



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

# R-22

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October 3, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application, through the California River Parkways Grant Program to the California Resources Agency, in the amount of \$3 million for Phase I of the DeForest Wetlands Project, and to execute any necessary documents for the implementation and administration of the project at a total cost of \$3 million. (Districts 8 and 9)

## DISCUSSION

In 2002, California voters passed the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Act), also known as Proposition 50. The Act authorized the Legislature to create the California River Parkways Grant Program within the Office of the Secretary of Resources to oversee the awarding of funding to river parkway projects. On October 3, 2005, City Council approved a first round application for \$6 million for the DeForest Wetlands Project (Project). Unfortunately, while the Project was very competitive and met all statutory conditions of the grant requirements, the California Resources Agency decided to award grants only in a range up to \$3 million, because of the larger than expected volume of applications. The California Resources Agency has asked the City to reapply for the Project at a lesser amount. The City is currently revising the Project by creating several phases in order to reapply for \$3 million in funds in the second round of grant funding.

The DeForest Wetlands site is located along the east bank of the Los Angeles River (Attachment A). Phase I of the Project will provide for the development of wetlands habitat infrastructure and recreational facilities in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Market Street Detention Basin, which is south of DeForest Park along the Los Angeles River to Del Amo Boulevard. Phase I would be primarily in the northern portion of the basin between DeForest Park and Long Beach Boulevard. If this Project is funded in the second cycle of funding, the Department will apply for funds to complete the remaining phase in the final funding cycle. Should grant funds be awarded, a partnership between the City and County will be formalized in an agreement, a request for which will be presented to the City Council. The total cost to complete both phases of the Project is estimated at \$6 million.

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This item was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on September 18, 2006, and Administrative Analyst Kenneth Bott on September 22, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on October 3, 2006, as the completed grant application must be submitted to the California Resources Agency office in Sacramento by October 17, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of Phase I of the Project, including project management costs, is estimated at \$3 million. If funded, the grant monies will offset \$3 million of the Project development costs; funding to cover the City's 4 percent overhead rate is not an eligible grant expense. If the grant is awarded, the City's overhead expenses will come from Park Impact Fees in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR). If the grant is awarded by the State, the Department will request City Council approval to accept and appropriate the funds.

In accordance with the goals established in the Open Space and Recreation Element of the General Plan, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine is seeking to add over 1,000 acres of recreational open space to the City. Such additional recreational space will require additional City expenditures for staffing and maintenance. Passive recreational spaces and native habitats require lower staffing and maintenance expenditures than equivalent areas in traditional parks.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

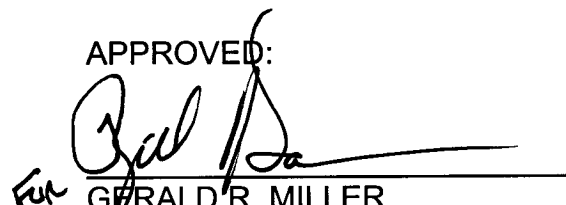


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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachments: Aerial Photograph  
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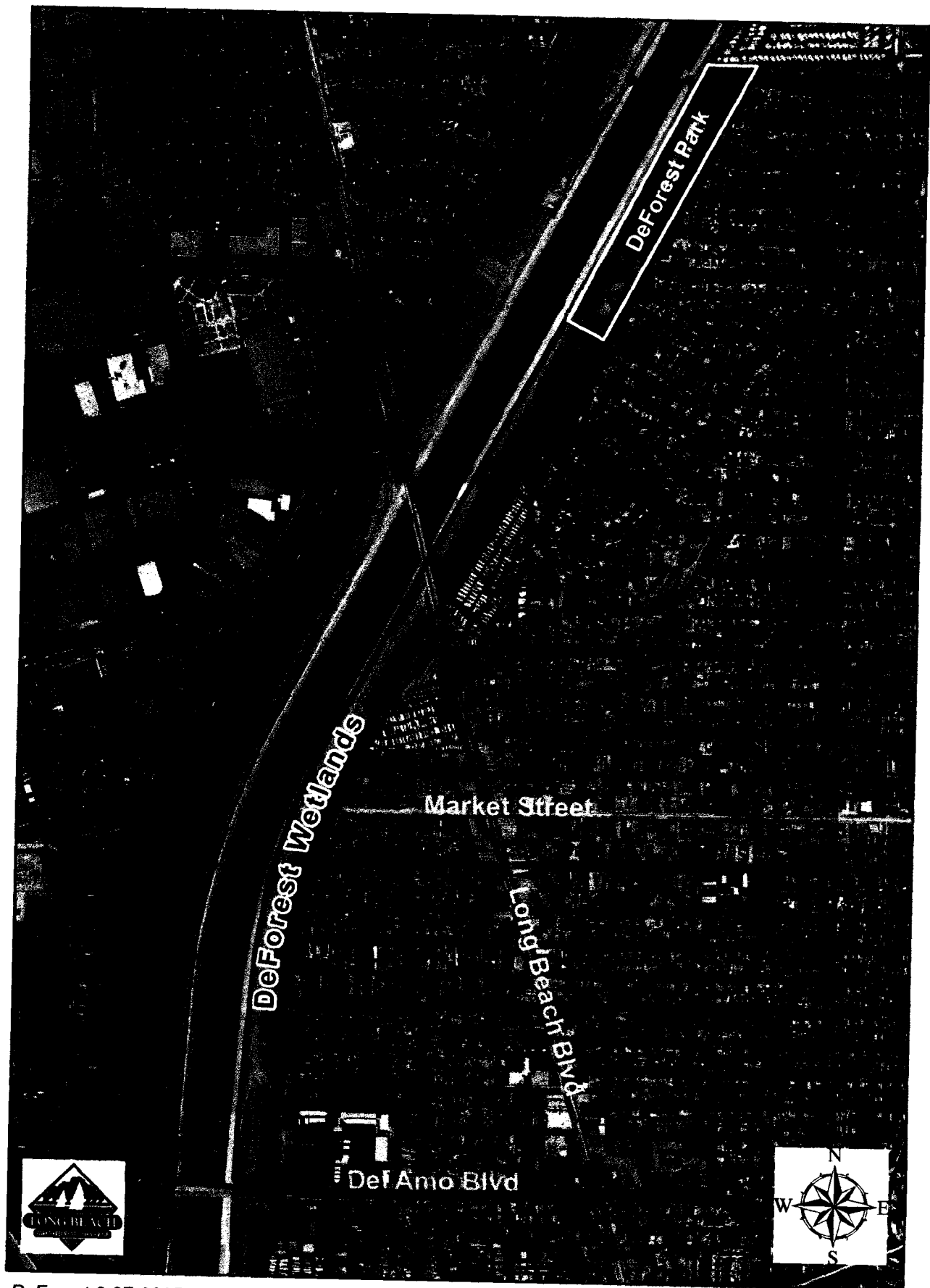
APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER  
CITY MANAGER

# DeForest Wetlands

Attachment A



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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AND TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT AND ALL AMENDMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 FOR A CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT TO DEVELOP THE DEFOREST WETLANDS

WHEREAS, the State of California provides grants to public entities under the California River Parkways Grant Program ("Program") of the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, the State Resources Agency ("Agency") has the responsibility for administration of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Agency requires that the applicant for grant funds approve submission of the application by resolution; and

WHEREAS, if a grant is given to the applicant, the applicant must enter an agreement with the Agency for the Program;

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

Section 1. That the City Manager of the City of Long Beach is hereby authorized to apply for funding under the Program for the development and construction of the DeForest Wetlands ("Project").

Sec. 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents including but not limited to applications,

1 agreements, amendments, payments requests, and other documents which may be  
2 necessary to complete the Project with funding through the Program.

3           Sec. 3. The City of Long Beach certifies that it has or will have sufficient  
4 funds to operate and maintain the Project after it is completed.

5           Sec. 4. The City of Long Beach certifies that it will comply with the provisions  
6 of California Labor Code Section 1771.8 regarding payment of prevailing wages on the  
7 Project.

8           Sec. 5. The City of Long Beach certifies that it understands the assurances  
9 and certification in the application form.

10          Sec. 6. The City of Long Beach certifies that, if applicable, the Project will  
11 comply with any laws and regulations including but not limited to building codes, health and  
12 safety codes, disabled access laws. The City further certifies that, prior to commencement  
13 of construction, it has obtained all applicable permits for the Project.

14          Sec. 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately on its adoption by the  
15 City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

16          I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City

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1 of Long Beach at its meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, by the following vote:

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

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