

Agenda Report

DATE: November 15, 2004

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CYNTHIA KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT MITIGATION GRANT - FOR TREE PLANTING IN THE ARROYO SECO

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the competitive Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for planting trees and shrubs at the southern entrance to the Lower Arroyo Seco Park.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

At its special meeting of November 9, 2004, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously endorsed the subject grant application.

BACKGROUND:

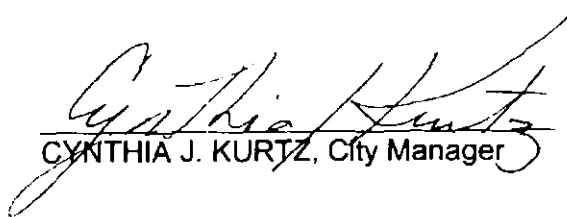
The California Department of Transportation Administrators of the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program will be accepting applications for their 2005-2006 Grant Cycle on November 19, 2004. Staff has identified a project needing \$75,000 in funding from this competitive program to plant trees and shrubs, and irrigate the newly planted areas in the Lower Arroyo Seco.

The identified project will restore native trees and shrubs to approximately six acres at the southern entrance to the park. In addition, the project provides for irrigation to ensure their long-term viability. The project is identified in the adopted Lower Arroyo Seco Master Plan. The native plantings will include the planting and establishment of 100 native trees and 400 native shrubs.


FISCAL IMPACT:

If the City of Pasadena is successful in obtaining this grant, we will receive \$75,000 to help implement a portion of the Lower Arroyo Seco Master Plan by planting native trees and shrubs.


Respectfully Submitted:


CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, City Manager

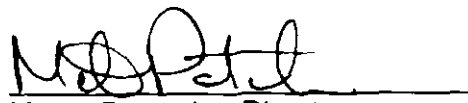
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Reviewed by:


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Parks and Natural Resources

Approved by:


Martin Pastucha, Director
Department of Public Works

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE RESOURCES AGENCY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM UNDER THE SECTION 164.56 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE FOR THE STREET TREE PLANTING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted AB 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which is intended to provide \$10 million annually for a period of 10 years for grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the applicant's governing body before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the application contains assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation project;

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

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program; and
2. Certifies that the City will make adequate provisions for operation and maintenance of the Street Tree Planting project; and
3. 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(s).

Approved and Adopted on the ____ day of __ ____, 20__.

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane Rodriguez
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

 11/04/04

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney