

Agenda Report

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2007

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT MITIGATION GRANT FOR STREET TREE PLANTING AND HABITAT RESTORATION IN THE ARROYO SECO

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant program of 2007-2008 in the amount of \$350,000 for planting street trees throughout the City and for habitat restoration in the open space area of the Arroyo Seco.

BACKGROUND

The City of Pasadena has the opportunity to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Transportation, Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program for the 2007-2008 funding cycle. Staff is seeking the City Council to authorize the application for \$350,000 in funding for street tree planting and additional habitat restoration in the Arroyo Seco Park consistent with the adopted Master Plan and its conceptually approved amendments. The grant application calls for planting 2,500 street trees Citywide, and including trees that have been lost to disease or weather conditions over the past few years. In addition, this application calls for native tree plantings and habitat restoration in the Arroyo Seco Park.

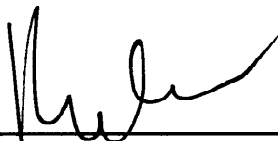
FISCAL IMPACT

If the City of Pasadena is successful in obtaining funding for the 2007-2008 funding cycle, the City will receive \$350,000 to be utilized towards planting of trees and restoration of the native woodlands in the Arroyo Seco. If awarded, the total grant request amount of \$350,000 would allow a \$250,000 increase to the forestry operating account and \$100,000 for the Arroyo Seco operating accounts.

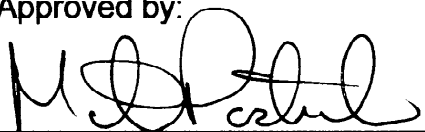
Respectfully Submitted:


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City Manager

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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 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 AND ARROYO REFORESTATION AND HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS

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 project; and

3. Appoints either 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:

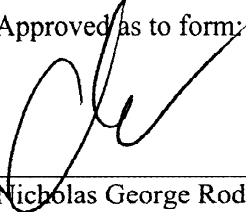
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane Rodriguez
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



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Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney