

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 2, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE EATON WASH TRAIL PROJECT TO THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (PROPOSITION 40)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Tier 2 Phased Application for the competitive Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant in the amount of \$44,468 for the planning of its Eaton Wash Trail project.

BACKGROUND

The City of Pasadena has the opportunity to apply for grant funding from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) local assistance grant program for the 2008-2009 funding cycle. RMC has been delegated with the authority to distribute approximately \$63 million from state bond funds to projects within their territory over the next few years. The grant funds are provided from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002; The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002; and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (PROPOSITIONS 40, 50, and 84).

RMC solicits projects for funding via a two-tiered grant application process. All applicants are to submit what is called a Step 1 grant application. After receiving these Step 1 applications, RMC staff then places projects in one of two categories: Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 projects are ready for immediate implementation and Tier 2 projects are those that are in the initial planning phases. The Department of Public Works, Parks and Natural Resources Division submitted a Step 1 grant application for the Eaton

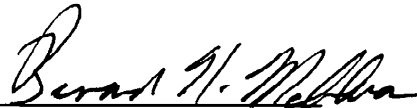
Wash Trail project on November 8, 2007. The project was subsequently placed in the Tier 2 category due it being in its initial planning phase. RMC has now requested that the City of Pasadena submit a Step 2 grant application to move the project toward Tier 1 readiness. The Tier 2 Phased Application will apply for the necessary funding for the planning of the project. If this funding is received, a Tier 1 grant application will be recommended after the planning of the project in order to fund the project's implementation.

The proposed Eaton Wash Trail Project extends approximately three miles north to south connecting a number of parks within the City of Pasadena limits as well as connecting City residents to the numerous trails in the Angeles National Forest. The multi-use trail begins in Eaton Canyon at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center and continues south to the City limit near Eaton Blanche Park. When complete, the Eaton Wash Trail has the potential to connect with existing and planned regional trails such as the Emerald Necklace trail system. In order to facilitate use by multiple user groups, the Eaton Wash Trail is proposed for both sides of the wash wherever feasible.

FISCAL IMPACT

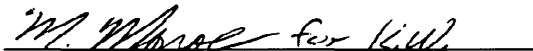
If the City of Pasadena is successful in obtaining funding for the 2008-2009 Tier 2 application, it will receive \$44,468 towards the cost of planning of the Eaton Wash Trail Project. There is no matching requirement for this grant therefore there will be no significant fiscal impact should the City receive this grant.

Respectfully submitted,

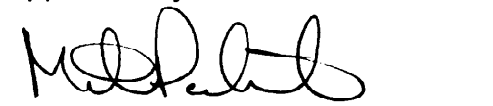


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City Manager

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Approved By:


Martin Pastucha, Director
Department of Public Works

Resolution No: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002; THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002; AND THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROP 40, 50, AND 84)

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California, and the California State Legislature, have enacted Propositions 40, 50 and 84, which provide funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for local assistance ("Grant Program"); and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Grant Program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures governing project application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by RMC require the City of Pasadena to certify by resolution the approval of the application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena will enter into an agreement with RMC to complete the Eaton Wash Trail Development Project ("Project");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Pasadena:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Grant Program through Proposition 40, 50, and 84 for local assistance funds; and
2. Certifies that the City of Pasadena understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the City has or will have sufficient funds to operate or maintain the Project; and
4. Certifies that the Project is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs (or if it is not, that the project is still approved); and

5. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the objectives of RMC as articulated in *Common Ground, From the Mountains to the Sea (Common Ground)* and the *Open Space Plan Phase II Final Report (Phase II Final Reports)*; and
6. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies in the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program Guidelines.
7. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.
8. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 20____, by the following vote:

Ayes _____

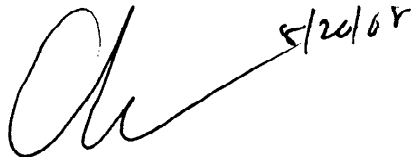
Noes _____

Absent _____

Abstain _____

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



5/20/08

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney