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REFER TO FILE: **WM-5**

June 20, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2756

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY TO APPLY  
FOR PROPOSITION 12 REIMBURSABLE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE TUJUNGA  
WASH RESTORATION PROJECT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works to apply for a reimbursement grant totaling \$5,000,000 from the Secretary of Resources Agency for the Tujunga Wash Restoration Project.
2. Approve the enclosed Resolution and instruct the Chairman to sign the Resolution.
3. Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Tujunga Wash is a 9-mile rectangular reinforced concrete channel constructed in 1950 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It conveys runoff between Hansen Dam and the Wash's confluence with the Los Angeles River in Studio City.

Through a stakeholder-driven process that included community groups and the public, several alternatives were evaluated for enhancing landscaping and recreational opportunities along Tujunga Wash. The recommended project scope involves an alternative naturalized stream course on one channel bank; heavy planting of both sides of the channel with native trees, shrubs, and perennials; and meandering pathways for people to walk and bike.

The project is a joint collaboration between the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). MRCA has \$3,525,000 available for the project from the Los Angeles County 1996 Proposition A Grant and the State of California Urban Stream Restoration Program grant.

This Resolution with the State of California Resources Agency is required as part of the application to receive grant reimbursement through the Proposition 12 Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility as it will provide significant funding for the project. The Tujunga Wash Restoration Project also satisfies the goal of Organizational Effectiveness by collaborating across functional and jurisdictional boundaries.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The application for the grant has no fiscal impact.

A portion of the project is eligible for Flood Control District funding. The funding provided by the State of California Resources Agency for this project through this grant if approved will allow other projects to be funded by the Flood Control District. Grant funds received will be leveraged with \$3,525,000 of grant funding available to MRCA who is a project partner. Future maintenance of this project will be performed by MRCA.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This Resolution is required as part of the application package for the Proposition 12 Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15304, Class 4 of the California Environmental Quality Act.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The project will not have a significant impact on current flood control services.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return three approved copies of this letter and three copies of the signed Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING  
THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOS ANGELES RIVER PARKWAY  
GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER,  
CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000

TUJUNGA WASH RESTORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the **Secretary of the Resources Agency** has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant Program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the **Secretary of the Resources Agency** require the Applicant to certify the approval of Application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of the said Application(s) to the State; and WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an Agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors;

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Tujunga Wash Restoration Project; and
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the Application form; and
3. Certifies that the Project is consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs; and
4. Certifies that Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
5. Certifies that Applicant has reviewed and understands the provisions contained in the Grant Guide; and
6. Appoints the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works or designated representative as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
acting on behalf of the Los Angeles  
County Flood Control District

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

VIOLETA VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN  
County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy