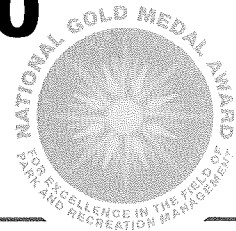


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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the State of California Strategic Growth Council through the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program, in the amount of \$1 million, for the development of open space in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Market Street Detention Basin south of DeForest Park, for a total estimated project development cost of \$6 million. (Districts 8 and 9)

DISCUSSION

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the \$54 billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, to provide capital funding for water quality and park programs. Subsequent legislation established the Strategic Growth Council, and through its Urban Greening Projects Program (UGP), appropriated \$70 million, which will be utilized over a period of a few years to provide funding for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) proposes to apply for \$1 million in grant funding through UGP for development of the DeForest Wetlands project. The DeForest Wetlands site is located along the east bank of the Los Angeles River in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Market Street Detention Basin (map attached). The project will provide for the development of 34 acres of wetlands, riparian and upland habitat, public accessible trails, and educational interpretation along the Los Angeles River, from DeForest Park south to Del Amo Boulevard. The Project's Environmental Impact Report has been completed, and project design is 30 percent complete, with 100 percent design expected in fall 2010. The DeForest Wetlands project will link to the County's recently completed Dominguez Gap project, which is located south of Del Amo Boulevard. If grant funds are awarded, a partnership between the City of Long Beach and Los Angeles County will be formalized in an agreement, following a request presented to the City Council and its subsequent approval.

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Additional funding for development of the DeForest Wetlands project will be provided by the California Coastal Conservancy and the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which will each submit a letter of commitment for \$1 million.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on March 24, 2010, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on March 31, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 20, 2010, in order to submit the grant application to the Strategic Growth Council by their due date of April 30, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total direct cost of the project is estimated at \$6 million. If the UGP grant application is accepted, it will provide \$1 million of the direct project development costs. Additional funding of \$2 million of Los Angeles County Proposition A funding has been appropriated in the PRM CIP budget, and \$2 million in funding will be committed by the California Coastal Conservancy and the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, respectively. Remaining funding in the amount of \$1 million is being sought, but has not been identified. Future annual park maintenance costs, provided by PRM's landscape contractor, are estimated at \$5,000, which will need to be added to PRM's General Fund operating budget. Should the grant application be selected for funding, a recommendation will be made to the City Council to accept the grant and appropriate all funding; however, no expenses will be made on this project until all funding is identified and in place.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

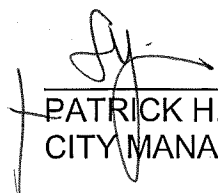


PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachments: Resolution
Aerial Map

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

DeForest Wetlands



Los Angeles County
Dominguez Gap



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RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM, UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84) FOR THE DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program; establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of Application(s) by the Applicants' governing board before submission of said Application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an Agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Long Beach City Council hereby:

Section 1. Approves the filing of an Application for the DeForest Wetlands Project; and

Section 2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the Application; and

Section 3. Certifies that Applicant or the title holder will have sufficient

1 funds to operate and maintain the Project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements;
2 or will secure the resources to do so; and

3 Section 4. Certifies that it will comply with all provisions of Section 1771.8
4 of the California Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded
5 Proposition 84 Funds; and

6 Section 5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws
7 and regulations including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act
8 (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access
9 laws, and that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have
10 been obtained; and

11 Section 6. Certifies that applicant will work towards the Governor's State
12 Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the
13 environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code
14 Section 65041.1; and

15 Section 7. Appoints the City Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all
16 negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to Applications,
17 Agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of
18 the aforementioned project(s).

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Approved and adopted the _____ day of _____,

2010.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number

_____ was duly adopted on the Long Beach City Council by the following vote.

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk