

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

Date: October 16, 2000

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Application for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant 2000/01 Cycle For Restoration of Flint Wash Trail Crossing Terminus of the La Canada Verdugo Road Between Devil's Gate Dam and the Old Oak Grove Park Service Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the grant application request for \$375,000 for the Recreational Trails Program Grant for Restoration of Flint Wash Trail Crossing Terminus of the La Canada Verdugo Road between Devil's Gate Dam and the Old Oak Grove Park Service Road.

BACKGROUND:

The Recreational Trails Program (formerly the National Recreational Trails Fund Act Program), is funded under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). California's allocation for this grant cycle will be approximately \$2.2 million available on a competitive basis to cities, counties, districts, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands for non-motorized projects. The Recreational Trails Program is a matching program that provides up to 80% of the project costs.

Pasadena's proposal for this grant cycle is Restoration of Flint Wash Trail crossing Terminus of La Canada Verdugo Road between Devil's Gate Dam and the old Oak Grove Park service road at a total estimated cost of \$718,750. Of this amount, \$200,000 was funded by RTP during 1999/2000, and the City has proposed in-kind services in the amount of \$80,000. An additional \$63,750 is budgeted in previously approved county Prop. A funds. (See attached Cost Estimate.) The Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously supported the project and the original grant request when it was presented at their meeting on November 21, 1998.

This historic crossing, originally built in the early 1900's, provided the primary access from La Canada Verdugo Road in Pasadena to La Canada. Two previous bridges across this 200-foot span provided hiking, pedestrian and equestrian access from the west end of Devil's Gate Dam to the Oak Grove Area of Hahamongna Watershed Park.

The implementation of this proposal would greatly restore a historic recreational access way that has been nonfunctional for nearly ten years. This project is considered one of the highest priorities for Hahamongna Watershed Park by City staff, recreational users, law enforcement and fire agencies, and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. While the final Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan is currently in the process of being completed, this proposal is in keeping with the already approved Preliminary Park Plan. This project is consistent with the Cultural and Recreational Element of the General Plan by encouraging the optimum use of existing recreational facilities. Further, this project is consistent with the Land Use Element of the General Plan, by providing adequate recreational opportunities to all residents of the City. This improvement would provide recreational access to pedestrians and equestrians and improves security and maintenance access for park maintenance personnel.

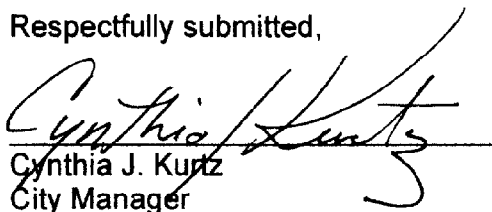
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project was found to be categorically exempt by the City's Environmental Administrator under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities. A categorical exemption was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk in October 1999 for this project.

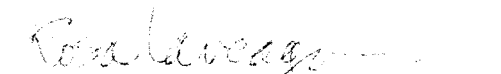
FISCAL IMPACT:

Successful award of this request for a grant proposal of \$375,000 from the Recreational Trails Program, coupled with the previously awarded \$200,000 in grant funds, \$80,000 in City in-kind services, and \$63,750 in Prop. A. funds, will total the \$718,750 cost of restoration of Flint Wash Trail.

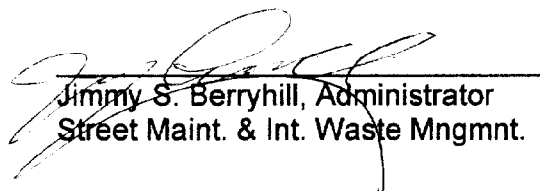
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