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July 8, 2022

Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee
Safe, Clean Water Program
Los Angeles County Public Works
900 S. Fremont Ave
Alhambra, CA 91803

RE: The Nature Conservancy's Bowtie Demonstration Project, Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) Regional Infrastructure Program Proposal

Dear Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee,

On behalf of Los Angeles County's First Supervisorial District, I strongly support the above-entitled request from The Nature Conservancy (the Conservancy) for project implementation funding for the Bowtie Demonstration Project (the Project) along the Los Angeles River. The scope of work proposed by the Conservancy aligns well with the mission of the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP), and its vision to improve water quality and enhance communities.

Funding from the SCWP is crucial for the Conservancy to implement a multi-benefit habitat enhancement and stormwater capture project at the Los Angeles River. The Conservancy previously completed a feasibility study and selected the CA State Parks' Bowtie Parcel in Northeast Los Angeles as the best project site to achieve the goals of habitat enhancement, water quality improvements, and increased public access. The Conservancy is partnering closely with CA State Parks on the Project which will daylight a storm drain and create a natural arroyo and spreading basin to enhance native habitat and manage wet and dry weather runoff at the river. The Project includes educational interpretive elements, walking paths, and lookout points. Once implemented, the Project will increase habitat and biodiversity, improve water quality, and contribute to a robust network of publicly-owned open spaces along the Los Angeles River. The Project will also increase community resiliency in the face of climate change by increasing the number of trees and other vegetation at the site location, reducing local heat island effects, improving air quality, and increasing shade, carbon reduction, and carbon sequestration. The Conservancy aims to be shovel ready by mid-2023.

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On behalf of Los Angeles County's First Supervisorial District, I support the content and immediacy of this funding request and urge the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee to approve the proposal. Thank you for your attention, and please feel free to contact Aydin Pasebani, Environmental & Special Projects Deputy at AyPasebani@bos.lacounty.gov or at 213-974-4111 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



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July 13, 2022

Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee
Safe Clean Water LA
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SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov

Re: The Nature Conservancy's Bowtie Demonstration Project, Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) Regional Infrastructure Program proposal

Dear Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee,

The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council strongly supports the above entitled request from The Nature Conservancy for project implementation funding for the Bowtie Demonstration Project along the Los Angeles River in Glassell Park. The scope of work proposed by the Nature Conservancy aligns well with the mission of LA County's Measure W- Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP), and its vision to improve water quality and enhance communities.

Funding from LA County's Safe Clean Water Program is crucial for the Nature Conservancy to implement a multi-benefit habitat enhancement and stormwater capture project at the Los Angeles River. The Nature Conservancy previously completed a feasibility study and selected the California State Parks' Bowtie Parcel in Northeast Los Angeles, accessible by auto from Casitas Drive in North Atwater, as the best project site to achieve the goals of habitat enhancement, water quality improvements, and increased public access. The Nature Conservancy is partnering closely with California State Parks on the Bowtie Demonstration Project which will daylight a storm drain and create a natural arroyo and spreading basin to enhance native habitat and manage wet and dry weather runoff at the river. The Bowtie Demonstration Project includes educational interpretive elements, walking paths, and lookout points. If the site is cleaned and remediated under the supervision of Department of Toxics and Substance Control, it is expected that the Bowtie Demonstration Project will increase habitat and biodiversity, improve water quality, and contribute to a robust network of publicly-owned open spaces along the Los Angeles River region. The Bowtie Demonstration Project may increase community resiliency- in the face of climate change by increasing the number of trees and other vegetation at the site location, reducing local heat island effects, improving air quality, and increasing shade, carbon reduction, and carbon sequestration. The Nature Conservancy aims to be shovel ready by mid-2023

The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council, 9-YES, 2-NO, voted July 13, 2022 to send this support letter for this funding request and urge the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee to approve the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Sutkin".

Carrie Sutkin, President, EVRNC



September 29, 2022

To: Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water Program

Attention: Upper LA River Watershed Area Committee; Scoring Committee; Regional Oversight Committee

Subject: Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project - Fiscal Year 22 - 23 Stormwater Investment Plan Consideration

RE: Support of City of Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment's (LASAN) Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of Social Model Recovery Systems (SMRS) and our Coalition the Friends of Hollenbeck Park, we are writing to express support of the City of Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment's (LASAN) Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project for funding consideration by the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP).

The SMRS team has built a strong Coalition, made up of the Friends of Hollenbeck Park, which includes residents, city and state representatives, law enforcement, neighborhood watch, and community-based organizations. Our Coalition members are at the forefront of shaping policy campaign in their community. Since 2013, we have conducted hundreds of environmental scans and surveyed community members living around and Hollenbeck Park; the findings continue to show that the lake is an issue.

Hollenbeck Park is an important green open space and heavily utilized park by the Boyle Heights community in general and by residents and youth we work with directly. The project's proposed improvements are greatly needed and we want those critical environmental changes to happen.

The Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project is needed in our community and it will provide educational opportunities to learn about urban stormwater and water resources, inspiring more community members to be ambassadors of change and advocates for the environment. Hollenbeck Park is considered a community treasure and it deserves all the benefits that this project will provide.

For these reasons and more, we strongly support selecting LASAN's Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project for SCWP funding.

Thank you for the consideration,

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Dina Cruz
Project Coordinator
Social Model Recovery Systems

