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Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy Launches Proposition 1 Grant Program

Palm Desert, October 4, 2016. – Today the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy issued the third Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) under its Proposition 1 Grant Program, which will make available up to \$10 million in grant funding over the next several years for projects that implement the California Water Action Plan in the Coachella Valley. The Grant Program was authorized and funded by Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, which was enacted by California voters last November.

Since inception of the Program in 2015, the Conservancy has authorized funding for awarded \$834,310 in grants to local agencies, tribes and nonprofit organizations, and several other applications are pending while environmental review is conducted.

The Conservancy encourages applications for any projects that will conserve land critical to the health of the watershed, preserve or restore local watershed features, promote efficient water use, improve groundwater quality, protect habitat for endangered or threatened species of the watershed, or fulfill any other objective of the Water Action Plan or Proposition 1. State and local governmental agencies, Indian tribes and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.

Applications are due by February 11, 2017. The full NOFA and the Conservancy's detailed Grant Program Guidelines are available on the Conservancy's website at www.cvmc.ca.gov. Questions may be directed to Jim Karpiak, CVMC Executive Director, at jkarpiak@cvmc.ca.gov, or (760) 776-5026.

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