



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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February 4, 2014

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to receive \$200,000 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the El Dorado Nature Center entry enhancement project; execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the project; and increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Public Works Department (PW) by \$200,000. (District 4)

DISCUSSION

On September 23, 2013, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) approved the allocation of \$200,000 in grant funds for the El Dorado Nature Center (EDNC) entry enhancement project. In early discussions with the RMC, the project had focused on improvements to the south lake at the EDNC. During subsequent discussions, the project scope changed to improvements to the EDNC entry. In order to properly document and track the grant, the RMC has requested that the City of Long Beach (City) complete and submit a grant application for the project.

The proposed EDNC entry enhancement project will include an improved arrival experience with a new entry statement and signage, an amphitheater for educational sessions and events, and an ADA-compliant pedestrian bridge and trails leading to the EDNC building. The entry features will include interpretive signage relating to the San Gabriel River Watershed and the adjacency of the EDNC to the San Gabriel River. It is envisioned that the interpretive components will be hands-on in order to serve the thousands of school children that make the EDNC their field trip destination. The entry enhancement project will further improve the EDNC habitat with the replacement of many unhealthy non-native trees and shrubs with appropriate native landscaping.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on December 16, 2013, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 7, 2014.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 4, 2014, in order to allow timely grant application submission to the County of Los Angeles, and to enable the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine to commence with the entry enhancement project in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost is estimated at \$900,000 and is funded by \$300,000 in FY 13 one-time infrastructure monies from Council District 4, and \$400,000 of the \$1,000,000 in one-time funding allocated by the City Council for the EDNC as part of FY 14 Budget Adoption. The remaining \$600,000 in one-time funding is designated for the south lake at the EDNC. RMC grant funding of \$200,000 that is not currently budgeted will complete the \$900,000 required for the project, and an appropriation increase of \$200,000 is requested in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Public Works Department (PW). The RMC grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. The recommended action will result in a positive impact on jobs in the construction industry, although the exact number is unknown at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


GEORGE CHAPJIAN
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE


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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Attachment: Resolution

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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1 RESOLUTION NO.
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY
5 MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
6 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
7 RECREATION, THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN
8 WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND
9 COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002, THE
10 WATER, SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER,
11 COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, AND
12 THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND
13 SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL
14 PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROP 84)
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16 WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the
17 California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act
18 of 2002 (Proposition 40) in 2002, and the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal
19 and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), and the Safe Drinking Water, Water
20 Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006
21 (Proposition 84) which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers
22 and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program; and

23 WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the
24 administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, said procedures established by RMC require the Applicant's
27 Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission
28 of said Application to the State; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of
2 California for the Project;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
4 follows:

5 Section 1. Approves the filing of an Application for local assistance funds
6 from the RMC Grant Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe
7 Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in 2002, or the
8 Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002
9 (Proposition 50), or the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control,
10 River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

11 Section 2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with local or regional
12 land use plans or Programs.

13 Section 3. Certifies that the Project is consistent with Common Ground
14 and Phase II Final Reports.

15 Section 4. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to
16 operate and maintain the Project.

17 Section 5. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed and understands the
18 General Requirements and General Policies in the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
19 Grant Program Guidelines.

20 Section 6. Delegates the authority to City Manager as agent to conduct
21 all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to,
22 Applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the
23 completion of the Project.

24 Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
25 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 20__ by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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