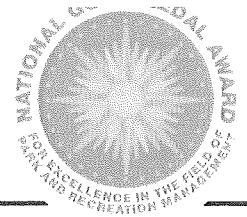




# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

**R-32**



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City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, for the Willow Springs Park Wetlands Expansion and Improvement Project; accept said grant, if awarded, in an amount of \$4,000,000 in Proposition 68 funding; and, execute all documents necessary to accept the funds. (District 7)

## DISCUSSION

In June 2018, California voters passed the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All, known as Proposition 68 (Prop 68). This authorized \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to finance programs addressing drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all programs. This has led to various appropriations to multiple agencies to offer Prop 68 funding. The Legislature appropriated \$28 million to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for projects that meet the RMC's multi-benefit project priorities.

The Willow Springs Park Wetlands Expansion and Improvement Project (Project) meets the RMC's guidelines for Prop 68 funding. Grant applications for Round 1 of RMC Prop 68 funding may be submitted through June 28, 2019. City Council approval is requested to apply for \$4,000,000 in RMC Prop 68 grant funds for the Project. If awarded, the funds will be used to construct an expansion of existing seasonal wetlands, improve and expand recreational trails, plant drought-tolerant native plants and irrigation, and install wayfinding and interpretive signage throughout the park's remaining undeveloped acres. If awarded, the grant will help improve access to open space and low impact recreation for all communities while promoting healthy lifestyles.

This matter was reviewed by Arthur D. Sanchez on May 30, 2019 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on May 31, 2019.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 18, 2019, to ensure the grant application is submitted by the grant deadline on June 28, 2019. A Resolution authorizing submittal of the application is required in the application package.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total Project costs are estimated at \$4,000,000, which includes design, construction, construction management, inspection, labor compliance, and project oversight. If the grant application is successful, grant funds of up to \$4,000,000 will be received for the Project. If awarded, an appropriation increase will be requested for the grant funds prior to Project initiation. The grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. However, priority is given to projects that include a commitment for a matching contribution. The matching contribution may include planning, operations and maintenance, volunteer support, and ongoing monitoring and assessment of related projects, as well as costs incurred prior to the grant award. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



GERARDO MOUET  
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE



CRAIG BECK  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

APPROVED:



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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68), FOR THE WILLOW SPRINGS PARK WETLAND RESTORATION EXPANSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program; and

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

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the City Council of the City of Long Beach before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach, if selected, will enter into a contract with the State of California to carry out the below-mentioned Project;

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

Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for local assistance funds from the RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program for the Willow Springs Park Wetland Restoration Expansion Project ("Project") under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for all Act of 2018 (Proposition 68).

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1                   Section 2.    The City Council hereby certifies that the Project is consistent  
2 with local or regional land use plans or programs.

3                   Section 3.    The City Council hereby certifies that the Project is consistent  
4 with the goals of Proposition 68 developing urban recreation projects and habitat  
5 protection or restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities.

6                   Section 4.    The City Council certifies that the City has or will have  
7 sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project.

8                   Section 5.    The City Council certifies that the City has reviewed and  
9 understands the general requirements and general policies of the RMC Proposition 68  
10 Grant Program Guidelines.

11                  Section 6.    The City Council appoints the City Manager, or designee, as  
12 agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not  
13 limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be  
14 necessary for the completion of the Project.

15                  Section 7.    This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
16 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

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