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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Adopt Amended Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application to the California State Resources Agency for the San Francisco Avenue Land Acquisition Project (District 1)

DISCUSSION

On November 18, 2003, the City Council adopted Resolution No. C-28295 authorizing the City Manager to apply for \$850,000 in grant funding for the acquisition of two parcels of land totaling 0.76 acres located at 620 San Francisco Avenue along the lower Los Angeles River (please see attached City Council letter and resolution). The State Resources Agency (Agency) had requested that the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the State Coastal Conservancy, and the Wildlife Conservation Board identify and recommend projects for funding consideration to the State Resources Agency. The RMC submitted the San Francisco Avenue Land Acquisition Project for consideration and the Agency subsequently selected this project for funding under the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 13).

Due to the State hiring freeze, there has been some delay in administering the grant programs. The Agency has now identified staff to review all submitted grant applications for sufficiency. Upon review of the resolution submitted by the City of Long Beach, a discrepancy was identified in the resolution. The Agency has requested that the City resubmit a revised resolution, which states that the City "certifies, based on conversations with the State Resources Agency, that it understands the application submitted by the City for funds constitutes assurances relating to the Project." This language was corrected under Section 5 of the resolution. Upon approval by the City Council, City staff will forward the revised resolution to the Agency to complete the application. It is expected that once the Agency receives the City's completed application, a grant agreement will be forwarded to the City for execution.

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This letter was reviewed and the Resolution prepared by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on October 28, 2004. The letter was reviewed by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 1, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 9, 2004, in order to complete the grant application requirements and maintain the project's eligibility for funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

At the close of escrow, the City will lease the property back to the seller for one year. The seller will be responsible for all maintenance and utilities and will pay an annual rent in the estimated amount of \$27,000. Following the one-year rental, the City will assume responsibility for the property, including maintenance, which is anticipated to have minimal requirements. It is further expected that the General Fund will absorb these on-going costs as no other funding sources for maintenance expenses have been identified. The Department is developing a master plan, which includes the acquisition of other properties in the surrounding area. Completion of the master plan is expected by the end of the seller's one-year property rental,

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Adopt the attached amended resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the California State Resources Agency, for \$850,000, for the San Francisco Avenue Land Acquisition Project, and to execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the project.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

APPROVED:



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