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City of Malibu Seeks Proposals to Refurbish Environmental Public Art Pieces on Storm Drains in Malibu

(MALIBU, CA) – The City put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking an artist to creatively transform four storm drain catch basins with original art, broadening community members' understanding of the connection between gutters, storm drains, and the ocean environment while highlighting local art.

“Malibu’s beautiful ocean environment has always inspired artists, so it’s exciting to have public art that speaks to our strong environmental commitment,” Mayor Rick Mullen said. “I look forward to seeing the ideas that will be presented and encourage all artists in the community to apply.”

In 2014, the City hired an artist to paint four storm drains as part of the “Keep it Clean, Malibu” campaign focused on protecting the 24-mile-long Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) in Malibu. The primary goal of this project is to transform a mundane utilitarian structure into an art form to encourage environmental stewardship and a sense of connection to the ocean. All polluted runoff is prohibited from reaching the ASBS, which stretches across about half of the Malibu coastline to protect fragile marine habitats.

Despite being touched up several years later, the original artwork has faded or been damaged by the sun and vehicle traffic. The City is again seeking a talented artist to bring his or her craft to the City’s environmental public art campaign. The selected artist will design and create innovative artwork to cover storm drain catch basins in prominent locations throughout Malibu.

Proposed designs for this project should celebrate Malibu’s connection to the ocean and encourage dialogue within the community about how to protect our coast. All work and materials must conform to the City’s strict environmental guidelines, and the work must meet requirements to be durable in outdoor conditions.

The catch basins are located on Cross Creek Road, in front of Point Dume Plaza on Heathercliff Road, at the corner of Morning View Drive and PCH, and at Trancas Park.

The deadline to apply is September 13 at 4:00 PM. For more information on the project, guidelines and the bidding process, visit <https://malibucity.org/bids.aspx?bidID=101>.

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