



Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department

City of Arts & Innovation

January 6, 2020

Dear Historic Preservation Fund Committee,

The City of Riverside Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department (PRCSD) was awarded a grant in the amount of \$25,000 through the City's Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant Program in 2016 for work on St. Francis Falls. The PRCSD requests to modify the project scope of work as described below:

Original scope of work:

- Repair the framework and plaster faux-rock for St. Francis Falls at Carlson Park

Proposed new scope of work to stabilize the hillside and trail above the Falls, including:

- Re-grade the trail above the Falls and construct steps to better direct and control stormwater that is currently undermining the Falls
- Construct a retaining wall to stabilize sections of the hillside adjacent to the trail and to direct trail traffic onto authorized trails to reduce erosion above the Falls
- Construct barriers to keep people on the designated trail and discourage them from climbing down onto the Falls from the trail above

The Falls are located at the base of a hillside where erosion from above is a problem. PRCSD plans to renovate the Falls after completing the work above in order to ensure that the erosion and drainage issues impacting the Falls are resolved before renovation of the Falls is undertaken. The PRCSD currently has a contractor ready to begin work on the proposed new scope of work.

In 2019, the PRCSD was awarded a little over \$2,000,000 from a California Coastal Conservancy grant to use for several projects along the Santa Ana River. \$68,000 of this funding has been allocated for developing a design for the long-term renovation, as well as, the engineering and CEQA work for St. Francis Falls/Carlson Park. Contracts are currently being executed with the Coastal Conservancy. With erosion, drainage and circulation issues addressed first, the CA Coastal Conservancy Grant long term design and engineering completed next, the City would be setup up to apply for grants to implement the final renovation phase.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Alisa Sramala, Trails Coordinator