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Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy Offers Proposition 1 Grant Funding

Palm Desert, May 11, 2016. – Today the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy issued two Notices 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. One NOFA offers funding to acquire watershed land for conservation purposes, and the second NOFA seeks to support restoration and infrastructure improvement projects that restore local watershed features, promote efficient water use, improve groundwater quality or protect habitat for endangered or threatened species.

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 awarded over \$1.8 million in grants to local agencies, tribes and nonprofit organizations.

The Conservancy encourages applications for any eligible projects from state and local governmental agencies, Indian tribes and nonprofit organizations.

Applications for restoration or infrastructure projects are due by October 9, 2017, and applications for land acquisition grants are due by January 16, 2018. 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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