LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

November 25, 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 ASSIGNMENT OF PREVIOUSLY AWARDED SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE YVONNE B. BURKE DRIVING RANGE PROJECT (SECOND DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)

SUBJECT

These actions will approve the assignment of $6,728,000 in Specified Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District allocated previously to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Kenneth Hahn Driving Range Project.

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 reassignment of $6,728,000 in Specified Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District to the Department of Parks and Recreation for a grant for the Kenneth Hahn Driving Range Project.

3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to award a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the Project, after the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) assigns the right to apply for funds to the Department, 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 ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will authorize the assignment of $6,728,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial Districts, for the Yvonne B. Burke Driving Range Project. The Yvonne B. Burke Driving Range is proposed to initially have 22 tees, 1 PGA putting green, 5 batting cages, a 500 square foot maintenance/management building, restroom facility, and approximately a 60 space parking lot. The project will be designed for future expansion should funding be available, to accommodate additional amenities for a total expansion of the facility that would have a total of 44 tees, 2 PGA putting greens, 10 batting cages, a 5,000 square foot management office, pro-shop, concessionaire, restroom facility, and an approximate 60 space parking lot. The total project cost is $6,728,000.

The $6,728,000 in Specified Excess funds were allocated and granted to the BHRCA by your Board on February 14, 2006, April 3, 2007, and November 6, 2007, for acquisition of lands for park, wildlife, natural and open space purposes, and for development of related recreation facilities and public access in the Baldwin Hills. The Yvonne B. Burke Driving Range Project is consistent with these purposes.

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 prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department and BHRCA meet this requirement.

In a related item on today's agenda, the Chief Executive Office recommends that your Board, in its capacity as the County's Board of Supervisors, approve the Yvonne B. Burke Driving Range Project.

It is also recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award a grant to the Department when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by your Board.

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 enhancing recreational opportunities in the Baldwin Hills in the Second District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of $6,728,000, is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District's 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 recommended grant would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for specified projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the 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.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into, and 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 will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required to fund the Yvonne B. Burke Driving Range Project in the Second 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 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 County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Yvonne B. Burke Driving Range Project.

The proposed project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3(b) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the proposed project provides for the installation of accessory (appurtenant) structures.

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