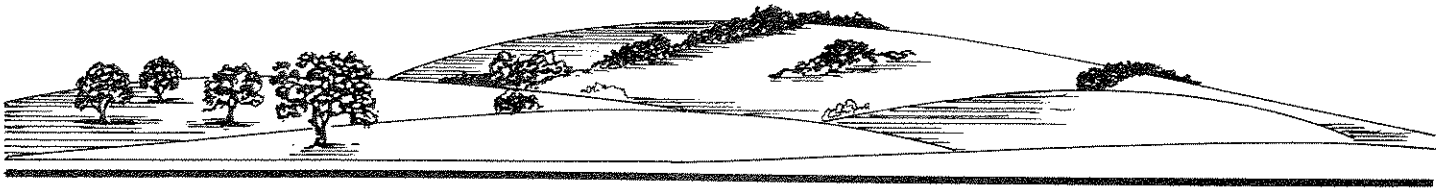

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

November 18, 2008

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 THE ADDITION OF POOL HEATER REPLACEMENT TO THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE'S EXPANSION OF THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER GRANT (FIFTH DISTRICT - 3 VOTE MATTER)

SUBJECT

These actions will add pool heater replacement to the project description for the City of Sierra Madre's Expansion of the Community Recreation Center grant. The current project includes the expansion of and improvement to the multi-purpose room and the facility entrance, and construction of restrooms at the Community Recreation Center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons cited herein.

2. Approve the addition of pool heater replacement to the project description for the City of Sierra Madre's Expansion of the Community Recreation Center Grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the City of Sierra Madre (City) to add pool heater replacement to the project description approved by your Board on November 21, 2006. On that date, your Board approved an allocation of $350,000 to the City for the expansion and improvement to the multi-purpose room, facility entrance, and construction of restrooms at the Community Recreation Center located in Sierra Vista Park. Construction bids for the project came in below estimate and the City requests your approval to fund the urgently needed replacement of the pool heater at the swimming pool adjacent to the Community Recreation Center. The cost to replace the old pool heater will be approximately $30,000 and can be included in the $350,000 grant.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN 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 Services), by adding swimming pool enhancements to the Community Recreation Center Project in the City of Sierra Madre in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of $350,000 is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

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 grant is being funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for city projects.

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 governs the administration of this grant.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement was entered into and is administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreement was approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will enhance recreational opportunities in the City of Sierra Madre in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of Sierra Madre is the lead agency for the Expansion of the Community Recreation Center Project.

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments at this time to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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