

**CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE NINTH CYCLE OF THE
TransNet ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM
LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
THREAT REDUCTION STEWARDSHIP GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Grant Application Form and required supplementary materials (hereafter referred to as “proposal”) cannot exceed eight pages.

Applicant Name¹: Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy
Address: 12108 Industry Road Lakeside CA 92040
Phone and Email Address: robin@lakesideriverpark.org
Name of Property: Channel Road to El Monte Valley Park Patrol
General Location: San Diego River Channel Road to El Monte Valley
Jurisdiction: County of San Diego
Total Acres: 244 acres
Estimated Acres Requiring Management: 244 acres
Owner(s) of Property²: Right of Entry Agreements Included in the Application
Land manager(s) of property (*include name[s]*): Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy

Brief Project Summary that includes your primary goal and objectives (200-word maximum)

The San Diego River through all of its urban reaches is plagued by numerous homeless encampments in the riverbed. They have always been the source of crime, mountains of trash and biohazards but now they are the source of the Hep A epidemic. With help from previous a Transnet grant, we have removed all of the homeless camps along the San Diego River from the border with the City of Santee to the Channel Road Bridge in Lakeside. In the absolute, this is a major accomplishment from both a safety, trash and habitat perspective. This success has served to move our most hard-core homeless population farther east between Channel Road and into the El Monte Valley at the far eastern edge. Our goal, with this grant request, is to remove these camps and make sure that all of the property owners in this reach of the river are working together. Lastly, we have learned that by sheer persistence and diligence in removing homeless camps, 95% of the homeless move on. We currently have a Transnet grant to patrol 148 acres. When that grant is complete, we will continue to patrol that area with funding from this grant.

Quantify Expected Results (add bullets as necessary)

- 1) All of the favored homeless camp locations will be identified and the not so favored ones will be patrolled as well. 2) All homeless camps found will be removed 3) Any new camp or reestablishment of a camp will be identified through weekly patrols and removed within two weeks, to allow for proper notification and

¹ While collaboration is encouraged in the development of the grant proposal, the proposal must identify one organization as the lead entity that will enter into an Agreement with SANDAG.

² If the applicant is not the landowner, please submit a letter or right-of-entry permit from the land owner granting permission to perform the land management duties as outlined in the proposal. Failure to provide the letter or right-of-entry permit will lead to disqualification of the proposal. **Attached letter or right-of-entry permit (if applicable) does not count toward eight-page maximum.**

coordination with Sheriff's Department, trash haulers, and volunteer schedules. 4) Species supported or protected: 14 Species 5) A total of new 244 acres will be patrolled in a dance riparian forest and scrub 6) Two linear miles of the San Diego River will be patrolled from Channel Road to Hanson Pond 7) When funding for our first phase is expended we will add that property 148 acres and an additional 1.69 linear miles of the river. For a total of 3.69 miles and 392 acres of river bottomland under active patrol and management.

Brief Description of dedicated staff and/or consultants that would work on Project (200-word maximum)

LRPC, the applicant, is adept at this activity. This is why you never see LRPC publish trash removal weights and statistics. We try to remove the camps permanently. We do not allow them to stay, so that once the camp is identified, it is removed and we continue patrolling so that they know that if the set up camps in this area, their camps will be taken and law enforcement will be involved. Only LRPC staff will be involved with the patrolling and the clean up on most sites. MTS will clean up their own camps.

Funding Needs Summary

Please indicate how much funding is being requested from SANDAG.

Budget Item	Requested Funding Amount	Description
Personnel Expenses Staff	\$50,000	This is direct staff time
Personnel Administrative Expenses	\$12,000.0	This is for billing and oversight
Consultant Expenses	0	We will not use a consultant
Other Direct Expenses	4100	This includes dumpster, tools, gas etc.
Subtotal	\$66,100	
Indirect Costs[1]	\$13,881.00	Our indirect rate is 21% as calculated by the OMB circular method.
Totals	\$79,981	

*If applicable

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Preface

The project will take place on the following APN's. The ownership, acreage and the conservation status are listed as well.

APN	Owners Name	ACREAGE	Conservation Status	ROE Status
3920810100	67 Self Storage	7.17	Not Conserved	Included
3920810300	CITY OF SAN DIEGO	0.5	Conserved	Included
3920820500	CITY OF SAN DIEGO	0.10	Conserved	Included
3920903300	CITY OF SAN DIEGO	10.58	Conserved	Included
3921500100	Endangered Habitats Conservancy	17.26	Conserved	Included
3921501000	Endangered Habitats Conservancy	33	Conserved	Included
3921501100	Endangered Habitats Conservancy	2.47	Conserved	Included
3921501200	Endangered Habitats Conservancy	22.12	Conserved	Included
3921501400	Endangered Habitats Conservancy	10.02	Conserved	Included
3921501500	Endangered Habitats Conservancy	19.85	Conserved	Included
3921501600	Endangered Habitats Conservancy	40.87	Conserved	Included
7601415300	Helix		Not Conserved	In process see letter

3921203100	Metropolitan Transit System	13.76	Conserved	Not participating
3920820300	SIGNS FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	3.28	Not Conserved	In process see letter
3920820600	SIGNS FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	7.14	Not Conserved	In Process
3920820700	SIGNS FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	0.26	Not Conserved	In Process
3920903000	SIGNS FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	2.57	Not Conserved	In Process
3920903100	SIGNS FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	7.84	Not Conserved	In Process
3920903400	SIGNS FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	6.88	Not Conserved	In Process
3920903600	SIGNS FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	2.54	Not Conserved	In Process
3921201900	SIGNS FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	8.04	Not Conserved	In Process
3920201900	Superior Ready Mix Concrete L.P.	9.49	Not Conserved	Included
3920204400	Superior Ready Mix Concrete L.P.	10.52	Not Conserved	Included
3920204500	Superior Ready Mix Concrete L.P.	1.81	Not Conserved	Included
3921200500	Lakeside's River Park Conservancy	6.05	Conserved	Applicant
	Total Acres	244.12		

A. Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to expand our Park Patrol efforts that were funded by Sandag GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 5004952. That successful grant has allowed us to remove virtually all of the homeless camps along the San Diego River between the city of Santee border and the Channel Road Bridge in Lakeside. The homeless, however, still do not have homes and consequently we have simply pushed this population further east. This grant request dovetails with our previous grant request to move the patrol farther east, into a densely packed area filling up with homeless camps. With this grant, with the County's effort to find housing for them, with an increasing emphasis on opening an existing trail to the general population and the 18 month duration, we feel very confident that unless they move deep into the El Monte Valley, we can remove them from the entire San Diego River reach from Hanson Pond in the El Monte Valley west to Channel Road with this grant, while maintaining our efforts to remove them between the city of Santee and Channel road with our previous grant.

Please describe how the proposed project meets the following criteria:

1. The proposed project addresses a high-priority MSP species and their habitats. Refer to the Management Strategic Plan for Conserved Lands in Western San Diego County (MSP).

Although the lands listed for this project are not officially listed in your conserved lands MSP, many are conserved. The list above show which APN's have conservation easements and are included in County of San Diego MSCP. The other parcels are targeted for acquisition and conservation.

Significant Occurrence at Risk of Loss Golden eagle *Aquila chrysaetos Canadensis* 2) Least Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii pusillus* has been nesting in this segment of the San Diego River for many years per USGS Surveys. 3) Coastal cactus wren *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus sandiegensis* 4) Townsend's big-eared bat *Plecotus townsendii pallescens* is found in the El Monte Valley east of the project location.

Species at Risk of Loss 1) *Southwestern pond turtle* *Emys marmorata pallida* 2) *American Badger* *Taxidea* 3) Mountain Lion *Puma* 4) *Bald Eagle* *Haliaeetus* 5) *Osprey* *Pandion haliaetus*. 6) *Southern California rufous-crowned sparrow* *Aimophila ruficeps canescens* *Swainson's hawk* *Buteo swainsoni* is found in *Lakeside* 7) *Western Bluebird* *Sialia Mexicana*

2. The proposed project will address an urgent need and includes actions that will reduce or manage an identified threat.

The San Diego River is has become the 'no-income housing' solution for the San Diego River Watershed. It is filled with homeless camps. These camps come in several forms, the tent camp both group and individual tent camps, the culvert camps and the processing camps. All of these camps destroy habitat. Beyond the trash, the clothes and the needles, there is the sanitary waste issue. The new trash TMDL regulations promulgated by the State Water Resources Control Board and soon to be implemented by the

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board as well as epidemic of Hepatitis A that burned through the homeless community this summer has added to the urgency to remove the camps.

3. Success criteria have been identified and will be monitored and reported.

The following success criteria have been developed: a) Two paid staff will monitor and report activity and camps in the river They will walk the area to investigate area deemed too dangerous for volunteers and ensure we are finding all the camps. b) 95% reduction in camps c) Clean ups as required, the majority of the large cleanups will be in the beginning of the project, and they will taper off as homeless individuals realize that camping in the riverbed is a losing proposition. d) Public education campaign for trail users to describe the problem and help be the ‘eyes and ears’ for the conservancy

4. Success of the proposed project is likely with clear, measurable, proven results that will promote conservation.

There are many instances where the clean up of the river has been proven beneficial for conservation, by the mere removal of trash. This effort will remove the camps allowing those areas that had been damaged by camps to revegetate. Moreover, the applicant has experience with this program in other areas where, with a concerted effort, the number of camps and individuals is dramatically reduced to a new base number. Additionally, with the removal of 95% of the camps, it will be an interesting experiment to see if the deer located in the El Monte Valley to the east will migrate west. If they are able to expand their range, the mountain lion will follow supporting their conservation as well.

5. Any activities necessary to maintain the proposed project after the 18-month grant period have been identified and funding for those activities has been secured.

Once the base level of activity has been reduced, it is far easier to maintain a constant pressure to keep the small ‘scout’ camps from reestablishing in project area. We have the resources to accomplish that. We have just been awarded a grant that will allow us to purchase a high-tech drone with an infrared camera. This will allow us to patrol far more easily after the project is over to see the establishment of any new camps. To be eligible for funding, the proposed project must be on lands conserved for native habitat within the MSP area (MSPA). Where is the project located? **See Map Attached**

B. Scope of Work by Task

Exhibit A – Proposed Project Scope of Work

Task #	Task Name	Task Description	Quantifiable Results/ Deliverables
1.	Administration	Oversee all of the activities and project accounting and final report	Monthly reports delivered quarterly
2.	Agency/Land Owner Coordination	Coordinate with landowners and with the Sheriff’s department and the County of San Diego(Public Health, Mental Health, Code Enforcement etc.), Fire Department with regard to the camps found.	Report that coordination with the County
3.	River Bottom Patrols	Hire 2 individuals to patrol the river bottom on a weekly basis.	Timesheets and park patrol reports
4.	Camp Clean Ups	72-hour notice of clean up, with Sheriff’s deputies, organization of dumpsters and solicitation of volunteers	Number of 72-hour notices, number of dumpsters used, number of volunteer hours used

C. Budget by Task

Please include a specific budget for each task described in the Scope of Work (Section B above). *This funding category is intended to fund short-term threat reduction projects in need of one-time funding necessary to fill existing funding gaps for specific tasks and will not cover on-going annual costs within applicant's organization.*

Exhibit B – Proposed Project Budget

Task No.	Task Name	Grant Request
1	Agency/Land Owner Coordination	\$13,200
2	River Bottom Patrols	41,500
3	Camp Clean Ups	\$3,600
4	Administrative	\$7,800.00
	Subtotal	\$66,100
	Indirect Cost (21%)	\$13,881.00
	TOTAL	\$79,981.00

D. Project Schedule

Exhibit C – Proposed Project Schedule

(Assumes Fall 2018 Notice to Proceed [NTP])October 2018

Task No	Task Name	Proposed Start Date	Months Needed to Complete Task	Task End Date
1	Agency/Land Owner Coordination	"1" Months from NTP	"18" Months	03/31/2020
2	River Bottom Patrols	"1" Months from NTP	"18" Months	03/31/2020
3	Camp Clean Ups	"1" Months from NTP	"18" Months	03/31/2020
4	Administrative	"1" Months from NTP	"18" Months	03/31/2020

The only thing that would stop or slow this project was if we had a 200-year rain year. Given the amount of rain forecast for this year, and given that climate change models predict years of drought punctuated by huge precipitation years, it is doubtful that this precipitation scenario will occur in the next two to three years.

NOTICE REGARDING PREVAILING WAGES

SANDAG's Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) Land Management Grant Program projects are funded with *TransNet* revenues consistent with the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance adopted by the voters in November 2004 (SANDAG Ordinance 04-01). Although SANDAG Ordinance 04-01 does not require payment of prevailing wages, California law may require that public works projects pay prevailing wages for workers.

Applicant acknowledges that SANDAG has strongly encouraged Applicant to seek legal counsel regarding whether the Proposed Project will require applicant to pay prevailing wages and agrees that SANDAG will have no liability for conducting this analysis. x Yes No

Applicant acknowledges that if awarded an EMP Land Management Grant, the grant agreement between SANDAG and the grantee requires grantee's compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the Agreement. X Yes No

REQUIRED STATEMENTS FROM APPLICANT

Yes No The applicant has read and understands the Sample Grant Agreement (Agreement) and Invoice Template (Attachment 4).

Yes No If the SANDAG Board of Directors approves the proposed project proposal, the proposed applicant agrees to sign and return the Agreement to SANDAG, without exceptions or amendments, within 45 days of receipt.

Yes No The applicant agrees to comply with SANDAG's Board Policy No. 035, Competitive Grant Program Procedures, which outlines "Use-it-or-lose-it" project milestone and completion deadlines. Board Policy No. 035 is included in the Agreement, and also is on SANDAG's website at the following link:
sandag.org/organization/about/pubs/policy_035.pdf

Yes No The applicant understands that 10 percent of all invoices will be retained until the completion of the proposed project.

Yes No The applicant understands that all invoices must be accompanied by written, documented support of the charges for requested reimbursement of grant funds and payment will not be made by SANDAG until all documents are satisfactorily submitted.

Yes No The applicant understands that invoices and reports must be submitted on a quarterly basis within three weeks after the period covering January 1 to March 31; within three weeks after the period covering April 1 to June 30; within three weeks after the period covering July 1 to September 30; and within three weeks after the period covering October 1 to December 31.

Yes No The applicant understands that the EMP quarterly report template (to be sent to the grantee after NTP is issued) must be used to document quarterly progress and that invoices with errors will be returned to the grantee for correction prior to being processed by SANDAG staff.

Yes No The applicant understands that the final invoice must be accompanied by written, documented support of the charges for requested reimbursement of grant funds; a final report (prepared in accordance with the final report template to be sent to grantee after NTP is issued); and all outstanding deliverables in order to receive final payment and have retained funds released.

Yes No The applicant understands that to be considered eligible for funding, a resolution complying with the requirements of Board Policy No. 035, Section 4.1, must be submitted to SANDAG at least *two weeks* prior to the recommendation by the Regional Planning Committee of the list of prioritized project proposals. SANDAG will provide applicants with advance notice of the Regional Planning Committee's anticipated meeting date.

Yes No The applicant agrees to submit all project data/information to SANDAG in a format compatible with the regional management database.

I have the authorization to submit this proposal (Grant Application Form and required supplementary materials) on behalf of my organization.

Robin Rierdan

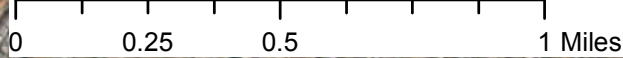
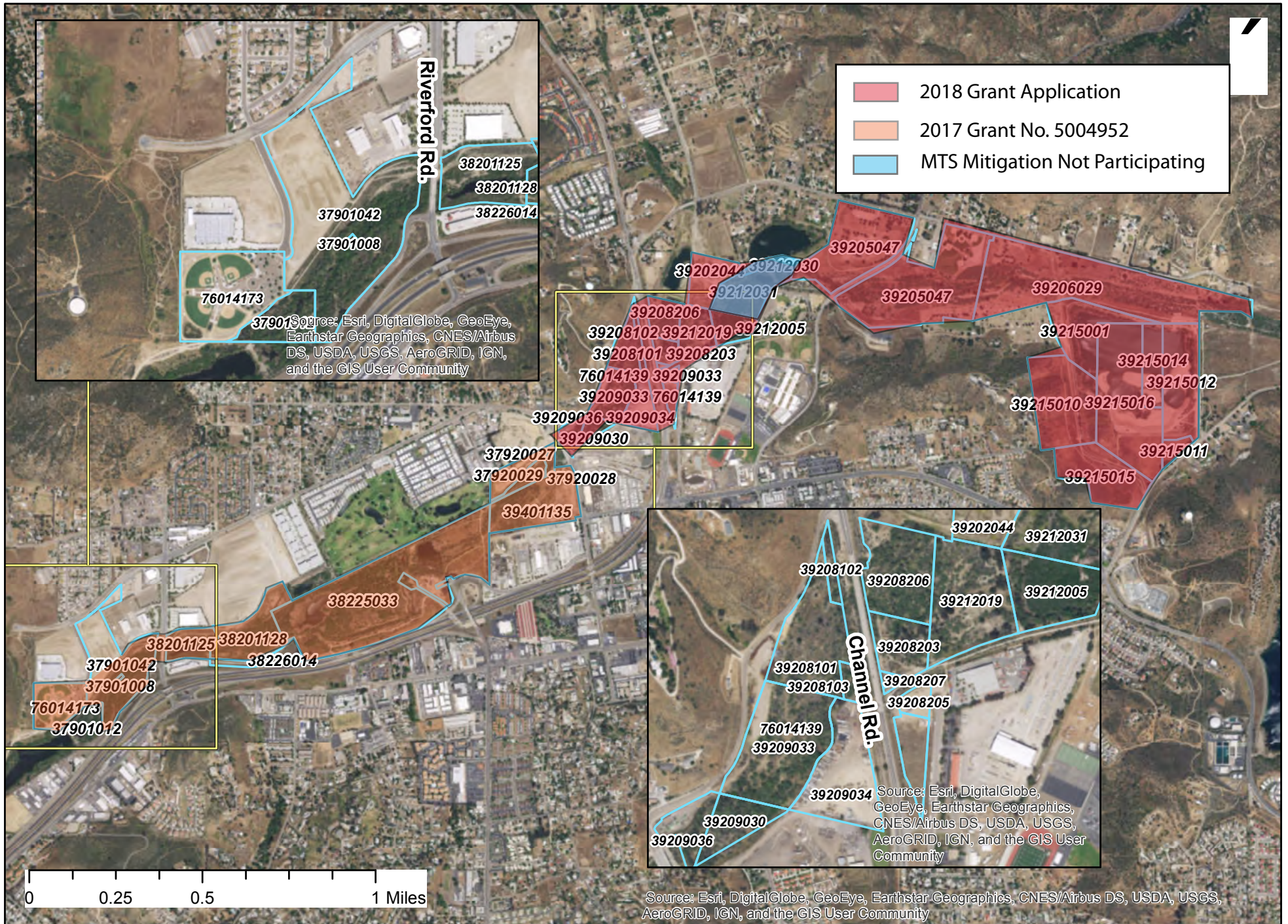
Applicant Name/Title (print or type)

Applicant Signature

01/12/2018

Date

LRPC - Hwy 67 to Hanson El Monte Pond



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community