

Agenda Report

DATE: October 3, 2005

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (PROPOSITION 50)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the California River Parkways Program (Proposition 50) in the amount of \$1,478,000 to implement the Berkshire Creek Improvements Project included in the Hahamongna Watershed Park – Implement Master Plan Project # 77565 in the FY 2006 Capital Improvement Program.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At its regular meeting of September 13, 2005, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously recommended the City Council approve the City of Pasadena's application to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the California River Parkways Program (Proposition 50) in the amount of \$1,478,000 to implement the Berkshire Creek Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND

The California River Parkways Program is funded by the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). The legislature has been authorized to appropriate \$100 million for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of River Parkways. This current call for projects is for the awarding of approximately \$44 million of these funds. Subsequent calls for projects are expected next year. Funding is administered by the California River Parkways Program within the Office of the Secretary for

Resources. River Parkway projects must meet at least two of the five statutory conditions: Recreation, Habitat, Flood Management, Conversion to River Parkways or Conservation and Interpretive Enhancement. The Berkshire Creek project in Hahamongna Watershed Park proposes the repair and modification of an urban storm drain at Berkshire Avenue that flows into the Hahamongna basin. The project will greatly restore and enhance an riparian oak woodland canyon, that is currently severely deteriorated and impacted by excessive flows from the Berkshire Avenue storm drain.

When repairs and modifications are completed, the quality of the habitat in the canyon will be greatly enhanced. The canyon bottom will function as an aesthetically pleasing creek. The quality of the water flowing into the Hahamongna basin and the Arroyo Seco streamcourse will be greatly improved. And the area trails will be restored to allow passage over the creek via a small recreational bridge crossing. There is no match required for this program.

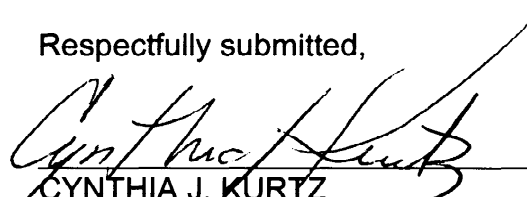
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Berkshire Creek Improvements Project was part of the adopted Arroyo Seco Master Plans and has been evaluated by the Master Environmental Impact Report (MIER) for the Arroyo Seco Master Plans. An Initial Study is being completed and a Notice of Determination (NOD) will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk to comply with this requirement as stipulated by the granting agency.

FISCAL IMPACT

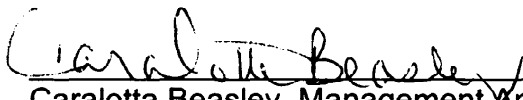
The City has the potential to gain \$1,478,000 in park improvements funding in the next several months. With the financial resources available from the state being very limited, these competitive programs offer the City the best opportunity to continue the rebuilding efforts in our parks. Staff is seeking support for this grant program in order to provide a source of funds for these projects of community importance. If received, these funds will allow \$400,000 already available for this project, to be spent to complete the Berkshire Creek Project in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,




CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

Prepared By:



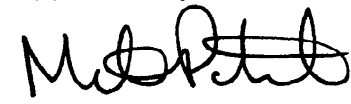
Caralotta Beasley, Management Analyst II
Parks and Natural Resources Division

Reviewed By:



Kathleen Woods, Administrator
Parks and Natural Resources Division

Approved By:



Martin Pastucha, Director
Department of Public Works

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (Proposition 50) FOR THE BERKSHIRE CREEK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena wishes to undertake the Berkshire Creek Improvements Project ("Project") which is within the purposes specified for the grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Berkshire Creek Improvements Project.

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

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Berkshire Creek Improvements Project.
2. Certifies that the City understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that the City or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
6. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent of the City of Pasadena to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

Approved and adopted on the _____ day of _____ 20_____.

AYES:

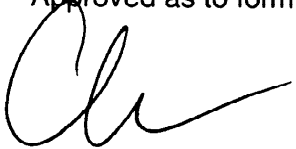
NOES

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

 9/19/08

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney