



November 20, 2018

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

1-P November 20, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO
THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION
OF VARIOUS GRANTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000 in Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for the Bassett Park General Improvements Project; and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Elephant Hill Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.
2. Allocate \$3,700,000 in Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for the following grants: \$3,000,000 to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for the Bassett Park General Improvements Project; and \$700,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Elephant Hill Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, in his capacity

as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants 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 an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000 in Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) as follows: \$3,000,000 to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for the Bassett Park General Improvements Project (Bassett Park Improvements), and \$700,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the Elephant Hill Project.

Bassett Park Improvements

Bassett Park Improvements will rehabilitate the park buildings, including the senior center community building, gymnasium, restroom, courtyard, and related spaces; improve general lighting, mechanical and plumbing; rehabilitate two synthetic soccer fields and other related improvements. The estimated total project cost is \$3,000,000 and will be fully funded with the recommended Excess Funds.

Elephant Hill Project

The Elephant Hill Project involves the acquisition of private underdeveloped parcels for preservation as public open space in the Elephant Hill area of Los Angeles, California. Improvements to the acquired parcels include public access improvements, trail construction and related amenities such as signage. The total project cost and grant request is \$700,000 and will be fully funded with the recommended Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of DPR (Director), or his designee, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant 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 projects. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations broadly further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals to Make Investments that Transform Lives (Goal I), Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities (Goal II), and Realize Tomorrow's Government of Today (Goal III) by allocating and awarding grant funds to enhance recreational opportunities in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000, is budgeted in RPOSD's 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. DPR and MRCA each meet 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 improvements projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director or his designee 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, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grants 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. DPR is the lead agency for Bassett Park Improvements. MRCA is the lead agency for the Elephant Hill Project.

The recommendations to allocate and award grant funds are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities of government grants.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements 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 Agreements 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 project will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the First Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to

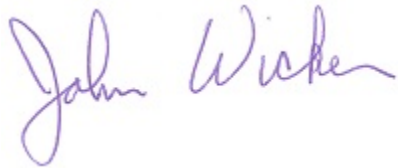
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the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

JOHN WICKER

Director

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