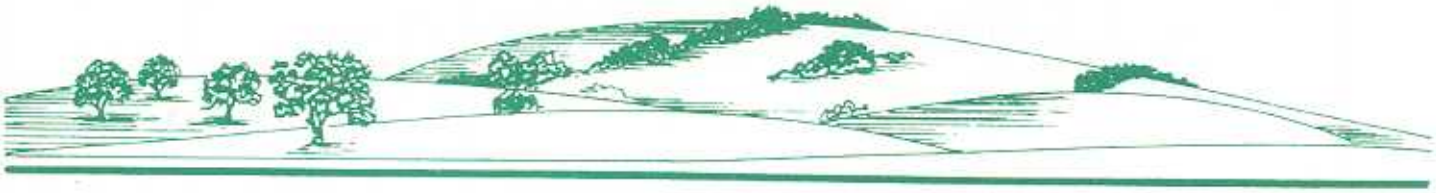

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

July 6, 2004

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

APPROVE REALLOCATION OF PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, ALLOCATE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT (FOURTH DISTRICT - 3 -VOTE MATTER)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve reallocation of $516,682 of Per Parcel Discretionary funds allocated to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (the 1992 Proposition) from its Abalone Cove Beach Improvement Project to its Point Vicente Interpretive Center Expansion Project.

2. Approve the revised plan of expenditure for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to transfer $40,000 of 1992 Proposition Specified Project funds allocated to the City under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF), Item (ii) from its Abalone Cove Beach Improvement Project to its Point Vicente Interpretive Center Expansion Project.

3. Allocate Fourth Supervisorial District Cities Excess Funds in the amount of $50,000 to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

4. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to award a grant to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will provide $606,682 of additional funding for the expansion of the Point Vicente Interpretive Center. The estimated total project cost is $3,218,511and includes building enlargement, the addition of a terrace and an amphitheatre, additional trails and paths, interpretive signage, landscaping and a picnic/play area.

The 1992 Proposition allocated $4,340,000 to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes for the acquisition of critical natural lands and wildlife habitat and the City expended all but $40,000 of that total. On June 3, 1997, your Board approved the City's request for a revised plan of expenditure to enable the City to transfer the balance of $40,000 to its Abalone Cove Beach Improvement Project. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes now requests a new plan to transfer these funds to the Point Vicente Interpretive Center Expansion Project and to that end, its city council adopted a resolution (Attachment) at a noticed public hearing on November 5, 2003.

Excess Funds for a capital improvement grant to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes are needed to supplement funding for its Point Vicente Interpretive Center Expansion Project. The Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of Excess Funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. It is recommended that $50,000 of "Cities" Excess Funds be allocated to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

It is recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grant, when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by your Board. The Director will determine that the application for the funds is for a project eligible to receive District funding.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Service Excellence), Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) and Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by assisting the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to expand its Point Vicente Interpretive Center.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds for the project, totaling $3,218,511, are budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Bond Project Fund (HB6) and the District's Excess Funds Fund (HD6) under Other Charges to fund the project. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes' Point Vicente Interpretive Center Project is currently funded with:

- $2,480,000 in 1992 Proposition Specified Project funds allocated to the City under the 1992 Proposition, Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF), Item (i),
- $11,829 in 1996 Proposition Per Parcel Discretionary funds allocated to the City under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1), and
- $120,000 in Cities Excess Funds awarded previously.

New project funding recommended will be:

- $516,682 in 1992 Proposition, Per Parcel Discretionary funds allocated to the City under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) ,
- $40,000 in 1992 Proposition Specified Project funds allocated to the City under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF), Item (ii), and
- $50,000, in Fourth Supervisorial District Cities Excess Funds. Funds for the grant are available from the Fourth Supervisorial District's portion of the Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds allocations for additional capital projects in Fiscal Year 2003-04.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds

Per Parcel Discretionary funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (9), Subsection (e) of the 1992 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 1996. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1996-97, any Per Parcel funds not committed to expenditure are available for award by your Board for one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (8) of the 1992 Proposition for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority.

Specified Project Funds

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by

your Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has complied with the required procedures and requests approval of its revised plan of expenditure to supplement the Point Vicente Interpretive Center Expansion Project.

If your Board does not approve the City's request, the City may either expend the remaining funds for the uses currently specified, request your Board's approval to fund new projects with the residual funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

Excess Funds

The 1996 Proposition provides for an annual determination of the availability of Excess Funds and for allocation of such funds for capital projects in four categories. On June 24, 2003, your Board identified funds available for allocation to capital projects in Fiscal Year 2003-04.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds before they may receive grants of Excess Funds. Your Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants if all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by your Board but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year shall be available for allocation by your Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

County Counsel has reviewed these actions as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required so that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes may proceed on the further expansion of the Point Vicente Interpretive Center.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division and to return three conformed copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Gallagher
Director, Parks and Recreation

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF RESIDUAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ABALONE COVE BEACH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE EXPANSION OF POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection (the Proposition), which provides funds to the County of Los Angeles and other public agencies in the County for the purposes of acquiring and/or developing facilities for public recreational facilities and open space; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition also created the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing local agency applications for grant funds under the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City as the Applicant to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Project is an important park and recreation project for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the City will amend an Agreement with the District to include residual funding for the Point Vicente Interpretive Center Expansion project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District for transfer of residual 1992 Specified and Per Parcel Discretionary grant funds from the Abalone Cove Beach Improvement Project to the Point Vicente Interpretive Center Expansion Project, per Section 8.b.2.FFii and 8.b.1.FFii of the Proposition; and

2. Certifies that the City understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and

3. Certifies that said City has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project in perpetuity; and

4. Appoints the Director of Public Works, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THE 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2003.

/s/ Douglas W. Stern
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Jo Purcell
City Clerk

State of California)
County of Los Angeles)ss
City of Rancho Palos Verdes)

I, JO PURCELL, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 2003-92 was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the said City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on November 5, 2003.

Jo Purcell
City Clerk