# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

July 5, 2006

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:

**APPROVE THE REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE AND THE ALTERNATE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE FOR THE LADERA SENIOR CENTER PROJECT FUNDED UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITIONS OF 1992 AND 1996 (SECOND DISTRICT- 3 -VOTE MATTER)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the revised plan of expenditure for $389,000 of Specified Funds allocated to the County under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (LL) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) to supplement funding for the Ladera Park Senior Center Project.

2. Approve the alternative plan for expenditure for $58,000 of Specified Funds allocated to the County under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (K) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) to supplement funding for the Ladera Park Senior Center Project.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to complete the development of the Ladera Park Senior Center.

The recommended actions will also allow the reallocation of $447,000 in the above funding from the Mona and Carver Parks General Rehabilitation Project, where $447,000 is currently budgeted for Carver Park but not as yet committed to construction, to the Ladera Park Senior Center Project, which is ready for the award of a construction contract but currently under-funded by $447,000.

The 1992 and 1996 Propositions provided funding for projects that were specified in each measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998 and July 1, 2003, respectively. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by your Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure per the 1992 Proposition and an alternative plan for expenditure per the 1996 Proposition to use the funds for a project in a manner consistent with the purposes of the Propositions after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting. This Board action fulfills that requirement.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), jointly with the Department of Public Works and the Chief Administrative Officer is recommending approval of the reallocation of the $447,000 from the Mona and Carver Parks General Rehabilitation Project to the Ladera Park Senior Center Project.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC GOALS

The proposed recommendation furthers the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) and Goal No. 6 (Community Service) by enabling DPR to utilize District funds for the development of a senior center at Ladera Park for the residents of the surrounding community in the Second Supervisorial District.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds, in the amount of $447,000, are appropriated in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges to reallocate the funds from the Mona and Carver Parks General Rehabilitation Project to the Ladera Park Senior Center Project.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Specified Project funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (LL) are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (18) of the 1992 Proposition. A revised plan of expenditure may be approved for expenditure of these funds after July 1, 1998, for expenditure of the funds in accordance with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended.

Specified Project funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (K) are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e) of the 1996 Proposition. An alternative plan for expenditure may be approved for expenditure of these funds after July 1, 2003, for expenditure of the funds in accordance with the purposes of the 1996 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended.

If your Board does not approve DPR's requests, DPR may either expend the funds for the uses originally specified, request your Board's approval to fund different projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

County Counsel has reviewed this action as to form.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District, but are required so that DPR may utilize these funds on the Ladera Park Senior Center Project.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (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 County is the lead agency for the Ladera Senior Center Project, and as such, on March 23, 2006, found that the project is categorically exempt under CEQA in accordance with Article 19, Sections 15303(c) and 15304(b), and under Classes 3(d) and 4(c) of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

**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,

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