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Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
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**Grant Application - Proposition 40
Minor Capital Outlay and Resource Protection Project**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for Proposition 40 grant funding for the 'Minor Capital Outlay and Resource Protection Project'. The MRCA requests a grant in the amount of \$473, 300 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 major maintenance and repairs at multiple MRCA park locations. Currently, a major backlog in park major maintenance and repairs exists due to years of deferred maintenance, heavy public use, depreciative activities, and normal wear and tear. Furthermore, the amount of needed repairs is far greater than what routine maintenance funding and personnel resources can provide. Please refer to the attached grant application and project overview for a listing of 28 specific repair locations, with cost estimates for each sub-category of repair. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Tholund, the project manager, at (818) 871-9645 extension 31.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Berger
Chairperson