

Agenda Report

April 23, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR COMPETITIVE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and
2. Adopt resolutions authorizing the submittal of three grant applications, each in the amount of \$100,000, to the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District for the competitive tree planting program.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District opened a new competitive grant program to help the communities in the Fifth Supervisorial District that suffered unprecedented tree loses during the November 30 - December 1, 2011 windstorm. This program authorizes grant funding of up to \$100,000 for each grant, and applicants may apply for multiple grants. Grant funding may be used to purchase, plant, and provide for a period of maintenance for the planted trees. The deadline for submitting the application for funding is May 31, 2012. All work must be completed by December 31, 2014.

The adoption of the attached resolutions will allow the City to request \$300,000 in funding for tree planting in locations where trees were downed, made unstable, and where new sites have been identified due to the windstorm. To augment the City's windstorm recovery efforts, the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation (PBF) is also requesting \$100,000 in funding. If the City and PBF are successful in attaining funding, the City will be able to plant approximately 2,000 trees. .

While there is no required match for the grant program, staff time will need to be allocated to grant and project administration/coordination, tree planting, and maintenance.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the City Council's goal to "Improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and to increase conservation and sustainability." It also supports the City of Pasadena's adoption of the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords (UEA) action 11, "...tree canopy coverage maintained in more than 50 percent of available planting sites." Additionally, it will further action item #18 which seeks to improve air quality. Tree planting projects are consistent with the General Plan's Conservation Element Objective 2.4, Retention of Pasadena's image and heritage of mature trees and plant life. Finally, the Master Street Tree Plan (MSTP) outlines a designated street tree for each block in Pasadena. This action would further the planting of trees in accordance with the MSTP.


ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The actions proposed herein are applications for funding, and not the construction of any particular project. Accordingly, the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3). If the grants are awarded to the City, further environmental review is anticipated.

FISCAL IMPACT:


The City has the potential to gain \$300,000 in grant funding for tree planting through this program. If these grants are awarded, staff will return to Council to appropriate the funds to the proper budget accounts.

Respectfully submitted,



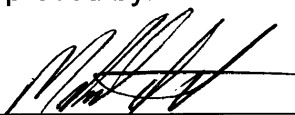
SIOBHAN FOSTER
Director of Public Works

Prepared by:



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Parks and Natural Resources, Public Works

Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
TREE PLANTING GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING
FOR REPLACEMENT OF TREES UP-ROOTED IN THE 2011 WINDSTORM
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development of facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions; and

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

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City of Pasadena must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects;

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

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds for Replacement of Trees Up-Rooted in the 2011 Windstorm Project; and
2. Certifies that the City of Pasadena understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the City of Pasadena has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the Director of Public Works, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 30th day of April, 2012,
by the following vote:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN;

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



4/16/12

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING
FOR TREES MADE UNSTABLE BY THE 2011 WINDSTORM
TREE REPLACEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development of facilities and open space for public recreation; and

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1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds for Trees Made Unstable by the 2011 Windstorm Tree Replacements Project ; and
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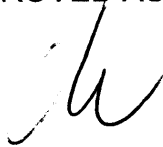
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