

# Agenda Report

DATE: September 26, 2005

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 \$70,000 to implement the Arroyo Seco Interpretive Program (CIP Project #77457 and #77565); and
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 \$196,700 to implement the Lower Arroyo Seco Trail and Trailhead Improvements (CIP Project #77457).

## **RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

At their regular meeting on September 6, 2005 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 \$70,000 to implement the Arroyo Seco Interpretive Program and the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$196,700 to implement the Lower Arroyo Seco Trail and Trailhead Improvements.

## **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 have been provided annually since July 1, 1990 and will continue through July 1, 2020. This grant requires a dollar for dollar match (50 percent State, 50 percent local). The match must come from a non-State source. The required match for Arroyo Seco Interpretive Program is proposed to come from the Parks and Natural Resources operational funds, spread evenly over the term of the grant. Implementation of the Arroyo Seco Interpretive Program is recommended for this funding

opportunity. This project will provide valuably needed interpretive material for the users of the Arroyo Seco in the form of an informational video, habitat & trail maps, interpretive signage and outreach. Project applications must be submitted by October 3, 2005.

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). Non-motorized projects are administered by the Department's Officer of Grants and Local Services and motorized projects are administered by the Department's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. Approximately \$2.2 million dollars per year will be available for non-motorized projects and approximately \$1 million dollars for motorized projects based on the federal Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation. Project funding is subject to the availability of federal funds. 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 which is proposed to come from 1992 Los Angeles County Proposition A funds already awarded to the City. Implementation of the Lower Arroyo Seco Trail and Trailhead Improvements consists of several projects adopted as part of the Lower Arroyo Master Plan (LAMP) which include improvements to the trails and trailheads at both the southern and northern ends of the Lower Arroyo Seco area.

The following categories are eligible for the FY 2006/2007 grant cycle: maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails (motorized projects only); 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 3, 2005.

Implementation of the Lower Arroyo Trail and Trailhead is recommended for this funding opportunity; this project was adopted as part of the in the Lower Arroyo Master Plan (LAMP).

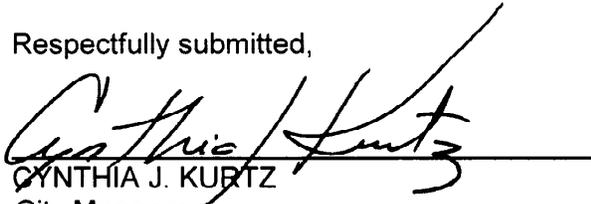
The City has the funds necessary to operate and maintain both projects on an ongoing basis as part of the Department of Public Work's Operating Budget for Park Maintenance.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The Lower Arroyo Trail and Trailhead Improvements project was part of the adopted Arroyo Seco Master Plans and has 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. The project for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program will not require any further environmental review.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Successful award of the Habitat Conservation Fund Program to implement the Arroyo Seco Interpretive Program and the Recreational Trails Program to implement the Lower Arroyo Trail and Trailhead Improvements could potentially bring a maximum of \$266,700 to the City of Pasadena to fund projects that are currently part of the Arroyo Seco Master Plans and the adopted CIP, but currently unfunded.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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City Manager

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Department of Public Works

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOCAL AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 UNDER THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT OF 1990 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT(S) FOR THE ARROYO SECO INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM**

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 contains assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena wishes to undertake the Arroyo Seco Interpretive Program Project ("project") which is within the purposes specified for the grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena will enter into an agreement with the State of California for acquisition or development of the Arroyo Seco Interpretive Program Project;

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 included in this application, the required match; and will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
4. 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, amendments, 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:

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Jane Rodriguez  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



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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 LOWER ARROYO SECO TRAIL  
AND TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS**

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 City of Pasadena wishes to undertake the Lower Arroyo Seco Trail and Trailhead Improvements Project ("Project") which is within the purposes specified for the grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena will enter into an agreement with the State of California to complete the Lower Arroyo Seco Trail and Trailhead Improvements Project;

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

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Project; and
2. Certifies that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
3. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works 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.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, by the Vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN;

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Jane Rodriguez, CMC

Approved as to form:

 9/19/05

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Nicholas George Rodriguez  
Assistant City Attorney