

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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May 15, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept \$1.5 million in grant funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy for the DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration project; and execute any documents necessary for the administration of the project. (Districts 8 and 9)

DISCUSSION

On January 24, 2012, the City Council authorized the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$1.5 million in grant funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) for the DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration project (Attachment). At that time, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine was unaware that the Conservancy required that the action be made through a Resolution. The January 24, 2012, City Council letter delineates both the action taken by City Council and the project description.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on April 23, 2012, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 27, 2012.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 15, 2012, in order to provide the certified Resolution to the California State Coastal Conservancy in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT

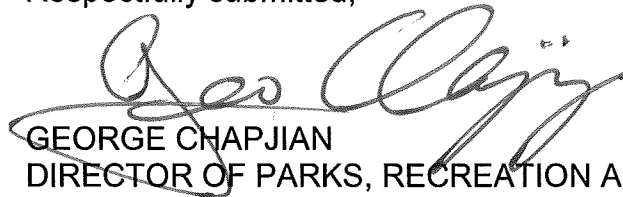
There is no further fiscal impact in addition to the City Council action taken on January 24, 2012.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

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Respectfully submitted,



GEORGE CHAPJIAN
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachments: Resolution
January 24, 2012 City Council Letter

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER



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January 24, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to accept \$1,500,000 in grant funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy for the DeForest Wetlands project; increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP 201) in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$1,500,000; and execute any documents necessary for the administration of the project. (Districts 8 and 9)

DISCUSSION

In 2006, California voters passed the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, also known as Proposition 84. Proposition 84 authorized the legislature to create a number of grant programs, including those that prevent degradation of coastal watershed, protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal lands, and promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) has actively pursued several Proposition 84 grants for the development of the DeForest Wetlands project. On October 4, 2011, the City Council authorized PRM to apply for grant funding through the California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy), and on November 10, 2011, the Conservancy authorized the disbursement of \$1,500,000 to the City of Long Beach (City) for restoration of 39 acres of wetland, riparian, and upland habitat.

The DeForest Wetlands project is located along the east bank of the Los Angeles River in the Los Angeles County Public Works Flood Control District Market Street Detention Basin (Attachment). The project will provide for the development of 39 acres of wetland, riparian, and upland habitat, publicly accessible trails, and educational interpretive signage along the Los Angeles River, from DeForest Park to Del Amo Boulevard. Additional funding for the development of the DeForest Wetlands is provided by additional grants received from the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, California Resources Agency, and the California State Coastal Conservancy.

"We create community and enhance the quality of life through people, places, programs and partnerships"

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on December 28, 2011, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 30, 2011.

SUSTAINABILITY

This project is an integral part of the overall River Link Project along the Los Angeles River. Sustainable principles included in this project are on-site storm water management, habitat restoration, native planting, and environmental education opportunities.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 24, 2012, in order to proceed with the completion of the construction documents and the bidding of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Authorization is requested to accept \$1,500,000 in grant funding from the California State Coastal Conservancy and increase appropriations by \$1.5 million in the Capital Projects Fund (CP 201) in the Department of Public Works (PW) for the DeForest Wetlands project. This grant does not require matching funds. Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works staff will charge eligible project management and grant administration time directly to the project in order to recover some overhead costs. With the acceptance of this grant, the DeForest Wetlands project is fully funded. A summary of the funding secured for the project is as follows:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
California Resources Agency	\$2,500,000
Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District	\$2,500,000
Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	\$1,000,000
California State Coastal Conservancy (previous grant)	\$217,593
California State Coastal Conservancy	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$7,717,593


The recommended action will result in a positive impact on jobs. To date, a total of 20 jobs have been created by the DeForest Wetlands project.

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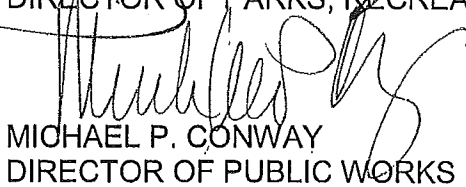
SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



GEORGE CHAPJIAN
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

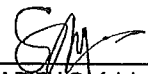


MICHAEL P. CONWAY
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

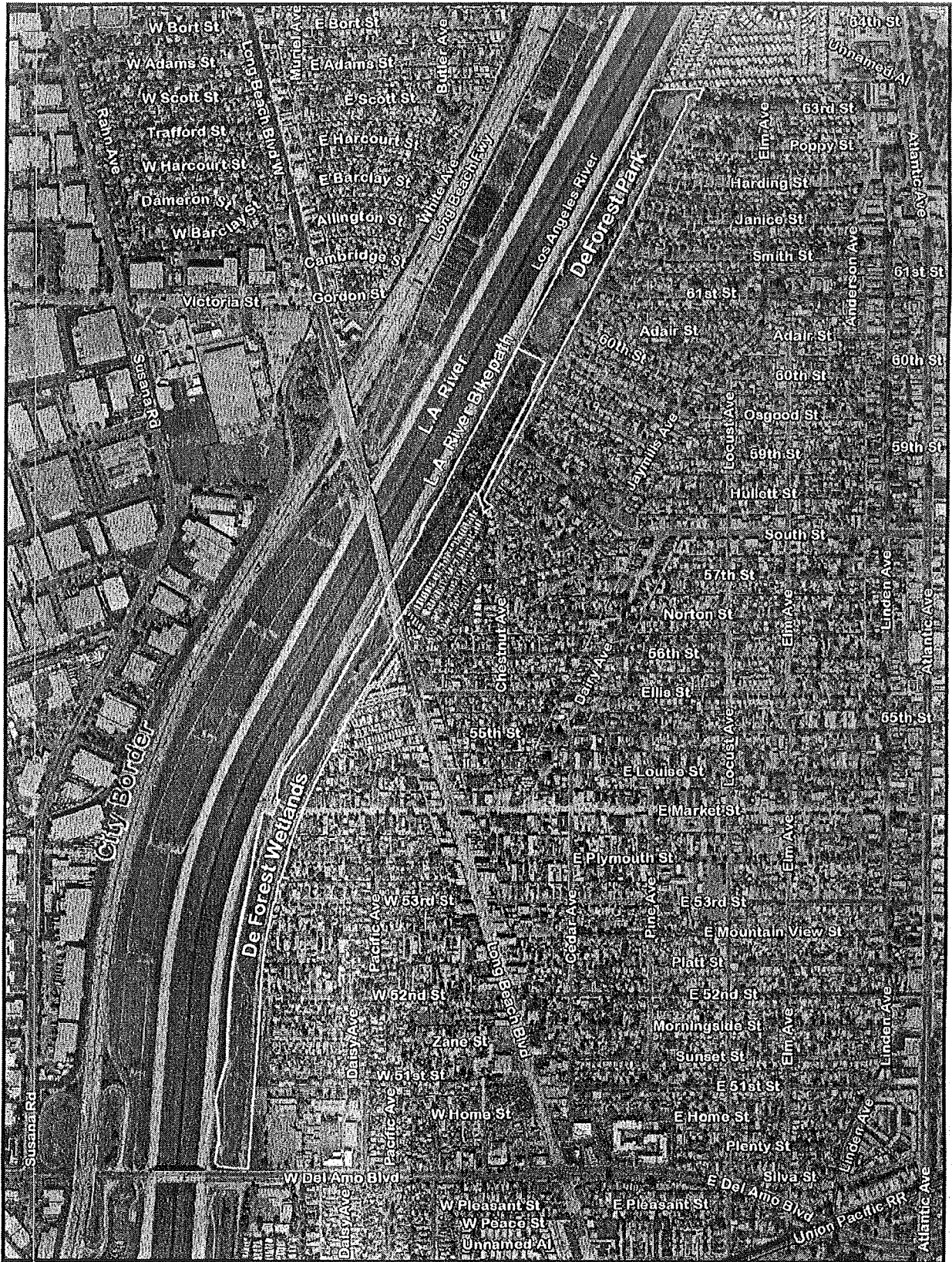
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Attachment

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER



DeForest Park and DeForest Wetlands

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE GRANT OF
FUNDS FROM THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
FOR DEFOREST PARK WETLANDS RESTORATION

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy ("Conservancy") under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and with the Conservancy's Strategic Plan and that best achieve the Conservancy's statutory objectives, in light of limited funding; and

WHEREAS, at its November 10, 2011 meeting, the Conservancy adopted a resolution authorizing a grant to the City of Long Beach ("Grantee") for the DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration ("the Project"). The resolution was adopted by the Conservancy pursuant to and is included in the Conservancy November 10, 2011 staff recommendation, a copy of which is on file with the Grantee and with the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy requires that governing body of the Grantee certify through a resolution that it approved the award of Conservancy grant funding and authorizes the execution by a representative of the Grantee of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Conservancy;

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

Section 1. Approves the award of grant funding from the Conservancy

1 for the Project.

2 Section 2. Acknowledges that it has or will have sufficient funds to
3 complete the Project and, if any facilities are constructed as a part of the Project, to
4 operate and maintain the Project for a reasonable period, not less than the useful life of
5 the facilities.

6 Section 3. Agrees to provide any funds beyond the Conservancy grant
7 funds necessary to complete the Project.

8 Section 4. Agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the grant
9 agreement and any other agreement or instrument as may be required by the
10 Conservancy and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement and to
11 complete the Project.

12 Section 5. Authorizes the City Manager to act as a representative of the
13 Grantee, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the Grantee all agreements and
14 instruments necessary to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements, including,
15 without limitation, the grant agreement.

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Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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