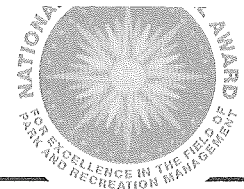




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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, in the amount of \$623,600, for the implementation of Phase 2 of the DeForest Wetlands project. (Districts 8, 9)

DISCUSSION

On November 3, 1992 and on November 5, 1996, the people of Los Angeles County (County) enacted Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (Proposition A), which, among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation. Proposition A also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to administer Proposition A funds.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) proposes to apply for \$623,600 in grant funding through Proposition A for implementation of Phase 2 of the DeForest Wetlands project. The DeForest Wetlands site is located along the east bank of the Los Angeles River in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Market Street Detention Basin (Attachment). The project will provide for the development of 39 acres of wetlands, riparian and upland habitat, accessible public trails, and educational interpretation along the Los Angeles River, from DeForest Park to Del Amo Boulevard. The DeForest Wetlands project will link to the County's recently-completed Dominguez Gap project, which is located south of Del Amo Boulevard. The City of Long Beach (City) entered into a use agreement with LACFCD for the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of the DeForest Wetlands on June 28, 2012.

Project design and environmental review have been completed. Invitation to Bid R-6873 was posted on August 26, 2014, and bidding closed on October 15, 2014. Bids were received from six vendors. However, the apparent low bid exceeded the project budget, so all bids were rejected. Project drawings are currently being revised to reflect phased construction. Phase 1 will include improvements to the Nature Center, habitat creation, the trail network, and interpretive signage. Phase 2 will further improve habitats through enhanced landscape plantings, will expand the accessible trails through the wetlands portion of the site, and will improve the parking lot at 52nd Street.

Approximately \$7 million of funding for development of the DeForest Wetlands project has been provided by the California Coastal Conservancy, the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District under a previous Proposition A grant.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra L. Carney on April 27, 2015, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 29, 2015.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 19, 2015, in order to submit the grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District by their due date of June 3, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT

In 2012, the total cost of the project was estimated at \$7.7 million. Final design and plan check of the project delayed project bidding until August 2014. Due to construction cost increases in the intervening time, the total cost of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project is now estimated at \$10 million. A summary of the funding currently appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Public Works Department (PW) is as follows:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
California Coastal Conservancy	\$1,500,000
Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	\$3,500,000
Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$7,000,000

If awarded, this grant will offset \$623,600 of the \$3 million still needed to complete both phases of this project. This grant does not require the City to provide matching funds or in-kind services. Remaining funding in the amount of \$2.37 million is being sought, but has not yet been identified. Future annual park maintenance costs, which will be provided by PRM's landscape contractor, are estimated at \$5,000 to the General Fund. This amount is currently unbudgeted and will need to be addressed as part of the annual budget preparation process upon completion of the project. Should the grant application be selected, a recommendation will be made to the City Council to accept the grant and appropriate the funding. There is no impact to jobs associated with the recommended action.

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

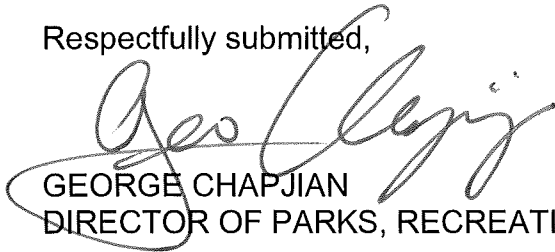
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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



GEORGE CHAPJIAN
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachments: Resolution
Aerial Map

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

DeForest Wetlands



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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 FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THE
7 2015 COUNTYWIDE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM
8 FOR DEFOREST WETLANDS PHASE 2 AND APPROVING
9 THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN
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11 WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992,
12 and on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe
13 Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation,
14 Beach and Wildlife Protection (the "Propositions"), which among other uses, provides
15 funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of
16 acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

17 WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County
18 Regional Park and Open Space District (the "District") to administer said funds; and

19 WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing
20 application for grant funds under the Propositions; and

21 WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City to certify, by
22 resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the
23 District; and

24 WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City must comply
25 with; and

26 WHEREAS, the City certifies, through this resolution, that the application is
27 approved for submission to the District; and

28 WHEREAS, the City will enter into an agreement with the District to provide

1 funds for acquisition and development projects; and

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

4 Section 1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles
5 County Regional Park and Open Space District for \$623,600 of 2015 Countywide
6 Competitive Grant Program funding for the above project.

7 Section 2. Certifies that the City understands the assurances and
8 certification in the application form.

9 Section 3. Certifies that the City has, or will have, sufficient funds to
10 operate and maintain the project in perpetuity.

11 Section 4. Certifies that the City will sign and return, within thirty (30)
12 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature.

13 Section 5. Certifies the applicability of the Youth Employment Plan
14 adopted on August 5, 2014, for the project.

15 Section 6. Appoints the City Manager, or designee, to conduct all
16 negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to,
17 applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be
18 necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

19 Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
20 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 _____, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk