

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 13, 2003

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM AND THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM; AND TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 GRANT PROGRAM (PROPOSITION 40) FOR THE PER CAPITA AND ROBERTI-Z'BERG HARRIS (RZH) BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to apply for a grant from the State of California Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program in the amount of \$230,000 to implement the Habitat Restoration of the Flood Management and Water Conservation Pool in Hahamongna Watershed Park;
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to apply for a grant from the State of California Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation for the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$275,000 to implement the Bird Sanctuary project in the Lower Arroyo Park;
3. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to apply for a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) Per Capita grant program; and
4. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to apply for a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) Roberti-Z'Berg Harris Block grant program.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Recreation and Parks Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the resolutions applying for these grants.

BACKGROUND:

THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND

The Habitat Conservation Fund 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 will be provided annually from July 1, 1990 to July 1, 2020. This grant requires a dollar for dollar match (50%-State, 50% local). The match must come from a non-State source. The application for this project was submitted to the granting agency on October 1, 2003. The California Department of Parks and Recreation recognizes that Council schedules often do not meet the application deadlines, and therefore has agreed to accept the Council resolution by October 15, 2003.

Implementation of the Habitat Restoration for the Flood Management and Water Conservation Pool in the Hahamongna Watershed Park is recommended for this funding opportunity. The recommended project is included in the adopted Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan (HWP). The Flood Management and Water Conservation Pool is in large part a riparian habitat restoration project. The purpose of the Flood Management and Waters Conservation Pool is to create a flood control pool to better manage inflowing sediment as well as a pool to allow the retention of floodwater for water conservation. The project proposes a phased operation that will permit the area above the floodplain (above elevation 1040') and the perimeter of the water conservation pool (between elevations 1030' and 1040') to become established with riparian southern willow scrub habitat.

The Capital Improvement Program Budget currently includes \$230,000 from Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (Proposition A) funds for this project under the project entitled "Implement Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan" for habitat conservation, enhancement or restoration in Hahamongna Watershed Park. This funding would be available to serve as the match requirement for this grant submittal.

THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Funds are provided by the State grant under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Approximately \$2.2 million dollars will be available for non-motorized trails projects and \$1 million dollars for motorized trails projects. Cities, counties, districts, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands are eligible to apply. The RTP is a matching program that provides up to 80% of the

project costs. The local match must be from a non-federal source. The local match may include local, state, or private funds, as well as materials and services. The application for this project was submitted to the granting agency on October 1, 2003. The California Department of Parks and Recreation recognizes that Council schedules often do not meet the application deadlines, and therefore has agreed to accept the Council resolution by October 15, 2003.

Implementation of the Bird Sanctuary for the Lower Arroyo Park is recommended for this funding opportunity; the procedural guide for this grant indicates that the grantor will look favorably on a multi-use project. The Bird Sanctuary project has a small bike component because it will be a rest stop for bicyclists; an equestrian and a hiking component; it also calls for a new trail linkage. All components are requirements to apply and increase points for the grant. In addition, all components are recommendations in the recently adopted Lower Arroyo Seco - Master Plan.

The Capital Improvement Program Budget currently includes \$715,000 from 1992 Prop A funds for this project under the project entitled "Lower Arroyo Seco - Master Plan Implementation". This funding would serve as the match requirement for this grant submittal.

PROPOSITION 40 PER CAPITA AND ROBERTI-Z'BERG HARRIS BLOCK GRANTS

The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) makes available \$610,000 in per capita funds and \$375,851 for Roberti-Z'Berg Harris funds for the City of Pasadena for a total of \$985,851. On January 28, 2002 at their regular meeting, the City Council unanimously approved the *Competitive Park Grant Application Plan*, authorizing staff to apply for various grants, including these projects detailed in Attachment A. In addition, on May 13, 2002, the City Council adopted the FY 2003 CIP budget appropriating these Proposition 40 funds to various park projects.

In order to complete the application process for the Proposition 40 grant funds, the City of Pasadena is required to complete and submit a resolution in support of the application for these programs. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council approve the attached resolutions to allow the City to submit applications for the programs. The City must agree that it has the funds necessary to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity. On-going maintenance costs are included in the Operating Budget under Park Maintenance Program.

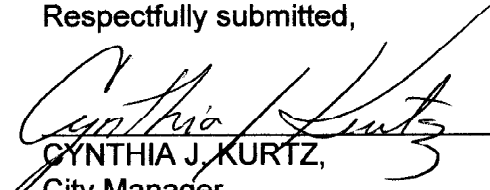
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed habitat restoration and bird sanctuary project was evaluated and approved in the Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) for the Arroyo Seco Master Plans.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Successful award of the Habitat Conservation Fund Program to implement the Habitat Restoration of the Flood Management and Water Conservation Pool in Hahamongna Watershed Park would bring a maximum of \$230,000 to the City of Pasadena. Successful award of the Recreational Trails Program to implement the Bird Sanctuary in the Lower Arroyo Park would bring a maximum of \$275,000 to the City of Pasadena. Once awarded, the funds would need to be recognized and appropriated into the designated account(s). The Proposition 40 funds have been recognized and appropriated by the City Council in an amount of \$ 985,851.


Respectfully submitted,


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