



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle  
Chairperson  
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**Grant Application - Proposition 40  
Trails Restoration and Resource Protection Project**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for Proposition 40 grant funding for the Trails Restoration and Resource Protection Project. The MRCA requests a grant in the amount of \$330,000 from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 which provides \$2.6 billion in bond funds for projects and grants for neighborhood parks, outdoor recreation, protection of wildlife habitat, open space, rangeland, clean beaches, water quality and watershed protection and restoration, air pollution projects, and preservation of cultural and historic resources. Proposition 40 allocates \$40 million to the SMMC for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources in accordance with the Conservancy Act. (PRC Section 5096.650(b)).

The proposed grant funding would be utilized for deferred trail system restoration and major repairs at multiple MRCA park locations. Currently, a large backlog in major trail repairs exists due to years of deferred maintenance, heavy public use, slope failures, and other depreciative activities. Furthermore, the amount of needed work is above and beyond what routine trail repair funding and personnel resources would otherwise provide. Please refer to the attached grant application and project overview for a listing of 17 specific repair locations. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Tholund, the project manager, at (818) 871-9645 extension 31.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Berger  
Chairperson