



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Advisory Committee

**FROM:** George Lange, Chairperson

**DATE:** May 12, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Report**

#### **Operations/Ranger Services:**

Operations Rangers and Public Officers continue to patrol the Closure Areas. Encampment clean-ups and outreach have been done by Rangers and Staff at various locations. Operations Staff cleaned several large dumpings at La Tuna Canyon, Lopez Canyon, and Jouughin Ranch. Rangers participated in the Conejo Trail Education Days, always a fun event involving several hundred middle school children. Interviews were held for new Public Officer, and for Seasonal Ranger Assistant positions. Three of our new Ranger Trainees have begun their Law Enforcement Academy training.

#### **Fire Division:**

Agency wide brushing has started and generally continues through November. For the new Seasonal hires, most of them will be attending various basic training classes for the next few weeks, then will join their respective crews. Last-minute hiring by other agencies have extended our hiring, having lost six of our newest hires to other agencies.

We did a final inspection on the three New Type 3 engines ordered in 2020, they are wonderful and will be in our driveway before the end of May!!

Crew development will be our focus in preparing for the 2025 fire season, which is predicted to be very similar to last year.

#### **Construction Division:**

Construction Division completed the first phase of the River Garden Park construction project. We are also continuing to rebuild/clean up after the Palisades Fire and subsequent flood debris flow in Temescal Gateway Park. We continue to work with FEMA in our rebuilding efforts. We are also back to the Grateful Bench project of installing trail benches out in our parks including repairing those damaged by the Palisades Fire.

#### **Park Development and Watershed Planning:**

Park Development and Watershed Planning team celebrated the reopening River Garden Park last month. Construction activities continue at Caballero Creek Park, Hollywood Bowl Overlook, and Zev Yaroslavsky City Greenway. Coordination with FEMA and CalOES staff continues for collecting information for damages resulting from the January Fires (DR4856). Lastly, the first Advisory Committee Meeting for the Randall Preserve will be held on Friday, May 16 at the Norma Hertzog Community Center (1845 Park Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92627) starting at 10:00 a.m.