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

February 20, 2007

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:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TO THE ALTADENA FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 (Fifth District – 3 Vote Matter)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD

1. Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, cited herein.

2. Adopt the attached resolution assigning to the Altadena Foothills Conservancy (AFC) the County's right to apply for $15,000 of County Excess Funds allocated to the County of Los Angeles under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (the 1996 Proposition) for the construction of a pocket park in the unincorporated area of the Altadena community.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Conservancy to apply for $15,000 of County Excess Funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) for the construction of a pocket park in the Altadena community.

The Altadena Foothills Conservancy is working in cooperation with several partners to build a pocket park on 8,000 square feet of neglected land at the intersection of Woodbury and Marengo. This pocket park is funded by a $20,000 City Makeover Grant from the Metropolitan Water District and a $10,000 State Proposition 12 Per Capita grant with additional funds provided by the Foothill Municipal Water District, Rain Bird Corporation, J. Harold Mitchell Company, Mountain View Cemetery, and other partners.

The pocket park will serve as a small park for area residents as well as a miniature watershed, demonstrating how water can be used efficiently and effectively in a park of California native plants.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Regional Park and Open Space District is recommending that the Director award a grant to the Altadena Foothills Conservancy when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being), and Goal No. 6 (Community Service) by improving the service and quality of life for residents in this community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds in the amount of $15,000 are available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Fund.

Operating Budget Impact

The recommended action will have no impact on the Department's operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended action will allow Altadena Foothills Conservancy to apply for funds from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District.

County Counsel has approved this action as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15303 (d) and 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3 (a), 4 (a) (c) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the project involves a new utility extension, fine grading and landscaping.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact on current services or projects as a result of this action.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
Director

Attachment

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

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

APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 TO THE ALTADENA FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY

WHEREAS, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A) allocated funding to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation to provide funding for the acquisition and development of parks and recreational areas owned or operated by the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Altadena Foothills Conservancy is requesting $15,000 in County Excess Funds for the construction of a pocket park within the Altadena community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign the County's right to apply for these funds to the Altadena Foothills Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the Altadena Foothills Conservancy will submit an application to the Regional Park and Open Space District to obtain a grant for the above-referenced project and will be required to provide assurances to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the procedural guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as Board of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Resolution approving the right to apply for $15,000 of County Excess Funds from the Regional Park and Open Space District under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

The foregoing resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2007, 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 Officer-
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