



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 May 19, 2015


PATRICK OZAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR COUNTY
SPECIFIED PROJECT FUNDS AND PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS OF THE SAFE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1992 AND 1996 TO FUND VARIOUS PROJECTS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1,2,4,5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Specified and Per Parcel Discretionary Funds available in placeholder grants to fund various projects in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Proposition of 1996.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the projects.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the submission of grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Specified Project Funds and County Per Parcel Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$1,566,168, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996, to fund various projects.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee as agent of the County, to apply for and accept grant funds, conduct all negotiations, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, agreements, amendments, memoranda of unrecorded grant agreements, deed restrictions, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of

the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for County Specified Project Funds and Per Parcel Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$1,566,168, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 to fund various projects as follows:

Supervisory District 1

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Irrigation System Renovation

The proposed project is located at 750 S. Santa Anita Avenue in South El Monte, California. The scope of work consists of irrigation upgrades and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$288,900.

Supervisory District 2

George Washington Carver Park Pool Refurbishment

The proposed project is located at 1400 East 118th Street in Los Angeles, California. The scope of work consists of pool refurbishment and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$123,568.

Supervisory District 4

South Coast Botanic Gardens Administration Building Rehabilitation Project

The proposed project is located at 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard in Palos Verdes Peninsula, California. The scope of work consists of HVAC upgrades, roof repair, and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant is \$440,600.

Cerritos Community Regional Park Pool Refurbishment

The proposed project is located at 19700 South Bloomfield Avenue in Cerritos, California. The scope of work consist of pool heater replacement and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$190,000.

La Mirada Park Lake Improvements

The proposed project is located at 13701 South Adelfa Avenue in La Mirada, California. The scope of work consists of lake liner repair, pump and aerator upgrades, soil testing, and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$185,770.

Supervisory District 5

William Hart Senior Center Rehabilitation

The proposed project is located at 24151 N. Newhall Avenue in Newhall, California. The scope of work consists of HVAC upgrades, roof repair, and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$100,000.

Castaic Lake Restrooms & Service Building Refurbishment

The proposed project is located at 32132 Castaic Lake Drive in Castaic, California. The scope of work consists of roof refurbishment on restrooms and service building, and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$121,600.

Apollo Park Refurbishment

The proposed project is located at 4555 West Avenue G in Lancaster, California. The scope of work consists of walkway/parking upgrades, lighting installation, and related improvements. The estimated total project cost and grant request is \$115,730.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Department is submitting individual grant applications for \$1,566,168 in County Specified and Per Parcel Funds available to the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the grant project descriptions above, one-time and ongoing operating costs may result upon project completion. The Department will work with the Chief Executive Office to confirm the appropriate level of additional operating costs and will submit a New Facilities Funding Request in the appropriate fiscal year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 and 1996 Propositions requires that agencies encumber funds allocated to them in the Propositions and request reallocation of those funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the propositions after approval from the grantee's governing body.

The District requires that the Department submit a resolution adopted by its governing body authorizing the submission of grant applications and acceptance of grant funds.

County Counsel has approved this Board letter and resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Irrigation System Renovation Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project, which consists of repair, replacement of deteriorating water and irrigation mainline, valves, pipes, pumps, meters, sensors,

and other related parts/equipment throughout the park, 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 15301 (d) and 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c)(s) and 2 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves repair and restoration of existing structures as well as replacement of existing utility system.

The George Washington Carver Park Pool Refurbishment Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of purchasing and installation of sand filter as well as re-plastering of the pool, 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 Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves repair and restoration of existing structures involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

The South Coast Botanic Gardens Administration Building Rehabilitation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of replacement of the non-functioning HVAC system, removal and replacement of approximately 3,000 square feet of roofing system on the administration building, and termite treatment and repair to any damages to rafter tails, eave boards and fascia boards, 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 Section 15301(a)(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (c)(d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves repair and rehabilitation of existing structures involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

The Cerritos Community Regional Park Pool Refurbishment Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of removal and replacement of existing large and baby pool heaters, 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 Section 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 2 (e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement of existing utility systems involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The La Mirada Park Lake Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of repair of lake liner, replacement of pumping system and aerators, and performing soil testing, 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 15302 (c) and 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 (a) (e) and 6 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement and reconstruction of existing structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and data collection which does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

The William Hart Park Senior Center Rehabilitation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of replacement of the non-functioning HVAC system, and removal and replacement of roofing system, 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 15301(a) and 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (d) and 2(e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves exterior alterations of an existing building and replacement of existing utility systems

involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The Castaic Lake Recreation Area Restrooms & Service Building Refurbishment Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of refurbishment of roofs on restrooms and service building, 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 Section 15301(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves restoration and rehabilitation of existing structures or facilities.

The Apollo Park Refurbishment Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of replacement of asphalt for walkway, parking lot, and installation of missing security light fixtures throughout the park, 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 15302 (c), 15303 (e), and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 (a), 3 (b), and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, installation of accessory structures, and minor alterations to the condition of land.

The proposed projects above include no expansion of an existing use, meaning structures replaced will be located on the same site as existing structures and will have the same purpose and capacity, and the proposed projects will not involve the removal of healthy, mature and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed projects are not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed project records.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects and services in the First, Second, Fourth, or Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

CONCLUSION

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

For any additional information, please contact Luva Robinson at 213-637-1845 or lrobinson@parks.lacounty.gov, Francine Choi at 213-368-5838 or fchoi@parks.lacounty.gov, Aram Pirjanian at 213-738-2844 or apirjanian@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at 213-738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

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Director

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Enclosures

c: Interim Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR COUNTY SPECIFIED PROJECT FUNDS AND
PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST, SECOND, FOURTH
AND FIFTH DISTRICT FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to certify, by resolution, the approval of applications before submission of said applications to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the Department must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department certifies, through this resolution, that the applications are approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Department will enter into agreements with the District to provide funds for development projects at the following facilities:

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, George Washington Carver Park, South Coast Botanic Gardens, Cerritos Community Regional Park, La Mirada Park, William S. Hart Regional Park, Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, and Apollo Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:


1. Approves the filing of applications with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to fund development projects at the above facilities; and
2. Certifies that the Department understands the assurances and certification in the application forms; and
3. Certifies that the Department has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity; and

4. Certifies that the Department will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreements sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
5. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, memoranda of unrecorded grant agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing resolution was passed on this 19th day of May, 2015, 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.



PATRICK OGAWA, Acting Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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