



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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Director

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACCEPTING FUNDS UNDER THE  
COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 4) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Regional Planning to accept and disburse grant funds awarded under the federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the acceptance of grant funding of up to \$1.5 million from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the Department of Beaches and Harbors' Will Rogers State Beach Coastline Project, the Department of Public Works' Oxford Retention Basin Multi-Use Enhancement Project, the Department of Public Works' Marina del Rey Parking Lots 5 and 7 Water Quality Enhancement Projects, and the Department of Regional Planning's Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program Periodic Review Project.
2. Authorize the Director of Regional Planning, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents to accept the California's Coastal Impact Assistance Program grants for the purposes of funding the listed projects, to disburse the grant funds to the Departments of Public Works and Beaches and Harbors as required, and to act as lead agent for the County when conducting business with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on any and all matters related to these grants.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommendation will enable the Department of Regional Planning to accept grants from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to fund projects in Marina del Rey and Will Rogers State Beach to improve public safety and access to the coast and to improve water quality in coastal waters.

The California Resources Agency (Resources Agency) was designated by the federal government to administer California's portion of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). Regional Planning was designated by the Resources Agency to serve as the County liaison with the federal government for all CIAP-related questions or issues. Regional Planning coordinates the discussion of project proposals between each Department, prepares needed Board Letters for submission, submits all County grant applications and other materials to either the USFWS or Resources Agency as necessary, and will be responsible for accepting and disbursing all grant awards to the recipient Department. Originally, CIAP was administered by the Minerals Management Service; administration of the Program has since been transferred to the USFWS.

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

Project proposals submitted by the Departments of Beaches and Harbors, Public Works, and Regional Planning promote the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). These projects provide the public with beneficial and responsive community services.

Participation in the CIAP promotes the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4). Utilizing CIAP funds to assist in the completion of these projects strengthens the County's fiscal capacity by reducing the County's own financial obligation, while improving public infrastructure.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Participation in the CIAP and implementation of the project proposals will not result in any new significant costs to the Departments of Beaches and Harbors, Public Works, or Regional Planning. The projects included in the proposals were already considered by the County prior to learning that CIAP funding was available. Each Department will be responsible for administering any grant received under the CIAP using existing County staff. Administering the grants will not result in additional net County costs; therefore, a request for financing is not being made at this time.

The State requires that each proposal include a ten percent non-federal match. The Departments propose to use County of Los Angeles General and/or Flood Fund monies to satisfy the match requirement.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The CIAP authorizes the federal government to disburse funds to Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil- and gas-producing states and coastal political subdivisions (i.e., counties or parishes) for projects to mitigate the impacts of OCS oil- and gas-production activities. In order to receive CIAP funds, states are required to submit a Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (Plan) that the federal government must approve prior to disbursing any funds. The Plan contains project proposals submitted by State agencies and coastal political subdivisions. After a State Plan has been approved, CIAP recipients within the State may submit grant applications to the USFWS for projects included in the Plan. All CIAP funds are disbursed by USFWS through a non-competitive grant program. Program funds are available for grants awarded from 2009 through 2013.

On May 12, 2009, your Board approved the County's participation in the CIAP and approved the inclusion of five projects in the California Coastal Impact Assistance Plan (State Plan). The State Plan was approved by the federal government in 2009, and includes all five of the County's proposed projects. This approval means the County may apply for grants for any of the five projects. The County has in fact applied for two CIAP grants, and one has been awarded.

On September 27, 2011, your Board was informed that the original CIAP grant to the County of \$1.2 million was increased to \$1.5 million.

Grant monies received through the CIAP will be used to reimburse the Departments for a portion of the work performed on each of the Projects.

All documents required for the acceptance of the awarded grants will be subject to approval by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Regional Planning.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Grant monies received from the USFWS would be used to reimburse County Departments for a portion of the work performed on approved CIAP projects. Each of the Projects was planned for and considered by the County prior to learning that the grant reimbursement was available. As such, the County intended to implement the Projects without the use of CIAP funds.

Because the Projects were already in the work programs for each Department, the receipt of CIAP funds would not result in either a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, change in the environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the recommended action does not constitute a project and is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. The appropriate environmental documents will be completed and submitted to your Board for adoption prior to entering any potential contracts for construction projects related to implementation of the Project proposals.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

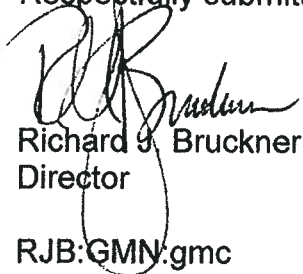
Receiving the CIAP grants will enable the County to undertake some projects sooner than anticipated. Implementation and completion of the projects will improve planning and recreational services to the public by providing updated planning processes, safer coastal access, and improved water quality along the coast.

**CONCLUSION**

Participation in the CIAP will provide the County with approximately \$1.5 million for projects that will improve the quality of life for County residents as well as visitors, while helping to protect coastal resources.

Authorize the Executive Officer of the Board to send two approved copies of this letter to Regional Planning.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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**Attachments**

- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- Chief Executive Office
- County Counsel
- Beaches and Harbors
- Public Works

**ATTACHMENT I**

**Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office  
Grant Management Statement for Grants of \$100,000 or More**

**Department:** Regional Planning

**Grant Project Title and Description**

The Coastal Impact Assistance Program will help fund the following projects:

Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) Will Rogers State Beach Coastline Project: The grant award will help fund the refurbishment of parking areas and a walkway to the beach.

Department of Regional Planning (DRP) Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program Periodic Review: The grant award will help fund preparation of the State-mandated response to the Coastal Commission's Periodic Review of the County of Los Angeles' Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Marina del Rey Parking Lots 5 and 7 Water Quality Enhancement Projects: The grant award will fund installation of bio-retention filters that will capture runoff, filter out bacteria, and redirect the filtered runoff to the Marina's waters, reducing pollutants entering coastal waters in Marina del Rey frequented by the public and improving water quality.

Department of Public Works Oxford Retention Basin Multi-Use Enhancement Project: The grant award will help fund preservation of the flood control function of the Basin, incorporating multiuse benefits such as passive recreation and enhanced aesthetics, and will include wetland features and landscaping with native plants to promote wildlife habitat.

<b>Funding Agency</b>	<b>Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)</b>	<b>Grant Acceptance Deadline</b>
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Coastal Impact Assistance Program	Upon Board Acceptance

<b>Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$1,521,276</b>	<b>County Match: \$152,128</b>
DBH: \$913,992	DBH: \$91,399
DRP: \$215,669	DRP: \$21,567
DPW: \$391,615	DPW: \$39,162

<b>Grant Period: 5 years</b>	<b>Begin Date: 2009</b>	<b>End Date: 2014</b>
<b>Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:</b>	<b>Full Time: 0</b>	<b>Part Time: 0</b>

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A	Yes ___	No ___
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A	Yes ___	No ___
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? N/A	Yes ___	No ___
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will: N/A		

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)

N/A

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.

N/A

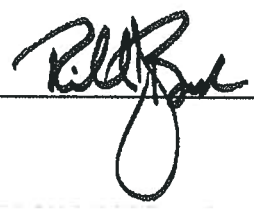
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:**

N/A

**Other requirements not mentioned above: N/A**

Department Head Signature



Date:

3/20/12