

# Agenda Report

DATE: September 27, 2004

**TO: CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CITY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS  
AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE HABITAT  
CONSERVATION FUND AND THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS  
PROGRAM**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program in the amount of \$375,000 to implement the Arroyo Seco Habitat and Streamcourse Restoration Project;
2. Approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the State of California Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation for the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$250,000 to implement the Sunset Overlook project in Hahamongna Watershed Park.

## **RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

At its special meeting on September 16, 2004, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously endorsed the City of Pasadena's application to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program in the amount of \$375,000 to implement the Arroyo Seco Wildlife Corridor Restoration Project, and the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$250,000 to implement the Sunset Overlook project in Hahamongna Watershed Park.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Funds are provided by the State grant under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. Two million dollars is available for competitive grants to local public agencies. These funds will be

provided annually from July 1, 1990, to July 1, 2020. This grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match (50 percent State, 50 percent local) with the match coming from a nonstate source.

The following categories will be funded during the FY 2005/2006 HCF grant cycle: Wetlands; riparian; trails/programs; and anadromous trout. Project applications must be submitted by October 1, 2004.

Implementation of the Arroyo Seco Habitat and Streamcourse Restoration Project is recommended for this HCF funding opportunity. This project has been approved by City Council and is consistent with the adopted Arroyo Seco Master Plans. If funded, this project would restore natural streamcourse areas and their associated habitat within Pasadena's Arroyo Seco. Project components would include removal of non-native/invasive plants, debris and sediment removal, streambank stabilization, water quality enhancement, and riparian habitat restoration.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds annually for recreational trails and trails-related projects. The RTP is administered at the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It is administered at the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Nonmotorized projects are administered by the Department's Officer of Grants and Local Service. Approximately \$2.2 million per year will be available for nonmotorized projects based on the federal FY 2003 appropriation. The competitive grants are available to cities, counties, districts, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations with management responsibilities over public land. This grant requires a 20 percent match.

The following categories are eligible for nonmotorized projects for the FY 2005/2006 grant cycle: Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails; construction of new recreational trails; acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors. Project applications must be submitted by October 1, 2004.

Implementation of the Sunset Overlook project in Hahamongna Watershed Park is recommended for this RTP funding opportunity; this project was adopted as part of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan.

The City has the funds necessary to operate and maintain the project on an ongoing basis. Ongoing maintenance costs are included in the FY 2005 Operating Budget under Park Maintenance Program.

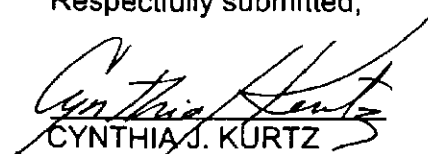
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The Arroyo Seco Habitat and Streamcourse Restoration Project and the Sunset Overlook Project have been evaluated by the Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) for the Arroyo Seco Master Plans and the Notice of Determination(NOD) filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk . Subsequent California Environmental Quality Act work has also been completed on the Streamcourse Restoration Project and the Notice of Determination(NOD) has also been filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

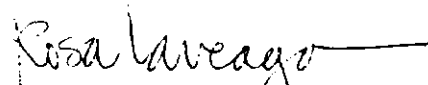
**FISCAL IMPACT**

Successful award of the Habitat Conservation Fund Program to implement the Arroyo Seco Habitat and Streamcourse Restoration Project could potentially bring a maximum of \$375,000 to the City of Pasadena. Successful award of the Recreational Trails Program to implement the Sunset Overlook project could potentially bring a maximum of \$250,000 to the City of Pasadena. If awarded, the funds would need to be recognized and appropriated into the designated account(s). Matching funds for both projects will come from Los Angeles County 1992 and 1996 Proposition A funds for projects that are already part of the Council-approved CIP.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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City Manager

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**Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOCAL AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006 UNDER THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT OF 1990 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT(S): ARROYO SECO HABITAT AND STREAMCOURSE RESTORATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire and/or develop facilities for public recreational and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State, and

WHEREAS, said application(s) contain assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California for acquisition or development of the project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 State grant assistance for the above project(s); and
2. Certifies that the City understands the assurance and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the required match; and will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
4. Appoints the City Manager as agent of the City of Pasadena to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but

not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on,  
which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

Approved and Adopted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Jane Rodriguez  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

 9/24/17

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Nicholas George Rodriguez  
Assistant City Attorney

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE SUNSET AND SUNRISE  
OVERLOOKS IN HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK

WHEREAS, the Transportational Equity Act For The 21<sup>st</sup> Century provides funds to the State of California for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to complete the project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
3. Appoints the City Manager as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, by the Vote:

AYES:

NOES:


ABSENT:

ABSTAIN;

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Jane Rodriguez, CMC

Approved as to form:

 9/22/04

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Nicholas George Rodriguez  
Assistant City Attorney