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

April 14, 2009

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:

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS FOR THE CASTAIC LAKE BOAT RAMP AND STORAGE SHED PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing submission of an application to the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways in the amount of $100,000 for the Castaic Lake Boat Ramp and Storage Shed Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons cited herein.

2. Adopt a resolution authorizing submission of an application to the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways for the Castaic Lake Boat Ramp and Storage Shed Project in the amount of $100,000.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or his designee, to accept the funds, conduct all negotiations, and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, the project agreement, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of the attached resolution will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to complete the application process with the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW), Boat Launching Facilities Grant Program, necessary for the Castaic Lake Boat Ramp and Storage Shed Project.

The proposed scope of work consists of installation of a new 18' x 95' boat launch and a new 30' x 40' storage shed adjacent to the Boating Instruction Safety Center (BISC) at Castaic Lake located at 32132 Castaic Lake Drive in Castaic, California. The BISC is shared by the California State University Northridge Boating Instructional Safety Program, that provides boating and water related recreation activities to young people with disabilities, and County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation Junior Lifeguard Training Program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide-range of services responsive to the community's needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost for the Castaic Lake Boat Ramp and Storage Shed Project is $100,000 and will be fully funded by the DBW Grant Program.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the project description, the Department does not anticipate any one-time start-up or ongoing costs resulting from the recommended actions. The project provisions have maintenance requirements that will be fulfilled with existing park staff and resources. Should the necessity arise, the Department will work with the Chief Executive Office to determine the appropriate level of maintenance and available funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Boating and Waterways provides grants annually, on a competitive basis, to public entities throughout the State for construction of launch ramps, boarding floats, shore-side or floating restrooms, shore protection, vehicle/trailer parking, and other boating related items. An adopted resolution must be submitted as part of the application process. Grant recipients are responsible for operating and maintaining the project for a minimum of 20 years at no additional cost to the State.

Upon award of grant funds, the County will be required to spend those funds in accordance with the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan (CORRP) Act of 1967, as defined in the Department of Boating and Waterways Procedural Guide.

Board Order No. 9 of June 20, 2000, states that Board Letters requesting approval of grants in amount of $100,000 or more must include the Grant Management Statement Form which standardizes the information provided by departments to enable the Board to determine the impact of the grant on the County and the actions the Department will take to offset the loss of grant funds, if they want to continue the program after the grant expires.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3 (b) and (d) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the proposed project involves installation of new, small facilities or structures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed project will enhance boat launching and equipment storage capabilities for the California State University Northridge Boating Instructional Safety Program and County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation Junior Lifeguard Training Program. The new launch ramp and storage facility, constructed closer to the Boating Instructional Safety Center, will allow instructors to spend more time with program participants.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

RUSS GUINEY
Director

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Attachments

c: County Counsel

03 17 09 P&R Castaic Lake Grant Funds

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA REQUESTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS FOR THE CASTAIC LAKE BOAT RAMP AND STORAGE SHED PROJECT LOCATED AT 32132 CASTAIC LAKE DRIVE, CASTAIC, CALIFORNIA 91384

WHERAS, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation operates the Castaic Lake Boat Launching Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is desirous of improving the boat launching facility and storage shed at Castaic Lake to meet the needs of watercraft users and to provide public amenities to those utilizing the boat launching facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Boating and Waterways is authorized to provide grants to cities, counties, districts, and other agencies for the construction and improvements of small craft launching areas; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation has made the determination that the proposed project would not be detrimental to the operations of private boating businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation has conducted a feasibility study and prepared a report showing the proposed project to be engineering and financially feasible, and economically justified; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation does provide for the operation and maintenance of the facility at no cost to the State;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, by adoption of this resolution, hereby requests the Department of Boating and Waterways provide a grant for the purpose of improving a public use boat launching facility and storage shed at Castaic Lake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of Parks and Recreation or his designee, to sign the grant agreement for submission to the Department of Boating and Waterways, and accept the grant funds for the purpose stated above.

The foregoing resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2009, 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:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Christina A. Salseda
Senior Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Executive 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

Castaic Lake Boat Ramp and Storage Shed Project: Installation of an 18' x 95' boat launch and a 30' x 40' storage shed adjacent to the Boating Instruction Safety Center at Castaic Lake.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
State Boating and Waterways		April 1, 2009

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $100,000	**County Match: N/A**	
Grant Period:	**Begin Date: 6/30/2009**	**End Date: 6/30/2014**
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time: N/A**	**Part Time: N/A**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A	Yes:	No:
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes:	No:
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:

Other requirements not mentioned above: None.

Department Head Signature: _____ Date: _____