LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

August 16, 2005

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

Dear Directors:

ALLOCATE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS (SECOND DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions do not meet the definition of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as cited herein.

2. Allocate Second Supervisorial District Cities Excess Funds to the City of Culver City (City) in the amount of $150,000 to develop a dog park at Culver City Park.

3. Allocate Second Supervisorial District County Excess Funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of $586,000 to expand the existing parking lot at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Soccer Complex.

4. Allocate Second Supervisorial District County Excess Funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of $52,000 to improve the existing lake area at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

5. Allocate Second Supervisorial District County Excess Funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) in the amount of $36,000 to improve existing picnic areas at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

6. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to award grants to the City and to the Department when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the second recommendation will allocate $150,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of Culver City to develop a dog park on approximately one acre of land at Culver City Park. The project will include fencing, landscaping and rest areas. The total cost for the project is $300,000. The additional funding of $150,000 for the project beyond the Excess Funds will be provided from City general funds and funds raised by the Friends of the Dog Park.

Approval of the third recommendation will allocate $586,000 in County Excess Funds to the Department to expand the existing parking lot at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area adding an additional 36 parking spaces. The total cost for the project is $586,000. No additional funding for the project beyond the Excess Funds is required.

Approval of the fourth recommendation will allocate $52,000 in County Excess Funds to the Department to improve the existing lake at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area through the installation of park benches, additional concrete fishing platforms at the lake, renovation to existing irrigation, drainage improvements in the lake area, and construction of a concrete walkway. The total cost for the project, including the $52,000 above, is $260,047. Additional funding for the project includes State grant funds and prior year Second District Discretionary Capital Project Net County Cost funds.

Approval of the fifth recommendation will allocate $36,000 in County Excess Funds to the Department to improve existing picnic areas at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area through the installation of picnic tables, concrete slabs, and replacement of barbeque braziers. The total cost for the project, including the $36,000 above, is $192,099. Additional funding for the project includes State grant funds and prior year Second District Discretionary Capital Project Net County Cost funds.

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.

Finally, it is recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award grants to the City and to the Department, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications and consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by your Board.

In a related item on today's agenda, the Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting your Board's approval of an appropriation adjustment to transfer revenue and appropriation in the amount of $88,000 from the various Second District Projects to supplement funding for the Lake Area Improvements Project and the Picnic Area Improvements Project at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and to authorize the Internal Services Department to issue purchase orders for completion of the aforementioned projects.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations furthers the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by allocating Excess Funds for a dog park in Culver City and enhanced recreational opportunities in the Baldwin Hills area of the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of $824,000 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

Funds for the grants are available from the Second Supervisorial District's portion of the Regional Park and Open Space District allocations of Excess Funds for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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 grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District from Excess Funds available for Cities and for the County.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would 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.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

County Counsel has reviewed these actions as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will provide additional recreational and sports opportunities in the Second Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are exempt from CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA. The City of Culver City is the lead agency for the construction of the dog park and as such, will prepare any appropriate environmental documents prior to the receipt of any grant funds for construction. Also, the Department of Parks and Recreation is the lead agency for the projects at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and as such, will prepare any appropriate environmental documents prior to the receipt of any grant funds for construction.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)