

## **CITY OF LONG BEACH**

Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

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March 1, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to implement and administer the grant agreement for the Golden Shore Marine Reserve/Los Angeles River Interpretive Project and to increase appropriations in the Capital Projects fund (CP) and in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine in Capital Improvement Project No. PR8100-01 by \$100,000. (District 1).

### **DISCUSSION**

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) is a conservancy of the California Resources Agency whose mission is to preserve open space and habitat in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River watersheds. In service of its mission, the RMC has created an evolving Open Space Plan and grant program to distribute and administer bond funds in accordance with the plan. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) regularly submits projects to the RMC for inclusion in their Open Space Plan.

Recently, the Department received grant award notification that the Golden Shore Marine Reserve/Los Angeles River Interpretive Project was selected for incorporation into the RMC's Open Space Plan. The grant will provide funding for interpretive signage, landscape improvements, and fencing along the southerly terminus of the Los Angeles River – Rio Hondo Bikeway (LARIO) Trail (Exhibit 1).

Signage will help identify the poorly marked southern entrance to the LARIO Trail. In addition, interpretive signage will be installed to inform visitors of the importance and function of the Los Angeles River watershed, the impacts on the Golden Shore Marine Reserve, and all other components of the ecosystem of the San Pedro Bay. All signs will be designed and fabricated in accordance with the adopted Los Angeles River Master Plan Sign Guidelines.

This letter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on February 15, 2005, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on February 16, 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 1, 2005, in order that grant funded projects may begin as soon as possible.

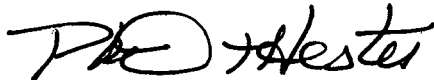
FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$100,000. It is expected that the grant monies will offset the total project costs.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

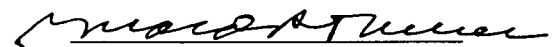


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Attachment

APPROVED:



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