroom, restrooms, and parking enhancements. Additionally, a \$300k request for County Local funds will be made to supplement design funding to award and begin the design phase of the project this Fall while full funding for the build-out of the project is secured.
- The East Fork River Access Improvements at Oaks Picnic area in the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (Exhibit D) will be the first project coming out of the recently completed Cattle Canyon plan whose CEQA document was certified by the board at the November 2018 board meeting. The WCA previously applied for a Prop 1 grant which is currently being considered for partial award pending U.S. Forest Service completing its Notice of Determination action later this summer or early fall. In the meantime, utilizing a design/planning grant from the National Forest Foundation and Resource Legacy Fund, design for the project is being completed. A partial award from the RMC through their Proposition 1 program, to be considered at the June 24, 2019 board meeting, if awarded will fund the permitting and bid/award phase of the project and thus make the project shovel ready by end of summer 2020. This Prop 68 grant will seek to fund the

implementation gap of the project including parking improvements, river walk, low wall, restrooms, picnic area and overlook, interpretation and supplemental stairway funding.

Additionally, WCA staff recommends applying for the following two acquisition opportunities in the City of Azusa.

- The Rainbow Ranch, 13+/- acres of riparian floodplain, is an opportunity expand the River Wilderness Park consistent with the overall Master Plan for both public use and habitat protection (Exhibit E).
- Vasquez Overlook, 40+/- acres of foothill property, is adjacent to and would provide contiguous access to the 39.8 acres of hillside property (Vasquez I) the WCA currently holds in fee title with views of the San Gabriel Valley, habitat restoration opportunities and potential for regional trail connectivity (Exhibit F).

The Gateway Regional Strategic Livability Plan is conceived as a collaborative project application to be submitted by Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA). The plan would be a collaboration between the GWMA, GCCOG and WCA. The plan will bring together the individual planning work of the three entities for the Gateway Cities (Exhibit G) into a single plan, will develop a collaborative, multi-benefit planning and implementation process and will identify priority projects and prepare conceptualizations for the priority projects to ready them for implementation.

The proposed Gateway Regional Strategic Livability Plan grant request will be between \$400k to \$600k, depending on agreed upon final scope in grant application. The proposed program funding breakdown (not including grant management costs) is:

- 20%-25% Funds for Initial Agency and Planning Document Integration and Coordination
- 25%-30% Funds to identify projects using grant criteria through mapping, cross-connections of projects and grant programs
- 45%-55% funds to identify hotspot project areas and fill in gaps with necessary details and data to maximize project benefits; additional work may include feasibility studies; community outreach & feedback; CEQA; preliminary design report; etc.

The GWMA received unanimous authority from their Governing Board on June 13, 2019 to submit the Prop 68 grant application and administer the grant if awarded. Both GCCOG and WCA would provide reimbursable professional services, under a MOA/MOU conceptually supported in acknowledgement of the grant deliverables (Exhibit H). This document will be brought before the WCA Governing Board at a future date for consideration to enter the agreement for professional services if the grant application is successful. Rough Order of Magnitude range for the professional services contract for this planning grant would be between \$100,000 – \$200,000.

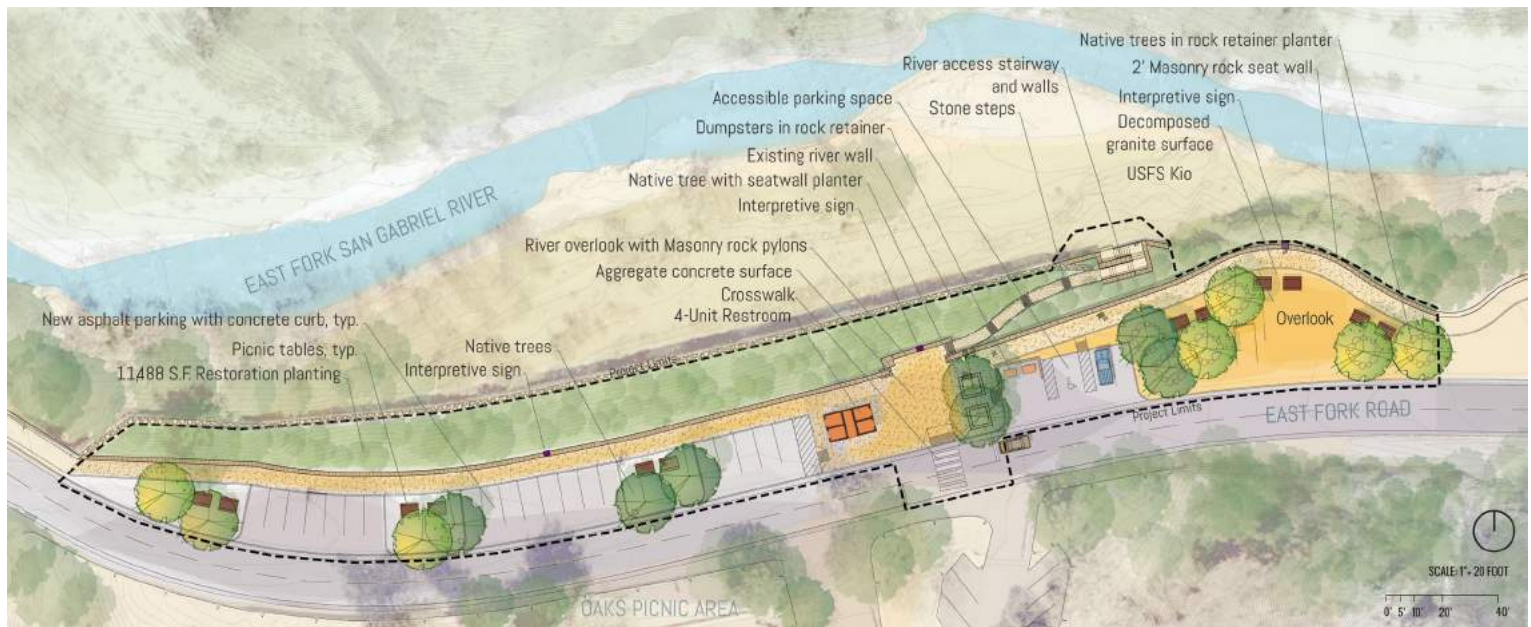
FISCAL INFORMATION: Funds authorized for the Proposition 68 RMC Grant Program total approximately \$30,000,000 and the grant program has no maximum award limit listed. Grants being applied for equate to a total cumulative request of between \$8 – 10 Million. WCA's FY2019/20 capital budget would be updated to reflect any grant(s) awarded and accepted by the Governing Board.

EXHIBIT A: Prop 68 Grants Location Map

EXHIBIT B: Azusa River Wilderness Park Entry Development



EXHIBIT C: Duck Farm River Center Development

EXHIBIT D: East Fork Oaks Trailhead Development

Concept plan for the Oaks Sustainable River Access Solution

Project Features and Amenities

Visitor Amenities

- 4-unit restroom
- Picnic tables
- Dumpsters
- Overlook
- Decomposed granite trail
- Native trees and restoration planting
- Seat walls and seat wall planters
- Interpretive signs

Parking

- 20 standard parking spaces
- Accessible parking
- Crosswalk to Oaks Picnic Area

River Access

- Stairway to river
- Stone steps and walls



Conceptual sketch of the Oaks Sustainable River Access Solution

EXHIBIT E: Rainbow Ranch Acquisition



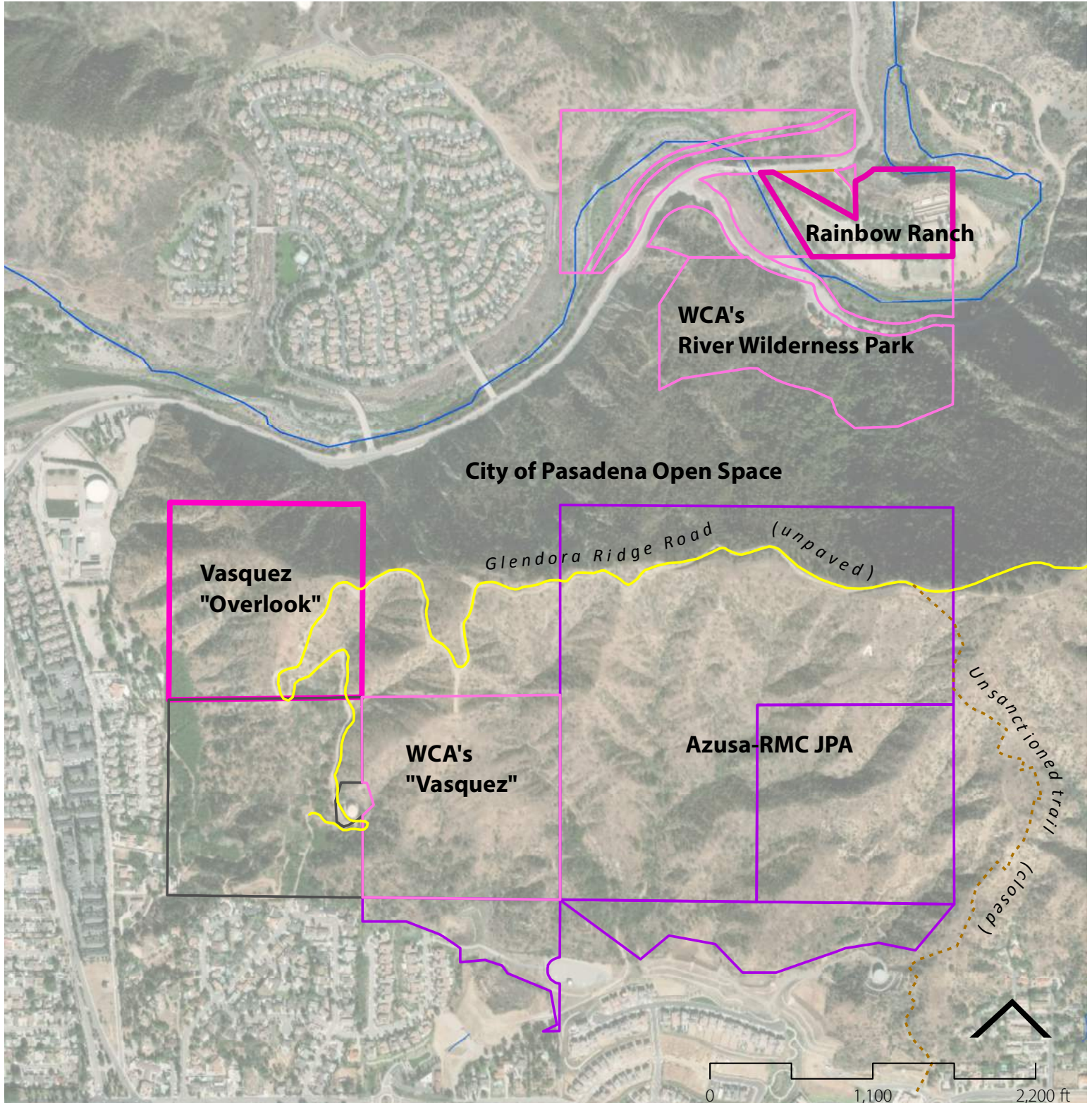
EXHIBIT F: Vasquez Overlook Acquisition

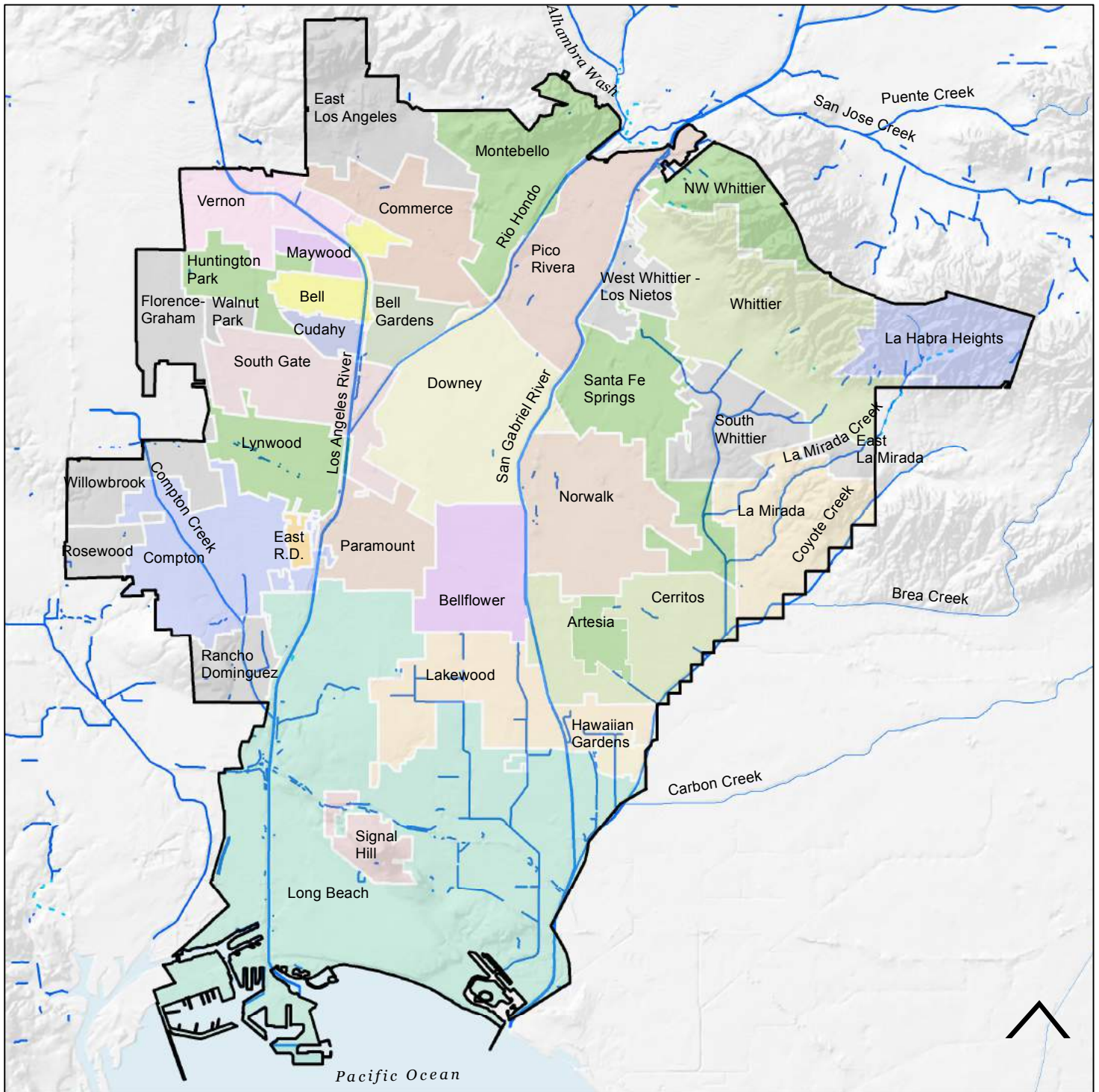
EXHIBIT G: Gateway Cities Area Map

EXHIBIT H: Gateway Regional Strategic Livability Plan Conceptual Support Letter

From: Chico, Herlinda <HChico@bos.lacounty.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 2:36 PM
To: gracekast.gateway@gmail.com
Cc: Deborah Enos <denos@wca.ca.gov>; Alexander Linz <alinz@wca.ca.gov>
Subject: Gateway Water Management Authority Grant

Dear Ms. Kast,

On behalf of the Watershed Conservation Authority, I support in concept the following elements for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 planning grant application:

1. Gateway Water Management Authority will be the grant applicant and will be the grant manager for the project.
2. Project Partners are: Gateway Water Management Authority, Watershed Conservation Authority, and Gateway Cities Council of Governments
3. Proposed Program Funding Breakdown (does not include grant management costs):
 - 20%-25% Funds for Initial Agency and Planning Document Integration and Coordination;
 - 25%-30% Funds to identify projects using grant criteria through mapping, cross-connections of projects and grant programs;
 - 45%-55% funds to identify hotspot project areas and fill in gaps with necessary details and data to maximize project benefits; additional work may include feasibility studies; community outreach & feedback; CEQA; preliminary design report; etc.
4. Grant Request will be between \$400k to \$600k, depending on agreed upon final scope in grant application due on July 15, 2019.
5. Agency funding allocations for project work will be approximately 1/3 per agency partner.
6. Grant management costs will be added/included in grant application to reimburse Gateway Water Management Authority for actual grant management costs (not to exceed 10% of project).

Sincerely,

Herlinda Chico
WCA Governing Board Chair

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RESOLUTION 2019-27

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68), FOR THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK ENTRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the 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 the application to the RMC California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Grant Program for the Azusa River Wilderness Park Entry Development Project; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require the WCA's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State, and

WHEREAS, the WCA, as Applicant, will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Project, 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 June 20, 2019.
4. **APPROVES** the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the RMC proposition 68 Grant Program for the Azusa River Wilderness Park Entry Development under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68); and
5. **CERTIFIES** that the Azusa River Wilderness Park Entry Development is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs; and
6. **CERTIFIES** that the Project is consistent with the goals for Proposition 68 developing urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities; and
7. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration; and
8. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines; and
9. **APPOINTS** the WCA governing board chair, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On June 20, 2019

Herlinda Chico
Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General

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RESOLUTION 2019-28

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68), FOR THE DUCK FARM RIVER CENTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the 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 the application to the RMC California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Grant Program for the Duck Farm River Center Development Project; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require the WCA's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State, and

WHEREAS, the WCA, as Applicant, will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Project, 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 June 20, 2019.
4. **APPROVES** the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the RMC proposition 68 Grant Program for the Duck Farm River Center Development under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68); and
5. **CERTIFIES** that the Duck Farm River Center Development is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs; and
6. **CERTIFIES** that the Project is consistent with the goals for Proposition 68 developing urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities; and
7. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration; and
8. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines; and
9. **APPOINTS** the WCA governing board chair, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

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RESOLUTION 2019-29

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68), FOR THE EAST FORK OAKS TRAILHEAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the 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 the application to the RMC California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Grant Program for the East Fork Oaks Trailhead Development Project; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require the WCA's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State, and

WHEREAS, the WCA, as Applicant, will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Project, 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 approved by the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated June 20, 2019.
4. **APPROVES** the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the RMC proposition 68 Grant Program for the East Fork Oaks Trailhead Development under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68); and
5. **CERTIFIES** that the East Fork Oaks Trailhead Development is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs; and
6. **CERTIFIES** that the Project is consistent with the goals for Proposition 68 developing urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities; and
7. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration; and
8. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines; and
9. **APPOINTS** the WCA governing board chair, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

~ End of Resolution ~

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ATTEST: _____
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RESOLUTION 2019-30

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68), FOR THE RAINBOW RANCH ACQUISITION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the 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 the application to the RMC California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Grant Program for the Rainbow Ranch Acquisition Project; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require the WCA's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State, and

WHEREAS, the WCA, as Applicant, will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Project, 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 June 20, 2019.
4. **APPROVES** the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the RMC proposition 68 Grant Program for the Rainbow Ranch Acquisition under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68); and
5. **CERTIFIES** that the Rainbow Ranch Acquisition is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs; and
6. **CERTIFIES** that the Project is consistent with the goals for Proposition 68 developing urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities; and
7. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration; and
8. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines; and
9. **APPOINTS** the WCA governing board chair, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

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Herlinda Chico
Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
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RESOLUTION 2019-31

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68), FOR THE VASQUEZ OVERLOOK ACQUISITION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the 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 the application to the RMC California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Grant Program for the Vasquez Overlook Acquisition Project; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require the WCA's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State, and

WHEREAS, the WCA, as Applicant, will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Project, 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 June 20, 2019.
4. **APPROVES** the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the RMC proposition 68 Grant Program for the Vasquez Overlook Acquisition under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68); and
5. **CERTIFIES** that the Vasquez Overlook Acquisition is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs; and
6. **CERTIFIES** that the Project is consistent with the goals for Proposition 68 developing urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities; and
7. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration; and
8. **CERTIFIES** that the WCA has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines; and
9. **APPOINTS** the WCA governing board chair, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

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