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November 1, 2022

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Colorado Lagoon Project; if awarded, accept an amount up to \$1,500,000 in State General Fund funding; and execute all documents necessary to accept the funds. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

As part of the California Budget Act of 2021, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) \$11.1 million was approved over three years through the Climate Resilience package in the State's budget. The funding is intended to support investments that address the climate risks within RMC's jurisdictions, which ultimately contributes to the State's overall promotion of climate resiliency. The funds will build community resilience where resources are most needed by investing in multi-benefit and nature-based solutions, which includes climate change impacts on fish and wildlife, habitat restoration, and activities that accelerate innovative climate management of California's natural and working lands and help meet the State's 2030 Green House Gases (GHG) reduction goals.

The RMC has an open call for Climate Resilience Grant Program applications for projects that support or promote climate resilience, wildfire prevention, community access, and natural resource protection. The Colorado Lagoon Project (Project) is an 18-acre saltwater tidal lagoon hydraulically connected to Alamitos Bay and the Pacific Ocean. It serves three primary functions: hosting estuarine habitat, providing public recreation (including swimming), and retaining and conveying stormwater. Improvements to the lagoon are part of a multi-phased plan, including previous improvements in 2010 and 2012. The final component of the Colorado Lagoon's approved master restoration plan involves creating an open channel between the Colorado Lagoon and Marine Stadium. The key benefits of the project includes improving lagoon water quality and circulation, improving and restoring the lagoon's natural habitat to establish and support native plant and animal communities, and enhancing the lagoon's value as a recreational resource by providing a walking trail that extends through areas that currently provide no public access. The Project aligns with the RMC's Climate Resilience Grant Program goals and objectives. City Council approval is requested to apply for up to \$1,500,000 in grant funds for the Project. If awarded, the funds will be used to cover public access improvements and the rising costs associated with material supply shortages facing the work.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Erin Weesner-McKinley on October 3, 2022 and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on October 17, 2022.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 1, 2022, to ensure a Resolution authorizing the submittal of the application is prepared, as required in the application package.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total estimated cost of the Project was originally projected to be \$32,539,000, which includes all project delivery costs such as design, construction, construction management and oversight, inspection, environmental monitoring, and labor compliance. The project is supported by \$32,000,000 from the Harbor Department memorandum of understanding (MOU) as approved by Council in 2019 and 2022, and \$539,205 of Tidelands Capital Improvement Projects funding which are appropriated in the Tidelands Operations Fund Group in the Public Works Department. It is anticipated that the total estimated cost of the Project will increase due to material supply shortages and other increasing costs related to the Project.

If awarded, up to \$1,500,000 in RMC funding will be used to cover anticipated funding shortfalls associated with cost increases. The grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. Although, priority will be given to projects committed to a matching contribution. Therefore, an \$800,000 match will be committed. The match will be supported by Tidelands Capital Improvement Projects funding which is appropriated in the Tidelands Operating Fund Group in the Public Works Department.

No appropriation is requested at this time. Upon grant award, staff will return to the City Council with a request for appropriation, offset by grant revenue. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

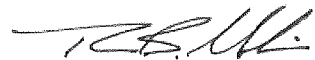
Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



ERIC LOPEZ
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION
FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SAN GABRIEL AND
LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY CLIMATE RESILIENCE GRANT
PROGRAM, FOR THE COLORADO LAGOON PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized an expenditure of General
Funds by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
(RMC) for the Climate Resilience Grant Program in Section 69 of Senate Bill 170, known
as the Budget Act of 2021; and

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

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

WHEREAS, City desires submit a grant application to Rivers and Mountains
Conservancy for the Climate Resilience Grant Program for the Colorado Lagoon Project
(Project); and

WHEREAS, if awarded, City intends to accept an amount up to \$1,500,000
for completion of the Colorado Lagoon Project and authorizes the City Manager, or
designee, to execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and implement the
project;

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

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach approves the filing

1 of an Application for Grant Funds from the RMC Climate Resilience Grant Program and
2 certifies as follows:

3 A. That the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and
4 Mountains Conservancy Climate Resilience Grant Program, for the Colorado
5 Lagoon Project (Project”) is consistent with local or regional land use plans
6 or Programs; and

7 B. That the Project is consistent with the goals of Climate
8 Resilience Grant Program including multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional
9 ecosystem and watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide
10 priorities; and

11 C. That the Application has or will have sufficient funds to operate
12 and maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration;
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14 D. That the Applicant has reviewed and understands the General
15 Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Grant Program Guidelines;
16 and

17 Section 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach appoints the City
18 Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit all
19 documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and
20 so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

21 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
22 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 _____, 2022 by the
following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk