LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

July 21, 2009

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 REALLOCATION OF PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR ITS CABRILLO COASTAL PARK TRAIL PROJECT (FOURTH DISTRICT - 3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action will allow the City of Los Angeles to complete its Cabrillo Coastal Park Trail Project with a supplement of $60,000 in City of Los Angeles Per Parcel Discretionary Funds.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as 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 to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

2. Approve the reallocation of $60,000 in Per Parcel Discretionary Funds allocated to the City of Los Angeles under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 to complete its Cabrillo Coastal Park Trail Project.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendation will authorize the reallocation of $60,000 in residual Per Parcel Discretionary Funds allocated to the City of Los Angeles (City) under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992, (1992 Proposition) from various completed projects to its ongoing Cabrillo Coastal Park Trail Project to incorporate additional project scope to facilitate youth employment and to complete the project. The Cabrillo Coastal Park Trail Project is funded with $299,940 in competitive trails funding awarded by your Board on January 20, 1998, pursuant to Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (3), Subparagraph (A) of the 1992 Proposition.

The Cabrillo Coastal Park Trail Project, located at Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro, consists of trail development and rehabilitation with the construction of cement walkways, an elevated boardwalk and two viewing platforms along shore areas to complete the project and to incorporate project elements that can be done by youth. The additional project scope includes landscaping of ¼ of an acre of slope west of the trail, removal of non-native shrubs and ground cover to be replaced with native vegetation, replacement of missing poles along the trail, and the landscaping of the area around the trail's monument.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), by increasing youth employment and developing a trail for County residents.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Cabrillo Coastal Park Trail Project, in the amount of $359,940, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund, HB4.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Per Parcel Discretionary funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (9), Subsection (e) of the 1992 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 1996. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1996-97, any Per Parcel funds not committed to expenditure are available for award by your Board for one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (8) of the 1992 Proposition for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreement Amendment 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 Amendment 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 Cabrillo Coastal Park Trail Project.

## 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 City of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Cabrillo Coastal Park Trail 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 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,

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Acting County Counsel