



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager to accept the assignment of the California Coastal Conservancy Grant for the DeForest Wetlands Project from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; increase appropriations and revenue in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the amount of \$217,593 in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR); and execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the Project. (Districts 8,9)

In 2004, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) entered into an agreement with the California Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) to prepare a preliminary design and environmental review for the DeForest Wetlands and Dominguez Gap Wetlands projects (Attachment A). These projects will enhance the current spreading grounds and detention basins to include a functional multipurpose wetlands, groundwater recharge, and passive recreation.

The District began the design phase of the projects in 2004, with funding from itself, the Conservancy, and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The District has completed the Dominguez Gap Wetlands project, but only preliminary design and environmental review have been completed for the DeForest Wetlands project. Unexpended Conservancy grant funds remain available to the District to complete the DeForest Wetlands design. However, the District has requested that the City of Long Beach assume responsibility for completion of the design of the DeForest Wetlands project and that the unexpended Conservancy grant be transferred to the City. The Conservancy has agreed to assign the remainder of the grant funds to the City in order to complete the DeForest Wetlands design.

The total cost to complete the DeForest Wetlands design is estimated at \$600,000. In addition to the Conservancy grant funds in the amount of \$217,593, the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency is contributing \$100,000 toward the project. The remaining balance of \$282,407 will come from Los Angeles County Proposition A funding that has been awarded, and will be appropriated at a future date.

Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson reviewed this matter and prepared the attached Resolution on May 1, 2008, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell reviewed this matter on May 23, 2008.

City Council action is requested on June 10, 2008, in order to comply with a California Coastal Conservancy request to complete the assignment of this grant.

The total cost to complete the DeForest Wetlands design is estimated at \$600,000. Of the total amount, grant funds in the amount of \$217,593 have been approved by the California Coastal Conservancy. Another \$100,000 in Redevelopment funds is being contributed by the Redevelopment Agency. The final \$282,407 will come from Los Angeles County Proposition A funding. Approval of the recommendation will increase appropriations and revenue in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR) by \$217,593.

Approve recommendation.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH ACCEPTING THE GRANT ASSIGNMENT FOR THE DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

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