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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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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 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR A QUAGGA AND ZEBRA MUSSEL PREVENTION PROGRAM AT PUDDINGSTONE RESERVOIR FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANT PROGRAM (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a competitive grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation under the Division of Boating and Waterways Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Vessel Inspection, Certification, and Education Program at Puddingstone Reservoir located at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board Letter herein and in the record of the project.

2. Adopt a resolution to complete the submission process of a competitive grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways, in the amount of $400,000 for the Vessel Inspection, Certification, and Education Program under the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of the of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, as the agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant funds, conduct all negotiations, and execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the

Project, and to implement the Project at Puddingstone Reservoir.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of these recommended actions is to complete the grant submission process as required by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (State). The State has specific guidelines for grant programs and requires an adopted resolution to approve the project from the applicant's governing Board.

The proposed project is at Puddingstone Reservoir at the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park located at 120 Via Verde Drive in San Dimas. The project is the Vessel Inspection, Certification and Education Program (VICE Program) which is a comprehensive quagga and zebra (QZ) mussel prevention plan that focuses on avoiding QZ mussel infestation through the following methods: 1) conducting a study to assess the reservoir's vulnerability to QZ mussels; 2) disseminating information to educate the public on the negative effects of QZ mussels in freshwater lakes and how the public can help prevent QZ mussel infestations; 3) regular monitoring of water quality; and 4) inspecting and certifying recreational water vessels prior to launch.

The potential spread of the non-native quagga and zebra mussels to Los Aneles County is of significant concern due to the negative economic impacts associated with the introduction and proliferation of quagga and zebra mussels in freshwater bodies of water. These mussels cause great economic damage when they infest pipes, pumps, or other components of municipal and industrial water supply systems or power plant cooling systems. In addition to the potential damage to water purveyance systems, these mussels can seriously disrupt and negatively affect the ecosystem of freshwater lakes and rivers. Once a water system is infested, the costly measures required to eradicate these mussels can have serious detrimental effects on the recreational aspects of a freshwater lake or river system.

Currently, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) maintains a comprehensive vessel inspection and public information program designed to prevent the introduction of quagga and zebra mussels through infested boats and other watercraft vessels that recreate at Puddingstone Reservoir located in Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park. Under the current program, any vessel attempting to launch at Puddingstone Reservoir must pass an inspection prior to launching. In order to maintain this comprehensive mussel prevention program, LA County Parks requires additional resources. Approval of the recommended actions will approve the attached resolution authorizing the Director of LA County Parks or her designee, as the agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant funds, execute all future amendments, modifications, extensions, renewals and augmentations to the grant contract, when necessary.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations will further the County Strategic Plan Goals to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities (North Star 2) through Sustainability (Strategy 3.D.i,iii) by mitigating climate change, building resilient communities, and supporting thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity. Also to Realize Tomorrow's Government Today (North Star 3) through Internal Controls and Processes (Strategy 3.G.ii) by effectively managing County park assets in ways that are fiscally responsible and align with the County's highest priority needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

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

Operating Budget Impact

The recommended actions allow LA County Parks to apply for grant funding for an invasive mussel prevention program. LA County Parks does not anticipate any one-time start-up or ongoing operating costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The resolution is to authorize the submission of a grant application to the State for the Division of Boating and Waterways Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program.

An adopted resolution is required to establish the governing Board's intent to apply for and accept the State provisions in the grant guidelines. A draft resolution is acceptable and was submitted with the grant application. The resolution will complete the grant submission process.

County Counsel has reviewed the resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project, which consists of implementation of the Vessel Inspection, Certification and Education Program at Puddingstone Reservoir to prevent the introduction and spread of quagga and zebra mussels through vulnerability assessment studies, public education and outreach, water quality monitoring, and inspection and certification of recreational water vessels prior to launch, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 6 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

In addition, based on the proposed project records, the project will comply with all applicable regulations. It is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, LA County Parks will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed actions will not have any impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to forward one adopted copy to the Chief Executive Office, and one adopted copy to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Luva Robinson at (626) 778-7951 or lrobinson@parks.lacounty.gov, or Johanna Hernandez at (626) 596-8365 or bll@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosures

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

RESOLUTION No. 79809

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 STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE VESSEL INSPECTION, CERTIFICATION, AND EDUCATION PROGRAM AT PUDDINGSTONE RESERVOIR AT FRANK G. BONELLI REGIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, prior to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways' (DBW) approval of an executed Grant Agreement, said County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors is required to pass a resolution, authorizing a designated representative(s) to execute said Application, Grant Agreement, amendments, and certifications, designating a representative to approve claims for reimbursement, designating a representative(s) to execute said Application, Grant Agreement, amendments, and certifications, designating a representative to sign Project Completion Certification, and designating a representative to sign the Contractor's Release Form (as applicable); and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation has the legal authority to manage or conduct the following activities at Puddingstone Reservoir at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park: manage the water, construct, operate, and maintain infrastructure, post signage, prepare QZ Prevention Plan documentation, monitor for water chemistry and quagga and zebra mussels, conduct and monitor boater inspections and decontamination activities, and conduct public outreach for Puddingstone Reservoir and Applicant will provide documentation of such legal authority to DBW upon grant application, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to conduct, operate, and maintain infrastructure, post signage, prepare Prevention Plan documentation, monitor for water chemistry and quagga and zebra mussels, conduct and monitor boater inspections and decontamination activities, and conduct public outreach, and apply to DBW for a grant up to the amount of $399,979.94 for the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation desires to develop or implement a plan for the prevention of an infestation of the quagga and zebra mussel for Puddingstone Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the **County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation** pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program, application is hereby made to DBW for funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors** of said **County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation** is hereby authorized and directed to do the following acts, including but not limited to:

1. Cause the necessary data to be prepared and application to be signed and filed with DBW; and
2. Sign the DBW Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Agreement and any amendments thereto; and
3. Approve Claims for Reimbursement; and
4. Execute the Budget and Expenditure Summary; and
5. Sign the Contractor's Release Form; as applicable; and
6. Certify that the project is complete, and ready for final inspection, as applicable.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting on the 29th day of September by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles an ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board acts.

Signature: Edward Yen

Print Name: Edward Yen

Title: Executive Officer of the Board

Date: 09/29/26

Clerk of said: Los Angeles County

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
COUNTY COUNSEL

BY Lisa Jacobs

ATTEST: EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By Karla Aguilar **, Deputy**