



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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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:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

2-P May 3, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR A GRANT AMENDMENT TO
THE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC ART RESOURCE CENTER FOR
THE TUJUNGA WASH BRIDGE PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$420,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Los Angeles for a grant amendment to the Social and Public Art Resource Center for the purchase and installation of a pedestrian bridge across the Tujunga Wash in the San Fernando Valley.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Tujunga Wash Bridge Project is 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 \$420,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Los Angeles for a grant amendment to the Social and Public Art Resource Center for the Tujunga Wash Bridge 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 \$420,000 grant

amendment for the Tujunga Wash Bridge Project if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant amendment 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 ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$420,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Los Angeles (City) for a grant amendment to the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC) for the Tujunga Wash Bridge Project (Project).

On January 21, 2014, the Board awarded \$181,500 in 1996 Proposition Cities Excess Funds to the City for the Project. However, in-depth feasibility studies have revealed the need for additional labor, materials, and related costs. As a result, it is recommended that an additional \$420,000 be allocated to supplement the existing grant.

The proposed Project consists of purchase and installation of a replacement pedestrian bridge over the Tujunga Wash tributary of the Los Angeles River in the San Fernando Valley. The bridge will serve as a viewing station and interpretive center to view the existing Great Wall of Los Angeles Mural. The total estimated Project cost is \$1,765,509. The recommended Cities Excess Funds will be supplemented with \$350,365 from Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy, \$466,300 from California Cultural and Historical Endowment, and \$347,344 from the City.

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

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing recreational opportunities along the Tujunga Wash in the Third Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant amendment in the amount of \$420,000 is budgeted in the Third Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) 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. SPARC 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 Third Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All 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. The City is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project consists of replacement of existing structures involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD but are required so that the SPARC may proceed with the pedestrian bridge project in the Third Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

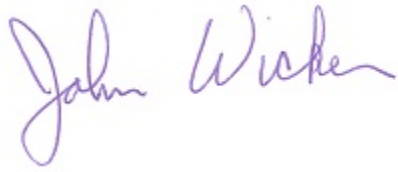
Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

5/3/2016

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Wicker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

JOHN WICKER

Director

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