

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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John Wicker, Director

Norma E. Garcia, Chief Deputy Director

October 31, 2017

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

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 October 31, 2017

LORI GLASGOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION
OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE
THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO FUND THE
JOHN ANSON FORD AMPHITHEATRE SCENIC TRAIL PROJECT AND
ADOPT A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for grant funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District in the amount of \$1,000,000, to partially fund the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre Scenic Trail Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that the proposed John Anson Ford Amphitheatre Scenic Trail Project is within the scope of the John Anson Ford Theatres Project considered in the approved Environmental Impact Report, which your Board adopted on October 7, 2014.
- 2. Adopt a resolution approving the submission of a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 available to Third Supervisorial District to fund the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre Scenic Trail Project.
- 3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the

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County, to accept grant funds, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project.

4. Adopt a Youth Employment Plan for the proposed project as required by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District procedural guide.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for Proposition A (Prop A) grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 available to the Third Supervisorial District to partially fund the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre Scenic Trail Project (Project).

The proposed Project is located at 2580 Cahuenga Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The scope of work will consist of approximately 4,500 linear feet of ridgeline hiking trail with trailheads; an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant trail segment with elevated boardwalk and prefabricated pedestrian bridge; natural earth trail segments with switchbacks, stairs, steps, handrails, gravity retaining walls, interpretive and wayfinding signage; a pre-fabricated restroom building; drinking fountain, bike racks, seating benches, kiosk, and related site amenities.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Realizing Tomorrow's Government Today by Pursuing Operational Effectiveness and Fiscal Responsibility (Goal III.3) and improving and enhancing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total Project cost is \$3,354,000. The Project will be partially funded with \$1,000,000 in Prop A funds and grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 from the Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF). Sufficient appropriation for the grant funds of \$1,000,000 is budgeted in the Third Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Prop A Project Fund. Additional funding in the amount of \$2,104,000 will be required to fund the Project.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the Project description, the Department anticipates a one-time start-up cost of \$38,000 for maintenance and a vehicle, and ongoing operating cost of \$85,000 for maintenance and supplies, upon Project completion. The Department will submit a New Facilities Funding request for these costs and will work with the Chief Executive Office on the funding request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The District requires that the grantee submit an adopted resolution by its governing body authorizing the submission of the grant application and acceptance of grant funds.

In June 2009, the Board, acting as the governing body of the District, adopted a Youth Employment

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Plan (YEP) policy for projects funded by Prop A. The District required that the governing body of the grantee adopt a YEP for each grant funded project at a duly noticed public meeting. Approval of the attached YEP will comply with the District's Policy (Attachment I).

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is within the scope of the John Anson Ford Theatres Project and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that was approved by the Board on October 7th, 2014. The proposed Project is consistent with the project objectives stated in the EIR, which will enhance the Ford Theatres' role as a County Regional Park by increasing public access to the entire site, integrating passive recreational opportunities, and encouraging visitors to experience the natural landscape and views of surrounding iconic landmarks from a formal trail within the park boundary. The proposed Project is also consistent with Project Design Feature J.2-2 in the EIR, that the proposed pre-fabricated restroom building and drinking fountain will be built at the trailhead and not along the trail.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects or services at the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Wicken

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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive OfficerCounty CounselExecutive Officer, Board of Supervisors



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ATTACHMENT I

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

JOHN ANSON FORD AMPHITHEATRE SCENIC TRAIL PROJECT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

BACKGROUND

The proposed Project will consist of approximately 4,500 linear feet of ridgeline hiking trail with trailheads; an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant trail segment with elevated boardwalk and pre-fabricated pedestrian bridge; natural earth trail segments with switchbacks, stairs, steps, handrails, gravity retaining walls, interpretive and wayfinding signage; a pre-fabricated restroom building; drinking fountain, bike racks, seating benches, kiosk and related site amenities.

Tasks that may be performed by At-Risk Youth

Youth will perform minor site clean-up and landscaping work.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment

The estimated budget for youth employment for this Project is approximately \$4,000.

Youth Employment Goal

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy of employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation for the County of Los Angeles of \$15,739,750 has been met. However, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects where feasible.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR THE

JOHN ANSON FORD AMPHITHEATRE SCENIC TRAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (Proposition), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to certify, by resolution, the approval of an application before submission of said application to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the Department must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Department will enter into an agreement with the District to provide funds for the development of the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre Scenic Trail project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:

- 1. Approves the submission of a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to fund the above project; and
- 2. Certifies that the Department understands the assurances and the certification in the application form; and
- 3. Certifies that the Department has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
- 4. Certifies that the Department will sign and return, within 30 days, copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorized signature; and

- 5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project; and
- 6. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, memoranda of unrecorded grant agreements, deed restrictions, amendments and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing resolution was passed on this 31 day of October, 2017, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

LORI GLASGOW, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

County of Los Angeles

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM County Counsel

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Principal Deputy County Counsel