

**October 1, 2008**  
**Agenda Item X**  
**Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority**

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

| <b>Project Name:</b><br>River Center Cistern  | <b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 50,000  |          |        |          |             |    |
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| <b>Applicant Name:</b><br>Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority   | <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 50,000   |          |        |          |             |    |
| <b>Applicant Address:</b><br><br>570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100<br>Los Angeles, CA 90065<br><br><b>Phone:</b> 323-221-9944<br><b>Fax:</b> 323-221-9934 | <b>Amount of Match:</b> \$ 85,000  |          |        |          |             |    |
|   | <b>Source of Match:</b> NIKE & LA84 Grant  |          |        |          |             |    |
|   | <b>Project Address:</b> 570 West Avenue 26<br>Los Angeles, CA 90065  |          |        |          |             |    |
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**Brief Scope of Work** (60 words maximum):  
 Design and construction of water conservation elements incorporated into the soccer field project at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

**Funding Source Applied for:** Proposition 84

**Narrative/Project Description:**  
 The Los Angeles River Center and Gardens (River Center) includes a concrete tennis court. Several years ago, the net and posts were removed and the court has since been leased to the Anahuak Youth Soccer Association. This youth league utilizes the court for elementary-school age children, who do not require a full-size regulation field. NIKE, Inc. and the LA84 Foundation approached MRCA and Anahuak with a proposal to install state-of-the-art artificial turf through NIKE's "Let Me Play" program. In May 2008, the MRCA's Governing Board authorized acceptance of a grant from NIKE and LA84 for the installation of artificial turf. The existing concrete tennis court will be used as a base for the new field. The soccer field is also referred to as a "futsal court" since it is not full regulation size. The play surface includes the use of materials made from recycled athletic shoes.

The installation of the artificial turf presents an opportunity to increase the River Center's sustainability and create a multi-benefit project. The subject grant would fund the installation of water conservation elements at the field along with the new play surfacing. An underground cistern would capture and collect all rainfall that falls onto the court. The collected water would then be used for irrigation of the adjacent planted space. An interpretive element would also be added, in the form of an educational panel that will contain information about water supply and water quality issues. The panel will be in close proximity to the futsal court and its users.

The requested amount is \$50,000, to be used for design and construction of the cistern and interpretive panel and associated staff costs to oversee the project.

**Analysis:**  
 The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection

Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), allocated funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in Chapter 7, 75050(g)(2) of the Public Resources Code for implementation of watershed protection activities throughout the watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River.

Chapter 1, Section 75005 of Proposition 84 defines the following terms:

(f) "Development" includes, but is not limited to, the physical improvement of real property including the construction of facilities or structures.

(i) "Interpretation" includes, but is not limited to, a visitor serving amenity that educates and communicates the significance and value of natural, historical, and cultural resources in a way that increases the understanding and enjoyment of these resources.

(m) "Protection" means those actions necessary to prevent harm or damage to persons, property or natural resources or those actions necessary to allow the continued use and enjoyment of property or natural resources and includes acquisition, development, restoration, preservation and interpretation.

(n) "Restoration" means the improvement of physical structures or facilities. . .Restoration projects shall include the planning, monitoring and reporting necessary to ensure successful implementation of the project objectives.

The Los Angeles River Center is within the Upper Los Angeles River watershed. The cistern project is consistent with Proposition 84's policy to promote access and enjoyment of land and water resources. All of the activities planned under this grant can be considered development, interpretation, protection, or restoration for purposes of Proposition 84 because they physically improve the lands being used for the park. All of the project elements are visitor-serving amenities that either educate and communicate the significance and value of natural resources, or contribute directly to the conservation of water resources.

All elements of the project fit within the definitions of eligible activities (development, interpretation, protection, restoration). The installation of a cistern is development, the physical improvement of real property. The interpretive panel will serve an interpretive function for the purposes of Proposition 84. Installation of the cistern falls under the definitions of development and protection as well as restoration. The definition of restoration specifically includes planning as an eligible activity. The terms "restoration" and "protection" are cross-referenced. Section 75050(g)(2) allocates funds for protection. Therefore, the planning and design elements of this project are consistent with Proposition 84.

The General Obligation Bond Law provides that bond funds may be used for the construction and acquisition of "capital assets." Capital assets include major maintenance, reconstruction, demolition for purposes of reconstruction of facilities, and retrofitting work that is ordinarily done no more often than once every 5 to 15 years or expenditures that continue or enhance the useful life of the capital asset. "Capital assets" also includes equipment with an expected useful life of two years or more.

This project is for the development of a capital asset, that is, a land and water resource in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed. As such, it is a proper expenditure of bond funds. In addition, the activities that this grant will fund will enhance the useful life of the court and on that basis as well qualify as capital assets for purposes of the General Obligation Bond Law.

| <b>Tasks / Milestones:</b> | <b>Budget:</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Planning/Construction    | \$ 50,000.00   |

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

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*Signature of Authorized Representative*

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*Date*

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