



## Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

### ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE CITY OF AGOURA  
HILLS FOR ITS RECREATION CENTER INTERPRETIVE PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
(THIRD DISTRICT)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a grant to the City of Agoura Hills for the development of a new outdoor interpretive play area.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed Recreation Center Interpretive Play Area Development Project for the City of Agoura Hills categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Allocate a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District, to the City of Agoura Hills for the proposed Recreation Center Interpretive Play Area Development Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant not to exceed \$250,000 to the City of Agoura Hills for the proposed Recreation Center Interpretive Play Area Development Project if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the

date of this action and pursuant to procedures 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 \$250,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Agoura Hills (City) for the proposed Recreation Center Interpretive Play Area Development Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves the development of a new approximately 4,000 square-foot outdoor education/interpretive play area, including landscaping and active, passive, and educational play equipment. The total Project cost is estimated at \$250,000, and will be fully funded by the recommended Cities Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award the grant if applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects previously approved by the Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting recreational opportunities in the Third Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grant, in the amount of \$250,000, is budgeted in the Third Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) 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 has met 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 will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

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.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

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 the project. The City is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of the development of an approximately 4,000 square-foot new outdoor education/interpretive play area, including landscaping and active, passive, and educational play equipment, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 3 (b) and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves the construction of new accessory structures, minor alterations in the condition of land, and new landscaping.

The proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project records.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Grant Project Agreement (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 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, but are required for the enhancement of safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the Third Supervisorial District.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

9/30/2014

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Acting County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors