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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
FOR THE NORTH ATWATER BRIDGE PROJECT
(THIRD DISTRICT - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$333,000 in 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 the North Atwater Bridge 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 an amount not to exceed \$333,000 in 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 the North Atwater Bridge 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 the 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 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 \$333,000 in Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Los Angeles for the North Atwater Bridge Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves construction of a 300-foot steel cable stayed bridge. This multi-modal bridge connects pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians to the LA River Greenway on the east bank and LA River Bike Path on the west bank. There are two separate tracks across the bridge, one exclusively for equestrians and the other for both pedestrians and cyclists. The bridge is located adjacent to North Atwater Park. The total estimated project cost is \$16,145,369 and the remaining balance will be funded by City of Los Angeles (\$8,188,766), private donors (\$3,888,603), the California Community Foundation (\$75,000), and the Caltrans Active Transportation Fund (\$3,660,000).

It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or his designee in his capacity as Director of the 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 Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Supporting the Wellness of our Communities (Goal II, Strategy 2) and Realize Tomorrow's Government of Today, Pursuing Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability (Goal III, Strategy 3) by allocating and awarding grant funds for parks and recreation-related acquisition and capital outlay projects.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in an amount not to exceed \$333,000 is budgeted in RPOSD's 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. The City of Los Angeles 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 to the City of Los Angeles will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The 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 RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to CEQA in that allocating and awarding grant funds does not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are continuing administrative activities of government grants.

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 its project. The City of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A 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)

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 Third Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

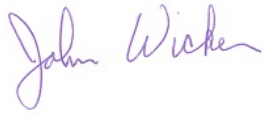
Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

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Respectfully submitted,



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