COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"
Russ Guiney, Director

July 18, 2006

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

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSITION A COMPETITIVE TRAILS GRANT FUNDS FOR FIFTH DISTRICT TRAILS SIGNAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, FIFTH DISTRICT STAGING AND ARENA REFURBISHMENT PROJECT, AND BONELLI REGIONAL PARK BRIDGE TRAIL MERGER PROJECT (5TH District – Three-Vote Matter)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the above referenced projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, cited herein.

2. Adopt the attached resolution approving the submission of grant applications for the Fifth District Trails Signage Replacement Project in the amount of $120,000; the Fifth District Staging and Arena Refurbishment Project in the amount of $130,000; and the Bonelli Regional Park Bridge Trail Merger Project in the amount of $120,000 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 Competitive Trails Grant Program, and instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return signed copies of the resolutions to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) by July 31, 2006.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept funds, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, project grant agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Department's projects.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION

Approval of these actions will allow the Department to complete the application process for the Fifth District Trails Signage Replacement Project, the Fifth District Staging and Arena Refurbishment Project, and the Bonelli Regional Park Bridge Trail Merger Project under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 Competitive Trails Grant Program. The Program provides $1,543,283 in funding for the acquisition, development and/or improvement of real property for trails and public access. Priority will be given to public trails projects in cities and those that provide linkages to regional facilities and/or existing or planned regional trails within the Fifth Supervisorial District. Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on August 1, 2006.

Fifth District Trails Signage Replacement Project ($120,000)

The proposed project includes replacing all existing trail signs that are old, faded, or destroyed throughout the Fifth District trail system. The project also includes upgrading sign material to a more durable type, installing new trailhead signs, and replacing existing sign posts with larger diameter pipes (2 3/8") which would hold up under horizontal stress.

Fifth District Staging and Arena Refurbishment Project ($130,000)

The proposed project includes refurbishing staging areas and arenas at Bonelli Regional Park, Eaton Canyon, Loma Alta, Marshall Canyon, Walnut Creek (Antonovich Trail), and Los Pinetos with new hitching rails, nose troughs, new split rail fencing, picnic benches, tree planting, parking lot adjustments, and applying new paint on the horse arenas, the reviewing stands, and the restroom buildings.

Bonelli Regional Park Bridge Trail Merger Project ($120,000)

The proposed project includes constructing a bridge to provide easy access over the inflow of Live Oak Creek to equestrians, bicyclists, joggers, walkers, and authorized vehicles, including emergency units. The bridge will link the North Shore and East Shore of Bonelli Regional Park.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of the recommended actions support County Strategic Plan Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure; Goal No. 5 (Children and Families Well-Being) by improving the health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County; and Goal No. 6 (Community Services) by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the net County cost. If the Department is successful in receiving grant funds for the projects being submitted, the projects will be funded as follows:

The Fifth District Trails Signage Replacement Project:

The project is estimated at $160,000 including materials and labor. The amount of $120,000 will be funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District Trail Program and $40,000 of in-house labor will be provided to meet the twenty-five percent matching funds requirement.

The Fifth District Staging and Arena Refurbishment Project

The project is estimated at $174,000 including materials and labor. The amount of $130,000 will be funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District Trail Program and $44,000 of in-house labor will be provided to meet the twenty-five percent matching funds requirement.

The Bonelli Regional Park Bridge Trail Merger Project

The project is estimated at $160,000 including materials and labor. The amount of $120,000 will be funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District Trail Program and $40,000 will be provided by the Special Development Funds, Unit No. 40561.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

If the Department's grant applications are successful, the Department will develop estimates for both the one-time start-up costs and the ongoing operating costs upon completion of the project designs, when more detailed information about the improvements would be available.

The Department will work with the Chief Administrative Office to determine the appropriate operating requirements and available funding. Based upon the current funding timeline and anticipated project schedules, any one-time or ongoing operational costs as a result of these projects would not be incurred until at least Fiscal Year 2007-08.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Regional Park and Open Space District has $1,543,283 in Proposition A excess funding to provide competitive grants for trails acquisition, development, and/or improvements for public access within the Fifth Supervisorial District. Grant awards are limited to $150,000 per project and there is a 25 percent match requirement.

Pursuant to Section B (6) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, grantee shall use monies allocated to the maximum extent practical, to employ youth from the community in which a project is being carried out. Grantee must comply fully with all State and Federal laws regarding the employment of youth on any project. The Department will be utilizing youth hired through the Youth Enhancing Parks Program to assist with the implementation of the projects.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed trails signage replacement and staging/arena refurbishment projects are categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15302 (c), 15303, 15304 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2 (e), 3, 4 (c) of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 for replacement of existing structures or facilities.

The proposed Bonelli Park bridge project was included in the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park Master Plan FEIR and Addendum No. 1, approved by your Board July 21, 1998.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will not have any impact on any other current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return three conformed copies of this action and the signed original resolutions to Parks and Recreation by July 31, 2006, and one conformed copy to the Chief Administrative Office.

Respectfully submitted,

by John Wicker

Russ Guiney
Director

RG:KW

c: Executive Officer (22)
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSITION A EXCESS FUNDS COMPETITIVE TRAILS GRANT FUNDS FOR FIFTH DISTRICT TRAIL SIGNAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, FIFTH DISTRICT STAGING AND ARENA REFURBISHMENT PROJECT, AND BONELLI REGIONAL PARK BRIDGE TRAIL MERGER

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation to certify, by resolution, the approval of the applications before submission of said applications to the District; and

WHEREAS, said applications contain assurances that the Department of Parks and Recreation must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation will enter into Agreements with the District to provide funds for development projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors;

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the above projects; and

2. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and

3. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity; and

4. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, 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 projects.

The foregoing resolution was on the _____day of _____, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Office,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

County Counsel

By _____
LILLIAN D. SALINGER

Senior Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Bonelli Regional Park Bridge Trail Merger Project: The proposed project includes constructing a bridge to provide easy access over the inflow of Live Oak Creek to equestrians, bicyclists, joggers, walkers, and authorized vehicles, including emergency units. The bridge will link the North Shore and East Shore of Bonelli Regional Park.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
Regional Park & Open Space District	Proposition A	August 1, 2006

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $160,000	**County Match: $40,000**	
Grant Period:	**Begin Date: 10/2006**	**End Date: 10/2009**
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time: In House Labor**	**Part Time:**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes: **X**	No:
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes:	No: **X**
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes: **X**	No:
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes:	No:
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes:	No:
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes:	No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above: **None**

Department Head Signature: _____ Date: 7-5-06

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

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Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
Regional Park & Open Space District	Proposition A	August 1, 2006

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $174,000	**County Match: $44,000**	
Grant Period:	**Begin Date: 10/2006**	**End Date: 10/2009**
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time: In House Labor**	**Part Time:**

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Department Head Signature: _____ Date: 7-5-06

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

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Grant Project Title and Description

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Regional Park & Open Space District	Proposition A	August 1, 2006

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Grant Period:	**Begin Date: 10/2006**	**End Date: 10/2009**
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Department Head Signature: _____ Date: 7-5-06