

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** November 23, 1998

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Application for grant funds from the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District 1996 Competitive Grant Program (Fourth and Final Funding Cycle)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing an application for grant funds from the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District Trail Acquisition and Development Competitive Grant Program (fourth and final funding cycle) for the Restoration of Flint Wash Trail Crossing.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District is awarding on a competitive basis, funding in seven categories to public agencies and qualified non-profit organizations. In this fourth and final funding cycle, staff recommends that City Council authorize the submittal of an application for grant funds up to but not to exceed \$300,000 in the category entitled "Trail Acquisition and Development Grant Program" for the purpose of restoring the trail crossing at Flint Wash.

Flint Wash is best described as the terminus of Flint Canyon, a canyon stream originating in La Canada. At Flint Wash, the waters of Flint Canyon converge with the waters of the Upper Arroyo Seco Stream and then travel further south into the central Arroyo Seco stream. The crossing over Flint Wash connects the west end of Devil's Gate Dam to the Oak Grove area of Hahamongna Watershed Park. The Flint Wash crossing is the original accessway connecting La Canada Verdugo Road, in Pasadena, with the City of La Canada.

The span of the crossing is approximately 200 feet. Two separate crossings have been in this location previously. The first was at a lower elevation (span of 170 ft.) and evidence of its concrete abutments are still present. Later, a wooden bridge was constructed at a higher elevation (span of 200 ft.) and then burnt approximately 25 years ago. This damaged wooden crossing gradually deteriorated to the point of being hazardous, and was torn down approximately 10 years ago.

The implementation of this proposal would greatly restore a historic recreational accessway that has been nonfunctional for nearly ten years. While, the final Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan is currently in the process of being completed, this proposal is in keeping with the already approved Preliminary Park Plan. To further clarify, this improvement would provide recreational access to pedestrians and equestrians and improves security and maintenance access for park maintenance personnel.

If awarded, this project will need to fulfill all the environmental requirements set forth by L.A. County Regional Park and Open Space District and would be evaluated under the Arroyo Seco Master Environmental Impact Report, currently underway. Also, if awarded, the design of the bridge crossing will need to be presented to the community and go before various commissions for approval, including the Design Review Commission. One alternative staff has reviewed, is a three span bridge that would connect one side of the Wash to the other at the already existing abutments and not structurally impact the streamcourse below.

The County of Los Angeles requires that all agencies receiving Prop A funds have a Youth Employment Plan. The City Council adopted its Youth Employment Plan on May 11, 1998, to comply with the current requirements established by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Successful award of the Trail Acquisition and Development Competitive Grant Program for the reconstruction of Flint Wash trail crossing could potentially bring a maximum of \$300,000 to the City of Pasadena. At that time, the funds would need to be recognized and appropriated into the appropriate accounts.


Respectfully submitted,


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Resolution authorizing an application for grant funds from L.A. County Regional Park and Open Space District's Trail Acquisition and Development Competitive Grant Program for Flint Wash Trail Crossing