

April 29, 2003

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:

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR GRANT FUNDS WITH THE RIVERS AND
MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA
CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL
PROTECTION ACT OF 2002
(First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Districts — 3-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Adopt the attached Resolution approving Los Angeles County's application for local assistance funds from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program under the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002.
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to file the attached Resolution with RMC, and to act on behalf of the County of Los Angeles when applying for the grants and negotiating the grant terms, and take appropriate actions as necessary to execute a grant agreement, after approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Board approval of the above actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to complete the application process for proposed projects with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), an independent State Agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California.

The voters of California passed the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in March

2002. In the Fiscal Year 2002-03 State Budget, the Legislature appropriated \$18 million to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program. Funds are to be awarded for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources.

The RMC is an independent State agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California. Its jurisdiction includes the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills.

In order to apply for the RMC Grant Program, a local agency must have a resolution adopted by its governing board that indicates the person authorized to act on its behalf. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to conform to this requirement. The Resolution delegates to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, the authority to act on behalf of the County of Los Angeles when applying for the grants and negotiating the grant terms. It also certifies that the proposed projects are consistent with local or regional land use plans or programs and that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects.

Upon the acceptance of a project application for grant funding, the grant agreement(s) will be presented to the Board for approval and any additional operating costs will be identified as projects are submitted.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is supportive of the following four goals of the County's Strategic Plan: Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure; Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being) by improving the good health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, and educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County; and Goal 6 (Community Services) by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING

The RMC Grant fund provides financing for eligible activities related to recreational facilities and watershed restoration. The individual projects to be administered under this program, should they be selected by the RMC, will be included in the appropriate annual budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon an award of a grant, the County will be required to spend those funds in accordance with the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and

Coastal Protection Act of 2002, as defined in the RMC Grant Program Procedural Guide.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to section 15061 (b) (3) because it can be seen with certainty that this action will have no significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS

The funds received from State through the RMC may be used for outdoor recreation projects, watershed restoration, and preservation of cultural and historical sites. Eligible activities include a variety of activities which enhance the environment as well as environmental public education programs. These activities are defined by the RMC, and they refer to them as Common Ground Open Space Planning Phase I and Phase II.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward the original and two (2) conformed copies of this letter and two (2) originals of the resolution to the Department of Parks and Recreation by Wednesday, April 30, 2003, to complete the application packets.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Gallagher
Director

Attachments

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND
COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles (RMC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by RMC require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application(s) before submission of said Application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California for the Project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of Applications for local assistance funds from the RMC Grant Program under the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002; and
2. Authorizes the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to conduct on behalf of the County of Los Angeles negotiations and, if a grant or grants are awarded by the RMC, to submit to the Board of Supervisors all grant agreements for Board approval; and
3. Certifies that the Projects are consistent with local or regional land use plans or Programs as well as with "*Common Ground, From the Mountains to the Sea*" (October 2001) and "*Open Space Plan, Phase II Final Report*" (June 2002); and
4. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Projects; and
5. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed and understands the General Provisions contained in the Procedural Guide; and

6. Delegates authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Projects.
7. Requires the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to submit to the Board of Supervisors all final grant agreements for Board approval.

Approved and Adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2003.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote:

(Clerk)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Helen S. Parker