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May 13, 2008

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City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt four Resolutions to authorize the City Manager to submit grant applications to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the West San Gabriel River Walk Project, the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Greenway Acquisition Project, the DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration Project, and the El Dorado Regional Park Water Conservation and Water Quality Improvements Project; and, execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the projects for a total funding request of \$4,963,000. (Districts 5, 6, 8 and 9)

DISCUSSION

In November 2007, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine submitted multiple projects for Step 1 of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) grant application process. The RMC ranked all submitted applications for projects that are ready for funding into Tier 1, and projects that are of merit but are not ready for funding into Tier 2. Of the submitted applications, the West San Gabriel River Walk Project was selected as a Tier 1 project, and three other projects were selected as Tier 2 projects. Tier 1 applications are due May 23, 2008 and Tier 2 applications are due June 6, 2008. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine is requesting approval to formally submit the following applications to the RMC for Step 2 funding:

Tier 1:

- West San Gabriel River Walk Project (District 5): The project will provide for the development of unused open space next to the western levee of the San Gabriel River between Spring Street and Willow Street into a passive park with walkways and native landscaping.

Tier 2:

- Pacific Electric Right of Way (PE ROW) Greenway Acquisition Project (District 6): The project will expand the land available along the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW) between Orange Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue for the future development of a pedestrian and bicycle trail.

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- DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration Project (Districts 8 and 9): Currently, the flood detention basin adjacent to the Los Angeles River and south of DeForest Park is a degraded wetland dominated by exotic species. The project will restore the 33-acre basin to a functioning wetland and will include improved trails.
- El Dorado Regional Park Water Conservation and Water Quality Improvements Project (District 5): The project will implement the feasibility study funded by the RMC. The project will convert six lakes in the El Dorado Regional Park and Nature Center from potable water to excess reclaimed water by the installation of nano-filtration plants at the northern-most lake in the Regional Park and in the maintenance yard adjacent to the Nature Center. The nano-filtration will provide clean water to the lakes, and allow the lakes to overflow into the connecting streambeds, thereby providing increased circulation and cleansing of the lake water. The estimated potable water savings would be 190 acres-feet per year.

Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson reviewed this matter and prepared the attached Resolutions on April 21, 2008, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell reviewed this matter on May 7, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to approve the Resolutions is requested on May 13, 2008, to allow submission of the grant application to the RMC by the deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should any or all of the grant applications be selected for funding, a recommendation will be made to the City Council to authorize acceptance and appropriation of the grant funds. Funding for future maintenance and staffing costs has not been identified and will need to be considered in future General Fund budgets once the parks have been completed.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine is applying for a total of \$4,963,000 in grant funding from the RMC, as follows:

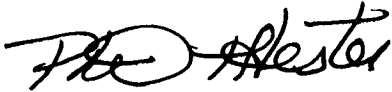
- West San Gabriel River Walk Project: Project cost is estimated at \$838,000. If funded, grant monies will offset \$738,000. The remaining \$100,000 will be funded by FY 2009 Park Impact Fees.
- Pacific Electric Right-Of-Way Greenway Acquisition Project: Total acquisition cost is estimated at \$4.2 million. If funded, grant monies will offset \$1.56 million with the remaining \$2.64 million funded by the City's Open Space Bond.

- DeForest Wetlands Development Project: The project is estimated to cost \$6 million, but will be phased for available funding. \$2.5 million has been secured from Los Angeles County Proposition A funds. This request is for \$2.5 million more. \$1 million more is being requested through the Integrated Regional Watershed Management Program through the Department of Water Resources.
- El Dorado Regional Park Water Conservation and Water Quality Improvements Project: Total project cost for the design, environmental documents and permits is estimated at \$265,000. If funded, grant monies will offset \$165,000 of the project planning costs. The remaining \$100,000 will be funded by FY 2009 Park Impact Fees.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,




PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

PTH:DLE:AMM:hcm/lh

Attachments: Resolution - San Gabriel River Walk
Resolution - Pacific Electric Right of Way Greenway Acquisition
Resolution - DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration
Resolution - El Dorado Regional Park Water Conservation and Water
Quality Improvements

APPROVED:



for PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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1 RESOLUTION NO.
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION
5 FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN
6 WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND
7 COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002, THE
8 WATER, SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL
9 AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, AND THE SAFE
10 DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY,
11 FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION
12 BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84) FOR PACIFIC
13 ELECTRIC RIGHT OF WAY GREENWAY ACQUISITION
14 PROJECT.
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16 WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the
17 California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection
18 Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), and the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water,
19 Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), and the Safe Drinking
20 Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act
21 of 2006 (Proposition 84) which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los
22 Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program ; and

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

26 WHEREAS, said procedures established by RMC require the Applicant's
27 Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before
28 submission of said Application to the State; and

1 WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of
2 California for the Project;

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

5 Section 1. Approves the filing of an Application for local assistance
6 funds from the RMC Grant Program for the Pacific Electric Right of Way Greenway
7 Acquisition Project under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood
8 Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), the Water, Security,
9 Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), or
10 the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal
11 Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and

12 Section 2. Certifies that the Pacific Electric Right of Way Greenway
13 Acquisition Project is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs (or if it
14 is not, that the Project is still approved); and

15 Section 3. Certifies that the Project is consistent with Common Ground
16 and Phase II Final Report; and

17 Section 4. Certified that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to
18 operate and maintain the Project; and

19 Section 5. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed and understands the
20 General Requirements and General Policies in the RMC Grant Program Guidelines ; and

21 Section 6. Appoints the City Manager as agent to conduct all
22 negotiations, execute, and submit all documents including, but not limited to
23 Applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for
24 the completion of the Project.

25 Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its
26 adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this
27 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 this meeting of _____, 2008, by the following vote.

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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