



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

Administrative Offices. 510 S. Vermont Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90020-1975. (213) 738-2981. <http://openspacedistrict.lacounty.info>

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

2-P January 19, 2016


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

January 19, 2016

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
A GRANT TO PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY FOR
THE ALTA VICENTE RESERVE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for habitat restoration and related improvements to the Alta Vicente Reserve.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Alta Vicente Reserve Habitat Restoration Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Allocate Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy for the Alta Vicente Reserve Habitat Restoration Project.
3. Authorize the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines 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 ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) for the Alta Vicente Reserve Habitat Restoration Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves restoration of five acres of coastal sage scrub to create habitat for wildlife, and purchase and installation of signage to improve the public experience in the Alta Vicente Reserve. The total estimated Project cost is \$254,800. The recommended Cities Excess Funds will be supplemented with \$4,800 of in-kind service from PVPLC.

It is also recommended that the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Acting Director), in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant to PVPLC when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Acting Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2) by providing grant funds to enhance healthy activities in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Excess Project Funds, 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. PVPLC meets 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 Cities Projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Acting Director will be authorized to award grants 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, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. RPOSD is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the CEQA. The Project, which consists of restoration of five acres of coastal sage scrub to create habitat for wildlife, and purchase and installation of signage to improve the public experience in the Alta Vicente Reserve, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15333 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves construction of small new structures and small habitat restoration.

The proposed Project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project's records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Acting Director 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)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

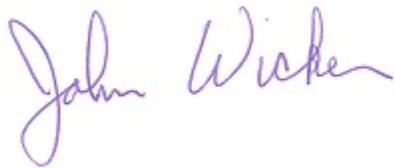
Please instruct the Acting Executive Officer - Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

1/19/2016

Page 4

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER

Acting Director

JW:JB:WRO:tb

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