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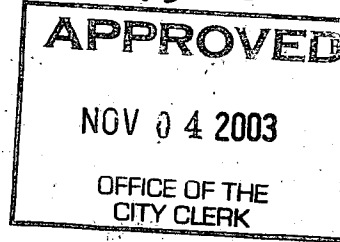
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October 15, 2003

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

**SUBJECT: CITY ACCEPTANCE OF UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY, BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT
99928802-1**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$150,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

CONTACT PERSONS: Brad Shirhall, Associate Planner, 264-7483
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FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: November 4, 2003 (afternoon session)

SUMMARY: The EPA awarded the City a \$150,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant. These grants are used to fund Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments of properties that may be contaminated with hazardous materials. The contamination, or even the perception that the properties are contaminated, may make them unsuitable for redevelopment. The Brownfields Assessment Grant removes one financial barrier often hampering redevelopment of questionable properties. Prior to use of the funds the City must formally accept the grant.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND: The EPA approved a work program (a necessary step prior to the EPA grant award) wherein the City will procure consultant services to prepare Phase II environmental site assessments and health-risk assessments. The City in conjunction with

the SHRA, identified two brownfield sites in the north Sacramento area. The first site, known as the Stone Soup Community Garden, is unused City right-of-way comprising about 0.8 acres between South Avenue and Nogales Street. The City Parks and Recreation Department plans to lease the site to the *Women, Infants and Children* (WIC) program for use as a community garden. Prior to such use the site must be confirmed safe for gardening. Potential contaminants may include lead, hydrocarbons, and PCBs from electrical infrastructure.

The second site is located at 3740 Balsam Street near the intersection of Grand Avenue and Marysville Boulevard. This 0.13 acre site was once used as a dry-cleaning establishment and more recently as a donut shop. It is also located adjacent to a known source of contamination at 3739 Marysville Boulevard (Indus Gas). Investigation of the Indus Gas site is being pursued by the SHRA under the Polanco Redevelopment Act. The SHRA has indicated a desire to redevelop both the Balsam Street and Indus Gas sites as community greenspace but this is somewhat dependent on the level of site contamination.

The City also proposed to the EPA that remaining grant funds be used to develop an inventory of potential brownfields sites in the remainder of the city. Staff from Planning and Building, Parks and Recreation, and the SHRA will work with a consultant to develop the inventory and identify additional brownfields properties.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: This grant has no requirement to pay back the EPA. City staff has estimated the program management costs at \$27,000, all of which is reimbursable through the grant.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: There are no environmental considerations associated with acceptance of this grant money.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS: The City has a number of policies to encourage infill development and redevelopment of properties within the City limits. Use of this grant money to help return brownfields properties to productive use is entirely consistent with these policies.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS: None.

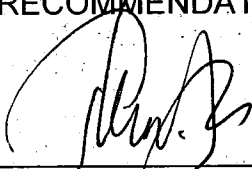
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Respectfully submitted,



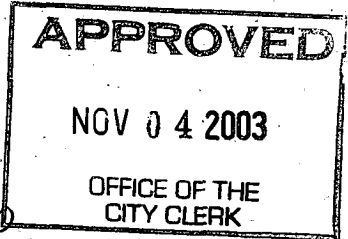
GARY L. STONEHOUSE
Planning Director

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-760

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL
ON THE DATE OF _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT
A \$150,000 BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT FROM THE
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to accept a \$150,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
2. The Planning and Building Department budget is hereby amended to accept the Brownfields Assessment Grant funds.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: