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CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to accept \$200,000 in County of Los Angeles funding for 14th Street Park, Wild Oats Community Gardens, and the El Dorado Nature Center; increase appropriations in the amount of \$200,000 in the Capital Projects Fund in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine; and execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the projects. (Districts 1 and 4)

DISCUSSION

The County of Los Angeles (County) has agreed to grant \$200,000 to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine in order to enhance recreational and interpretive facilities to improve the quality of life for residents of the City of Long Beach. Specifically, the County Board of Supervisors has approved funding to:

- Construct a new full-size basketball court at 14th Street Park (\$140,000);
- Restore the Wild Oats Community Gardens, which were disrupted due to the County's storm drain construction project along the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (\$10,000); and
- Create a concept design for a new visitor's center at El Dorado Nature Center (\$50,000).

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on May 25, 2010, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on May 26, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 15, 2010, in order to allow timely execution of the agreement between the County and the City to initiate the projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

Increase appropriations in the amount of \$200,000 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR) – \$140,000 for a basketball court at 14th Street Park; \$10,000 to restore the Wild Oats Community Gardens; and \$50,000 for a concept design for a new visitor's center at El Dorado Nature Center. The recommended action will result in a positive impact on local jobs, although the exact number is unknown at this time. There will be contracting, trades, and construction management jobs generated through the design and construction of the projects. Jobs that are sent out to bid will have to comply with Section 3, which encourages local employment.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.


Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
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