

Agenda Report

DATE: APRIL 25, 2005

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$234,650 FOR THE LOWER ARROYO SECO WESTSIDE MULTI-USE TRAILS AREA PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing an application to the State Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$234,650 for the implementation of the Lower Arroyo Seco Westside Multi-Use Trails Area Project

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At its regular meeting of April 5, 2005, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously recommended the City Council approve the Land and Water Conservation Fund Application for the Lower Arroyo Seco Westside Multi-Use Trails Area Project.

BACKGROUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program, administered nationally by the National Park Service, provides funds to federal agencies, the 50 states and six territories. Funds for the program come from federal recreation fees, sales of federal surplus real property, the federal motorboat fuels tax and the Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning, acquiring, and developing outdoor recreation areas and Facilities. Under the provisions of the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan Act of 1967, the expenditure of funds allocated to California is administered by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation.

The State's allocation for this year is expected to be approximately \$7 million. Of that amount, about \$4 million will be available for competitive grants to local jurisdictions. Southern California will receive about \$2.5 million. The program requires a 50% match in funds and is a reimbursement program. The grantee is expected to finance the Project. Matching funds may include cash, volunteer efforts, in-kind services, any other nonfederal funds.

Implementation of the Westside Multi-Use Trails and the safety improvements to the adjacent Archery Range, all in the Lower Arroyo Seco, are recommended for this LWCF 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 implement the project as outlined in the Lower Arroyo Master Plan. Project components would include restoration improvements to the trail system west of the flood control channel between the Colorado Street Bridge and the La Loma Bridge utilized by hikers, equestrians and archers; restoration of the native habitat in the area; construction of a stone wall to more clearly separate the trail system from the archery range; and enhancements to site amenities such as renovation of existing drinking fountains, renovation of existing archery range target bales, new trail signage, and interpretive information.

The City has the funds necessary to operate and maintain the project on an ongoing basis. Ongoing maintenance costs will be included in the FY 2006 Operating Budget under the Lower Arroyo Park Maintenance Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

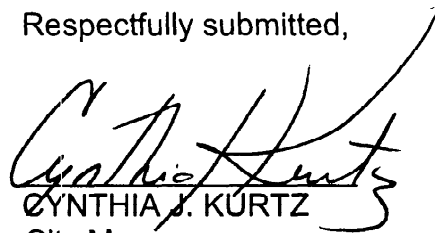
The Lower Arroyo Seco Westside Multi-Use Trails Area Project has been evaluated by the Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) for the Arroyo Seco Master Plans and the Notice of Determination filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk. As with all the projects proposed in the Arroyo Seco Master Plans, a subsequent Initial Study will be prepared to determine if the project is within the scope of the MEIR and if the project would cause any additional environmental impacts. If the Initial Study concludes that the project was described in the MEIR and no new significant impacts would occur, the City will make the following written findings:

- The project is within the scope of the Master EIR
- No additional significant environmental effects will result from the proposal
- No new additional mitigation measures or alternatives may be required

FISCAL IMPACT

Successful award of the LWCF Fund Program to implement the Lower Arroyo Seco Westside Multi-Use Trails Area Project could potentially bring a maximum of \$234,650 to the City of Pasadena. If awarded, the funds would need to be recognized and appropriated into the designated account(s). Matching funds for this project will come from a variety of sources including, Los Angeles County 1992 Proposition A funds for projects that are already part of the City Council approved Capital Improvement Plan, residential impact fees and in-kind services.

Respectfully submitted,




CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

Prepared By:



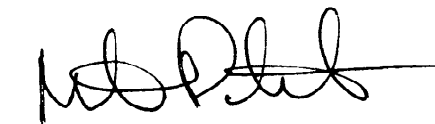
ROSALAVEAGA, Arroyo Seco Project Supervisor
Parks and Natural Resources Division

Reviewed By:



KATHLEEN WOODS, Administrator
Parks and Natural Resources

Approved By:



MARTIN PASTUCHA, Director
Department of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR THE LOWER ARROYO SECO WESTSIDE MULTI-USE TRAILS AREA PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of eligible matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Lower Arroyo Seco Westside Multi-Use Trails Area Project is consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan: *California Outdoor Recreation Plan -2002*; and

WHEREAS, the project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding project;

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

1. Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Certifies that the City has matching funds from the following sources(s): Matching funds for this project will come from a variety of sources (Los Angeles County 1992 Proposition A funds, city Residential Impact Fees and City in-kind services) and can finance 100 percent of the project, half of which will be reimbursed; and
3. Certifies that the project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project; and

4. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent of the City of Pasadena to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contract amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2005, by the vote:

AYES:

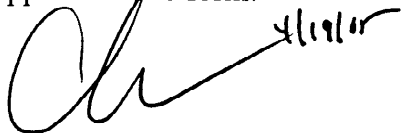
NOES

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney