



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

Norma E. García-González, Director

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January 14, 2025

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:

**ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO COMPLETE THE GRANT APPLICATION
PROCESS TO THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
FOR THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CENTER EXHIBITS
AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE
NOGALES PARK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 & 4) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval to adopt resolutions to complete the application process to the California Natural Resources Agency for the Puente Hills Landfill Park Environmental Justice Center Exhibits Project and the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Nogales Park Enhancement Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not projects under the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record of the projects;
2. Adopt resolutions to complete the application process for general fund grant funds under the California Natural Resources Agency, in the amount of \$1,000,000, for the Puente Hills Landfill Park Environmental Justice Center Exhibits Project and for specified grant funds to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Nogales Park Enhancement Project in the amount of \$600,000;
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee

(Chief Deputy Director, Administrative Deputy, Deputy Director of Planning and Development), as an agent of the County, to accept grant funds, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, funding agreements and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the Puente Hills Landfill Park Environmental Justice Center Exhibits Project and the Nogales Park Enhancement Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and complete the grant submission process, as required by the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), for the Puente Hills Landfill Park Environmental Justice Center Exhibits Project and by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (State), for the Nogales Park Enhancement Project. CNRA and the State require an adopted Resolution from the applicant's governing Board to approve the proposed project.

Puente Hills Landfill Park Environmental Justice Center Exhibits Project

The proposed project is located at 13130 Crossroads Parkway in the City of Industry. CNRA general funds, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will be used to develop the Exhibits Project for the Puente Hills Landfill Park Environmental Justice Center. The scope of work includes interpretive exhibits to be displayed at the Environmental Justice Center using immersive theatrical techniques, first-person testimonies, interactive media, tactile object displays, and hands-on activities to tell a powerful story about how a former landfill became a "park for all." The project will be part of the Puente Hills Landfill Park, formerly the second largest landfill in the country. The site will be LA County's first new regional park in more than 30 years. Having a service radius of 25 miles, the regional park will serve disadvantaged communities, as well as park-poor communities and communities of color already lacking access to green space.

Nogales Park Enhancement Project

The proposed project is located at 2614 Hope Street in Huntington Park. State specified funds in the amount of \$600,000 will provide enhancements to the park such as a privacy screen wall, shade structures over existing picnic and seating areas, site furnishings, landscaping, irrigation and other related improvements. The proposed enhancements to the park will help mitigate heat island effects and supports continued efforts by the Department to deliver green infrastructure to a community that has suffered disproportionate impacts from pollution, shade inequity, and chronic health conditions.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal to Make Investments that Transform Lives, and support Healthy Individuals and Families focus area, by promoting comprehensive, inclusive, healthy lifestyles, and physical health

by improving and enhancing recreational opportunities to benefit Los Angeles County residents (North Star 1.A.ii).

The recommended actions are also consistent with the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, and address Economic Health of Disadvantaged Communities by investing and strengthening the economic capacity and infrastructure in historically disadvantaged and under-resourced communities (North Star 2.E.iv).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on net County Cost.

Operating Budget Impact

If the Puente Hills Landfill Park Environment Justice Center Exhibits Project grant is awarded, the Department anticipates one-time and ongoing costs for operation, maintenance, and programming upon completion of the projects. The Department will submit a funding request to the Chief Executive Office (CEO), as part of the annual budget process.

There will be no ongoing costs for the Nogales Park Enhancement Project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The grant guidelines require the adoption of the funding agency's resolution by the applicant's governing board. The resolutions will complete the grant submission process for the grant program.

The general fund appropriations is funded from the Legislature and Governor of the State of California Budget Act for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and administered by CNRA to fund the Puente Hills Landfill Park Environmental Justice Center Exhibit Project.

The resolutions will complete the submission of grant application to CNRA for general grant funds and to the State for specified funds. The specified funds originate from a line item in the State of California Budget Act of 2023, to fund the Nogales Park Enhancement Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

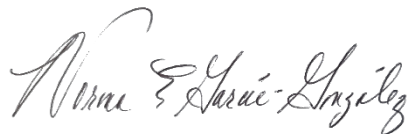
Approval of these actions will not have any impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office and three adopted copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Luvu Robinson at (626) 588-5246 or lrobinson@parks.lacounty.gov, or Johanna Hernandez at (626) 588-5370 or bjl@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



Norma E. García-González
Director

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Attachments

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

ATTACHEMENT I

**ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO COMPLETE THE GRANT APPLICATION
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Resolution No.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL FUND GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL PARK ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CENTER EXHIBIT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have approved a grant for the project shown above; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant project, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require the Grantee to certify by resolution the approval of a Project Information Package before submission of said package to the State; and

WHEREAS the Grantee will enter into an agreement with the State of California for the above project:

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

1. Approves the acceptance of a general fund allocation for local assistance for the above project(s); and
2. Certifies that said agency understands the assurances and certification in the Project Information Form; and
3. Certifies that said agency will have sufficient funds to develop, operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements of the Grant Agreement; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that said agency will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code.
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulation including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable licenses and permits will have been obtained.
6. Certifies that said agency has reviewed and understands the General Provisions contained in the sample Grant Agreement contained in the Procedural Guide; and
7. Appoints the authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation or her designee (Chief Deputy; Administrative Deputy; Deputy Director Planning and Development) as an agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to the Project Information Form, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

Approved and adopted the _____ day of _____, 2025.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the forgoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote.

Ayes _____

Nos _____

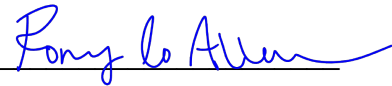
Absent _____

EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer- Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
COUNTY COUNSEL

BY 

Resolution No: _____

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

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
BUDGET ACT OF 2023, 19.561(b)(39) IN THE AMOUNT \$600,000 FROM THE
STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, FOR THE
NOGALES GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of a grant to the Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, setting up necessary procedures governing application(s); and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of project application(s) before submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete project(s);

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

1. Approves the filing of project application(s) for specified grant project(s); and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of project work utilizing specified grant funds, sufficient funds, including those provided by this grant, to complete the project; and
3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in this Procedural Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee (Chief Deputy; Administrative Deputy; Deputy Director Planning and Development) to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project scope(s); and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Approved and adopted the ____ of _____, 2025.

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

Ayes: _____
Noes: _____
Absent: _____

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