LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

July 13, 2010

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 ALLOCATION OF PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT AMENDMENT FOR THE EL CARISO PARK GYMNASIUM AND COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT (THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate $832,193 in 1992 and 1996 Proposition Per Parcel Discretionary Funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation and amend an existing grant for the construction of a gymnasium and community building at El Cariso Park.

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 allocation of Per Parcel Discretionary funds in the amount of $352,125 allocated to the County under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (the 1992 Proposition) and the allocation of Per Parcel Discretionary funds in the amount of $480,068 allocated to the County under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (the 1996 Proposition) for the El Cariso Park Gymnasium and Community Center Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant amendment in the amount of $832,193 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the El Cariso Park Gymnasium and Community Center Project 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 recommended actions will allocate $832,193 in 1992 and 1996 Proposition Per Parcel Discretionary funds for the El Cariso Park Gymnasium and Community Center Project. The proposed project consists of the construction of a new approximately 15,000-square-foot gymnasium and community building which includes a multi-purpose room, classroom, lobby area, restrooms, full kitchen, storage, and custodial and utility rooms. The project also includes construction of a new parking area, walkways, security lighting and landscaping. The total project cost is $11,500,000 which includes $832,193, as proposed, in 1992 and 1996 Proposition Per Parcel Discretionary funds, $818,000 in 1996 Proposition Specified funds already awarded for this project, $6,387,499 in State Proposition 40 Per Capita funds, $2,462,308 in State Proposition 40 Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris funds, and $1,000,000 in a State Proposition 40 Youth Soccer Grant funds.

The $832,193 in Proposition funding is comprised of:

- $352,125 in Per Parcel Discretionary funds available under Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition,
- $480,068 in Per Parcel Discretionary funds available under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition.

An Open Space District grant in the amount of $818,000 of Specified funds available under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (P) of the 1996 Proposition was awarded in May 2008. The recommended $832,193 in Per Parcel Discretionary funds will supplement the existing grant for the El Cariso Park Gymnasium and Community Center Project.

In a related item on today's agenda, the Chief Executive Office is requesting that your Board, in its capacity as the County's Board of Supervisors, approve this project and its funding.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant amendment 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 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 Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), and Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), by enhancing recreational opportunities in the Third Supervisorial District through the construction of a new gymnasium and community center at El Cariso Park.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant amendment, in the amount of $832,193, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Assessment Fund, HB4.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds - 1992 Proposition
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.

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds - 1996 Proposition
Per Parcel Discretionary Funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (d) of the 1996 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 2001. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2001-02, any Per Parcel Discretionary Funds not committed to expenditure are available for your Board to award for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority and fit within one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved a Procedural Guide, 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 amendment as well.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A 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 2009. 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 for the construction of the El Cariso Park Gymnasium and Community Center.

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 El Cariso Park Gymnasium and Community Center Project. In a related item on today's agenda, the Department of Public Works is recommending that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approve a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the proposed 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 adopted 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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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors