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September 16, 2024

Ryan Gibson
Parks Supervisor
City of Riverside
6927 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, CA 92506

Subject: Sycamore Canyon Endowment Funds Request

Dear Mr. Gibson,

The Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) received your request for funding SKR Monitoring for the Sycamore Canyon Reserve. The requested funds are to come from the endowment established for the Sycamore Canyon Reserve under the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The funding request specifies that the funds will be used to purchase equipment to be used for trail repair and land management purposes, including invasive species removal, which will indirectly improve habitat for SKR and other native species within the reserve.

The RCHCA views this request as an appropriate use of endowment funds, and your request was approved by the RCHCA Board of Directors at the September 12, 2024 meeting. Attached you will find a copy of the funding request packet that codifies the responsibilities in accepting the endowment funds. Please submit receipts for the equipment purchases for reimbursement, not to exceed \$ 121,486.35 to: rfisher@wrcog.us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (951) 405-6708 if you have any questions or if you need any additional assistance.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Riana Fisher
Program Manager

EXHIBIT "A"
FUNDING REQUEST FORM
SKR RESERVE MANAGEMENT ENDOWMENT

RESERVE: Sycamore Canyon

SUBMITTED BY: Ryan Gibson

DATE: 8/13/2024

AMOUNT OF REQUEST (INCLUDING DETAILED FUNDING REQUEST FOR SKR RESERVE MANAGEMENT ENDOWMENT FUNDS): \$121,486.35

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSAL:

- **\$60,024.16 - A tractor with a Backhoe attachment is needed to repair trails for equipment access, which is necessary to accomplish the RMP goals.**
- **\$35,404.38 - Kubota RTV will be outfitted with a spray unit to Spray invasive weeds such as Globe Chamomile.**
- **\$15,013.60 - The Tow Master trailer will be needed to transport the tractor and the cart W/spray unit.**
- **\$11,044.21 – A 10% contingency has been added as prices are expected to increase upon confirmation and approval for purchases from RCHCA and the City of Riverside.**

DISCUSSION OF ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AS THEY RELATE TO THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE RESERVE'S MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The initial use of this equipment will be to repair road overpasses, which we anticipate completion of by 2025. We will also use this tractor W/backhoe with our grading Tractor to grade 1 mile of our trails by the end of 2025. Ultimately, this tractor will help repair all the trails outlined in the RMP so that the equipment we purchase with the non-wasting endowment funds and our existing equipment can be used to meet the RMP goals, such as fuel management and public access controls.

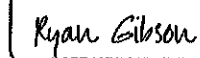
The Kubota Cart will be crucial for spraying Invasive, non-native weeds throughout Sycamore Canyon is the preferred, long-lasting method of fire suppression, which will help with fire suppression in areas inaccessible by a tractor or a mower. Invasive weed eradication will allow the SKR, as well as other species and native plants, to flourish.

The Trailer will be utilized to Transport the equipment we request and other equipment we have to meet the RMP goals.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. Provide follow-up accounting for the funds received within one year of the date of receipt of funds or before the subsequent funding request, whichever comes first.
2. Provide all monitoring results when the follow-up accounting is provided.
3. Provide regular reserve representation at all Reserve Managers Coordinating Committee meetings.

Signed by:

Ryan Gibson

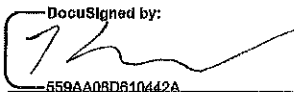
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Reserve Manager

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Date

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RCHCA Executive Director

10/7/2024

Date

EXHIBIT "B"
DETAILED FUNDING REQUEST AND FOLLOW-UP ACCOUNTING FORM FOR SKR RESERVE MANAGEMENT
ENDOWMENT FUNDS

"EXHIBIT B"			
Item	Unit Cost	Total Units	Total Cost
John Deere 4052 Compact Utility Tractor	\$40,026.25	1	\$40,026.25
John Deere 485A Backhoe	\$13,947.52	1	\$13,947.52
Tax for all units above	\$6,036.39	1	\$6,036.39
CA Tire Fee	\$14.00	1	\$14.00
TOWMASTER T-12D	\$15,013.60	1	\$15,013.60
Kubota RTV-X1130RWL-A	\$22,737.28	1	\$22,737.28
Custom Spray Rig for Kubota Cart (PBM)	\$12,667.10	1	\$12,667.10
Total			\$110,442.14
10% Contingency			\$11,044.21
TOTAL REQUEST			\$121,486.35