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September 28, 2010

Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Application

The Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) is a local assistance program of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation (State). The intent of the program is to protect, restore and enhance wildlife habitat and fisheries that are vital to maintain California's quality of life. Approximately two million dollars for the acquisition of wildlife corridors and urban trails, nature interpretation program and other programs, which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas are allocated to this grant program annually.

In determining the projects for submission to the State, the County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department (Department) reviewed eligibility requirements, project feasibility and available matching funds based on the competitive criteria. Based on this review and assessment, the Department is proposing to submit two grant applications for the Carver Park Nature Education Urban Trail and Journey Into the Wild Program projects.

The Carver Park Nature Education Urban Trail consists of a trail development adjacent to George Washington Carver Park and along the Compton Creek Watershed which is rich in wildlife habitat. The trail segment is located between 118th Street and 120th Street along the Compton Creek. The trail will include native drought tolerant plants and educational interpretive signage about the watershed and habitat. The total estimated cost for this project is \$827,000. Matching funds of \$413,500 will be provided by the Second Supervisorial District's Proposition A funds.

The Journey Into the Wild Program will be provided at Deane Dana Friendship Community Regional Park, Eaton Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center, and Whittier Narrows Regional Recreational Area. The program will instill awareness,

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understanding, and promote appreciation of the beauty and value of wildlife habitats to school children, provide a wilderness outdoor learning experience, and facilitate safe, positive hands-on nature experiences. All of these objectives will encourage environmental stewardship and habitat conservation. The total estimated cost of the project is \$118,600. Matching funds of \$59,300 will be in-kind services provided by the Department and volunteer hours provided by specific chapters of the Nature Center Association.

Grant applications are due on October 1, 2010. There is a 50 percent non-state match requirement.

The State requires the Department to certify by resolution the approval of the applications and the availability of eligible matching funds before submission of said applications. Additionally, the Department must certify that the project complies with the California Environmental Quality Act. The Department will ensure compliance will all grant requirements before submitting applications.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached Resolution.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to submit the application, accept the grant, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, contracts, agreements, amendments, and payment requests.

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

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 77420

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire, enhance, restore or develop facilities for public recreation and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Habitat Conservation Fund Program, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the Habitat Conservation Fund Program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of grant applications before submission of said grant applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the projects;

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

1. Approves the filing of grant applications for two projects: Carver Park/Compton Creek Nature Education Urban Trail and Journey Into the Wild Program at Deane Dana Friendship Community Regional Park Eaton Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center, and Whittier Narrows Regional Recreational Area;
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the projects included in these applications, the required match and sufficient funds to complete the projects;
3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have the sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects;
4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the contract shown grant administration guide;

5. Delegates the authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grant, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects; and
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

The foregoing resolution was on the 28th day of September, 2010, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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