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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement and All Amendments With the Watershed Conservation Authority for Project Management Services (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) was created on April 17, 2003, as a joint powers entity of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. The WCA focuses on projects which provide open space, habitat restoration and watershed improvement projects in the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers' watershed. The WCA has requested the assistance of the Department of Community Development's Property Services Bureau (Bureau) on project management and real estate related issues.

The Bureau currently provides unique real estate and project management services including investigation and analysis leading to the acquisition of environmentally challenged, economically burdened and unmarketable property. The WCA would like to utilize the Bureau and its substantial expertise for real estate transactional review, GIS, due diligence, project oversight and other related services. The proposed grant agreement would provide an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the above mentioned services to be provided to the WCA by the Bureau for WCA projects. In order to maintain the WCA's existing relationship with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, it has been determined that the grant funds would be administered to the Bureau through the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, for managing oversight and maintenance of the grant agreement, through June 30, 2005.

This letter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 1, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 9, 2004, in order to execute the grant agreement and proceed with project management assistance to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

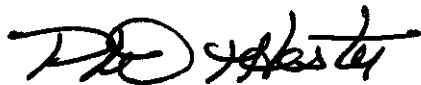
FISCAL IMPACT

Since the grant monies are currently unbudgeted, an appropriation increase is included in the recommendation section below. There would be no additional impact as a result of this recommendation.

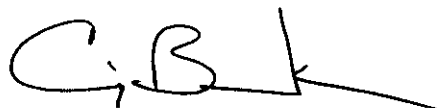
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute a grant agreement and all amendments with the Watershed Conservation Authority, for \$100,000, for project management services through June 30, 2005; and,
2. Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects (CP) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR), in capital improvement project number PW3070-00, by \$100,000.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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