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December 30, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
URBAN PARK ACT OF 2001 GRANT PROGRAM
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolutions authorizing the Director of Public Works, in his capacity of Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or his designee, to submit project applications to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Urban Park Act of 2001 Grant Program.

2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, in his capacity of Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or his designee, to conduct business with the California Department of Parks and Recreation on any and all matters related to the grant, including executing grant agreements and signing requests for disbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The voters of California passed the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in March 2002. Proposition 40 provides the California Department of Parks and Recreation with approximately $131 million for the Grant Program. Grant applications for the Grant Program are due by January 15, 2004. Funds are to be awarded for the acquisition or development, or both, of property for new urban parks or new recreational or multipurpose facilities.

Public Works is currently preparing applications to request a minimum of $2 million for the Wrigley Greenbelt, Lario Creek Restorations, and San Gabriel Canyon Spreading Grounds Park Projects.

The Grant Program requires the governing board of a local agency to adopt a resolution that authorizes the agency's designee to conduct business with the California Department of Parks and Recreation on any and all matters related to the Grant Program. The enclosed Resolutions have been prepared to conform to this requirement.

Implementation of Strategic Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence as it provides needed services to the public. Construction of projects under the Grant Program will allow the general public to enjoy outdoor recreational facilities that are environmentally friendly. This action also meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility since this grant will leverage County funds with funds provided by the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Grant Program provides financing for eligible projects that will provide safe recreational opportunities for children, senior citizens, and other urban population groups. The projects to be administered under the Grant Program, should they be selected by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, will be included in the Flood Control District's annual budget. The draft Resolutions provide for a match, which is optional. We have been advised that a local match would improve our chances of being awarded funding; therefore, the Flood Control District intends to provide a 10 percent match contribution for each successful project application.

The City of Long Beach has agreed to maintain the Wrigley Greenbelt Project site, and the City of Azusa has agreed to maintain the San Gabriel Canyon Spreading Grounds Park Project site. Public Works will ensure maintenance of the Lario Creek Restorations Project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed Resolutions have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

If any of the grant applications are successful, we will return to the Board for acceptance of the funds and to request an appropriation of the matching contribution from Flood Control District funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Adoption of the enclosed Resolutions does not constitute a "project," nor the approval of a "project," pursuant to Section 301 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines. Consequently, the proposed action is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The appropriate environmental document or finding of categorical exemption will be prepared for each individual project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no adverse impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Enclosed are three copies of each Resolution. Upon approval, please return two signed copies of each Resolution along with two approved copies of this letter to Public Works. The remaining copy is for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Wolfe

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN PARK ACT OF 2001 PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002

For LARIO CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Urban Park Act of 2001 Program and the Grant Project shown above within the State, setting up necessary procedures, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the Board of Supervisors of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for local assistance funds form the Urban Park Act of 2001 Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002; and

2. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and

3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and

4. Certifies that the Grantee has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the Project, the proportional match; and

5. Authorizes the Director of Public Works, in his capacity of Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and his designees, which include Chief Deputy Director, Assistant Director, and Deputy Director, to conduct business with the California Department of Parks and Recreation on any and all matters related to this grant, including submitting applications, executing grant agreements, and signing requests for disbursement.

The foregoing Resolution was on the __ day of ____, 2004 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing district, agencies, and authorities for which said board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
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By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

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For WRIGLEY GREENBELT PROJECT

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For SAN GABRIEL CANYON SPREADING GROUNDS PARK PROJECT

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