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SACHI A. HAMAI
SECRETARY

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 SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO THE MOUNTAINS RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE 72ND STREET EQUESTRIAN FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86827 AND SCHABARUM PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87131 PROJECTS (FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate $196,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fourth District specified pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Mountains Restoration and Conservation Authority for a grant to the County Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the 72nd Street Equestrian Facility Project and $321,000 in County Excess Funds available to the Fourth District to the Department to fund the Schabarum Park Equestrian Center Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15301, 15302, 15303 and 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involve rehabilitation and replacement of existing structures with no expansion of capacity, minor construction and minor alterations to the condition of land.

2. Allocate $196,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Mountains Restoration and Conservation Authority for a grant to the County Department of Parks and Recreation for the 72nd Street Equestrian Facility Project, Capital Project No. 86827.

3. Allocate $321,000 in County Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District to the County Department of Parks and Recreation for the Schabarum Park Equestrian Center Project, Capital Project No. 87131.

4. 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 $196,000, to the County Department of Parks and Recreation for the 72nd Street Equestrian Facility Project after the Mountains Restoration and Conservation Authority assigns its right to apply for the funds to the Department and a grant, in the amount of $321,000, for the Schabarum Park Equestrian Center Project, if applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants 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 $196,000 in Specified 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 County Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for its 72nd Street Equestrian Facility Project.

The Mountains Restoration and Conservation Authority (MRCA), which is the designated recipient of Specified Excess Funds for projects along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries under the 1996 Proposition, will assign the right to apply for the funds for the Department's 72nd Street Equestrian Facility Project.

The proposed $196,000 project consists of the rehabilitation of the 72nd Street Equestrian Facility located along the Los Angeles River near the City of Compton on unincorporated County property. The scope of the project includes removal and replacement of damaged hardscape including roofing and doors, landscaping, tree trimming, weed abatement, repair of fencing at the arena, repairs to the existing concession stand and restroom, repair of signage and lighting and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements to two parking stalls. The project will also include minor grading and general clean-up to the pathways and horse areas.

Approval of the recommended actions will also allocate $321,000 of County Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District to the Department for its Schabarum Park Equestrian Center Project. The project, located in Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park in Rowland Heights, consists of the rehabilitation of the park's equestrian center. The project includes the removal and replacement of approximately 40 existing horse stalls, rearrangement of existing arenas, erosion control measures to collect and direct runoff and debris from the stables, removal and replacement of the center's office, upgrades to the security lighting system, fencing, replacement of picnic benches and tables as well as lockers and storage containers, and replacement of various equestrian amenities. The project will also include various ADA upgrades.

In a related item on today's agenda, the Department is recommending approval to allocate $517,000 in Excess Funds for the two projects.

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 equestrian recreation in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed projects will be funded entirely with the requested $196,000 in Specified Excess Funds and $321,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District.

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in the amount of $517,000, 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 Department 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 grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for Specified and County projects.

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

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 grants as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed 72nd Street Equestrian Facility and Schabarum Park Equestrian Center projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involve rehabilitation and replacement of existing structures with no expansion of capacity, minor construction, and minor alterations to the condition of land.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation 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 Agreements 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 Department may proceed on the equestrian facility projects in the Fourth Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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