

Agenda Report

December 3, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR LOWER ARROYO SECO TRAILHEAD PROJECT AT PARKER-MAYBERRY BRIDGE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3); and
2. Approve the City of Pasadena resolution authorizing an application for the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program in the amount of \$159,650 for the Lower Arroyo Trailhead project at the Parker Mayberry Bridge.

BACKGROUND:

The Lower Arroyo Seco Trailhead Project (Lower Arroyo Trail Restoration Improvements – Project 77406) is part of the adopted FY 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This project provides for the reconstruction and stabilization of arroyo stone walls, renovation of existing trails, drainage improvements, and improved neighborhood access. Work has been performed on the Army Reserve, California, Colorado Street, and Westside trails. Additional arroyo stone wall restoration work will begin in early 2013. The project is in need of additional funding for the complete project to be realized. The City is pursuing a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to complete the necessary funding.

The work to be performed should the funds be awarded, includes: trail rehabilitation, improved gate access, bridge safety modifications to the Parker-Mayberry Bridge, enhanced directional/interpretive signage, and the inclusion of various park furnishings (e.g., benches, equestrian hitching posts, and watering trough). The Recreation and Parks Commission is aware of this project and the need for additional funding as a

result of the FY 2013 CIP approval process, which came before the commission on March 6, 2012.

The LWCF Grant Program is administered nationally by the National Park Service, which provides funds to federal agencies, the 50 states and six territories. Under the provisions of the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan Act (CORP) of 1967, the expenditure of funds allocated to California is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

This grant program requires a dollar-for-dollar match (50% LWCF/50% local match). The match must come from a non-State source. The required match for this grant submittal would be provided by the existing source of funds (Recreational Trails Grant and 1992 Proposition A (Parks)) in the Lower Arroyo Trailhead Project of the CIP (Project 77406).

The LWCF selection criterion facilitates scoring of each project proposal according to how well the project meets the needs and priorities published in CORP. All project applications must have their environmental review completed under CEQA at the time of the application submittal to be eligible for funding consideration.

City Council approval of this Resolution will complete all the requirements mandated by the granting agency. If the City is awarded this grant, staff will return to City Council to appropriate the funds.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project is consistent with the City Council goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. The action proposed herein meets the City Council objectives. Among these concerns are providing for the recreational and open space needs of its residents.

The following City Council policies would be advanced under the proposed action:

- The adopted Lower Arroyo Seco Master Plan adopted by City Council in 2003;
- Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element Objective 13: “Develop recreation programming to promote community and families”;
- Green City Action Plan environmental stewardship policies adopted by City Council in September 2006

Action 10 – Accessible Park/Open Space

Action 12 – Protection of Habitat Corridor;

- General Plan Cultural and Recreational Element Goal 1.0: “Provision of a wide range of recreational facilities and services as a means of improving the quality of life for all Pasadena residents”;
- General Plan Open Space and Conservation Element Core Principles adopted by City Council in January 2012: “Pasadena keeps conservation of natural resources and open space opportunities at the center of all city decision-making; and Pasadena provides equitable access to open space.”

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is an application for funding and not the construction of a project. Accordingly, the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3).

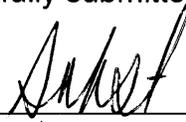
FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of this project is \$396,325. If the grant application is successful, \$159,650 of this funding will come from a LWCF grant. Other funding for this project will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Lower Arroyo Trail Restoration Improvements CIP project (77406). If this grant is awarded to the City, staff will return to Council to appropriate the funds to this budget account.

If the LWCF grant application is successful, the following table presents a summary of the sources of funds that will be used.

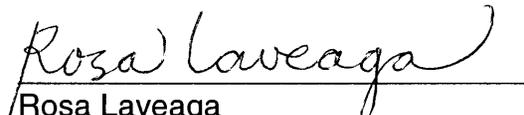
Recreational Trails Grant	\$187,500
Proposition A (Parks) 1992	\$49,175
LWCF Grant	\$159,650
Total Sources	\$396,325

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

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Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE LOWER ARROYO
SECO TRAILHEAD PROJECT AT THE PARKER-MAYBERRY BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of eligible matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Lower Arroyo Seco Trailhead Project at the Parker-Mayberry Bridge Project is consistent with the most recent California Outdoor Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Pasadena hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Agrees to abide by Section 6(F)(3) of Public Law 88-578 which states, "No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location."

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3. Certifies that the City has matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and
4. Certifies that the Project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project; and
5. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:

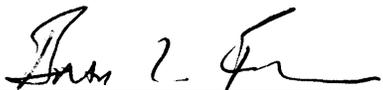
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MARK JOMSKY, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brad L. Fuller
Assistant City Attorney