LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

February 15, 2011

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:

ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE LA MIRADA COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK PARKING LOT PROJECT (FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate $285,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the removal and replacement of two parking lots at La Mirada Community Regional Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State California Environmental Quality Act 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. Allocate $285,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the proposed La Mirada Community Regional Park Parking Lot 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 in the amount of $285,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the La Mirada Community Regional Park Parking Lot Project, if 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, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate $285,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for the proposed La Mirada Community Regional Park Parking Lot Project.

La Mirada Community Regional Park is a 105 acre park located in the City of La Mirada. The proposed project consists of the removal, replacement, and restriping of approximately 102,350 square feet of deteriorating concrete asphalt, in both the south and the north parking lots. Additionally, the project will consist of slurry-coating the remaining 46,000 square feet of the parking lots.

In a related item on today's agenda, the DPR is recommending approval to allocate County Excess Funds for the La Mirada Community Regional Park Parking Lot Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved 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 providing access to recreational activities at La Mirada Community Regional Park in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of $285,000, is budgeted in the Fourth 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 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 DPR has met this requirement.

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 will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the DPR 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.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

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 La Mirada Community Regional Park Parking Lot Project and as such, will prepare appropriate environmental documents 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.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the DPR and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009, only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. 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 by the District but are required so that the DPR may proceed on the removal and replacement of the parking lots at La Mirada Community Regional Park in the Fourth Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met. Project construction will be initiated during non-peak periods to minimize impacts to park patrons and will take approximately 45 days to complete. The north and south parking lots will be done separately to minimize impacts to park programming, ensuring the availability of adequate parking during construction activities.

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,

Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors