

# Agenda Report

DATE: January 24, 2005

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE PROPOSITION 40 URBAN STREAMS AND RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE BERKSHIRE DRAIN PROJECT IN HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK.

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Proposition 40 Urban Streams and Restoration Program (USRP) grant in an amount not exceeding \$300,000 to assist with the Arroyo Seco Stream Restoration Project and the implementation of the Arroyo Seco Master Plan.

## RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

At its regular meeting on January 11, 2005, the Recreation and Parks Commission reviewed and unanimously endorsed the staff recommendation to apply to the California Department of Water Resources for the Proposition 40 Urban Streams and Restoration Program grant.

## BACKGROUND:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is accepting Fiscal Year 2004-2005 applications for the Proposition 40 Urban Stream Restoration Program (USRP) grant. The program has been allocated \$4,575,000 and the grant cap is currently \$1 million per project. The deadline for submitting the application for funding is 4 p.m. on January 25, 2005.

Through the USRP, the DWR provides grants to local communities for multi-objective projects that reduce flooding and bank erosion, improve the environmental values of streams and promote community stewardship. USRP requires co-sponsorship on all projects by a local agency and local community group. Types of projects funded in past years include creek cleanups, invasive vegetation control, revegetation and bioengineering bank stabilization projects, reconfiguration of channels to improve

geomorphic function, day lighting of culverted streams, acquisitions of floodplain land, and removal of flood-prone structures.

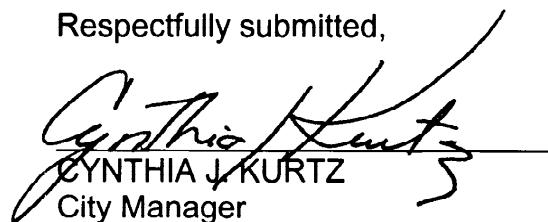
The requested grant dollars will fund a portion of the Arroyo Seco Stream Restoration project, an ongoing project of the Arroyo Seco Master Plan, with a total project cost of over \$5 million. All potential projects must have two sponsors: a local agency and a community group. The City's Parks and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Public Works will act as the primary sponsor for the project. The Arroyo Seco Foundation has agreed to act as the co-sponsor for this project submittal.

Staff is requesting a total of approximately \$300,000 for the restoration of Berkshire drain, a project of the adopted Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan. While no specific amount of local matching funds is required to receive a grant, the grant applicant or community must contribute something to the project. The contribution may be a financial match of the grant, an in-kind contribution, or a combination of both. Typically, this contribution covers at least twenty percent of the total project costs. Proposition 12 funds, already awarded to the City, along with in-kind services provided by the Parks and Natural Resources Division and the Arroyo Seco Foundation will provide the required twenty percent match for this grant submittal.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Successful award of these grant applications could potentially bring the City of Pasadena approximately \$300,000 to assist with the completion of the Berkshire Drain and the implementation of a portion of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:



MARTIN PASTUCHA, Director  
Department of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE  
APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR  
GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION  
PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE ARROYO SECO STREAM  
RESTORATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, Urban Streams Restoration Program has announced the availability of funds for grants; and

WHEREAS, the said grants are intended to help solve flooding and erosion problems in a way that provides environmental enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Seco Foundation has proposed to cosponsor a grant application with the City of Pasadena ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the City has concluded the project proposed for funding with the grant funds would be environmentally beneficial and; and

- a) The City has adopted and certified a Master Environmental Impact Report for the Arroyo Seco master Plan on April 4, 2003; and
- b) The City will comply with all requirements of CEQA prior to implementation of the project.

WHEREAS, the City considers the prospects of receiving a grant to be reasonably likely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, authorizes the submittal of a joint application with the Arroyo Seco Foundation for an Urban Streams Restoration Program grant.

If offered such a grant, the City Manager or Director of Public Works as designated by the City Manager of the City of Pasadena is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Pasadena all necessary applications, contracts, agreement, amendments and payment requests hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application. The delegation of authority to submit invoices requires written consent by both grantees which will be provided to the Department of Water Resources.

Approved and Adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

AYES:

NOES:

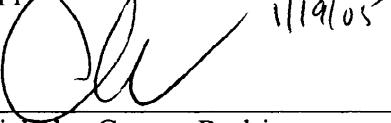
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Jane Rodriguez  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
11/19/05

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