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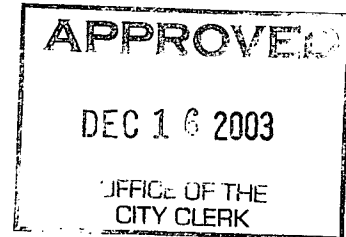
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City Council
Sacramento, California



Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT AN APPLIATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL
ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR
ACQUISITION OF THE DRY CREEK PARKWAY EXTENSION**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Off of Pinedale Ave., Council District 2

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution (p. 5), support an application for an Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant for the acquisition of the Dry Creek Parkway Extension.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: December 16, 2003

SUMMARY:

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting support of an application in the amount of \$350,000 from the State of California Resources Agency to fund acquisition of the Dry Creek Parkway Extension east of Hansen Ranch Park and north of the Ueda Parkway.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation reviewed and approved staff's recommendation at its December 4, 2003 meeting.



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEM) was established by the California State Legislature in 1989. It offers a total of \$10 million each year for grants to local, state, and federal governmental agencies and to nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate the environmental impacts caused by new or modified state transportation facilities. State gasoline tax monies fund the EEMP. Grants are awarded in three categories:

- **Highway Landscape and Urban Forestry**-- Projects designed improve air quality through the planting of trees and other suitable plants.
- **Resource Lands** -- Projects for the acquisition, restoration, or enhancement of watersheds, wildlife habitat, wetlands, forests, or other natural areas.
- **Roadside Recreational** -- Projects for the acquisition and/or development of roadside recreational opportunities.

Staff evaluated a number of projects from both the existing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the Council adopted 2004 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG). The acquisition of the Dry Creek Parkway Extension was determined based upon the grant criteria to be the most competitive project. The project is an "opportunity project" and scored 12 out of 15 points as part of the Regional Projects List.

The project is competitive in that:

- The project provides increased mitigation over and above what is required by CEQA,
- The project protects important resource lands, and
- The project has an available match.

The EEM program requires that the proposed project mitigate the environmental impact of a transportation project. Working with the Department of Public Works, the Main Avenue Bridge Replacement Project was determined work best in concert with the acquisition of the Dry Creek Extension, which is immediately north of the transportation project.

Staff recommends that the City Council support the grant proposal, which will be prepared under the "resource lands" category.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

With Council support, the City will request a total of \$350,000 from the State of California Resources Agency. There are no matching fund requirements, however additional matching funds make the project proposal more competitive. Matching funds for this project are available

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and will come from the fees generated through the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency's use of the Hansen Ranch property.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental considerations with this report; however, projects recommended for funding for this program must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) before May 2004.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Support for this proposal is consistent with the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan in that it preserves and expands parks and recreation opportunities.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

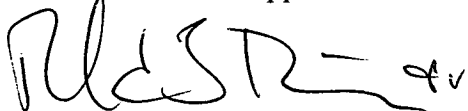
Not applicable at this time as no goods or services are being procured as a result of the approval of the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant application.

Respectfully Submitted,



for ROBERT G. OVERSTREET
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



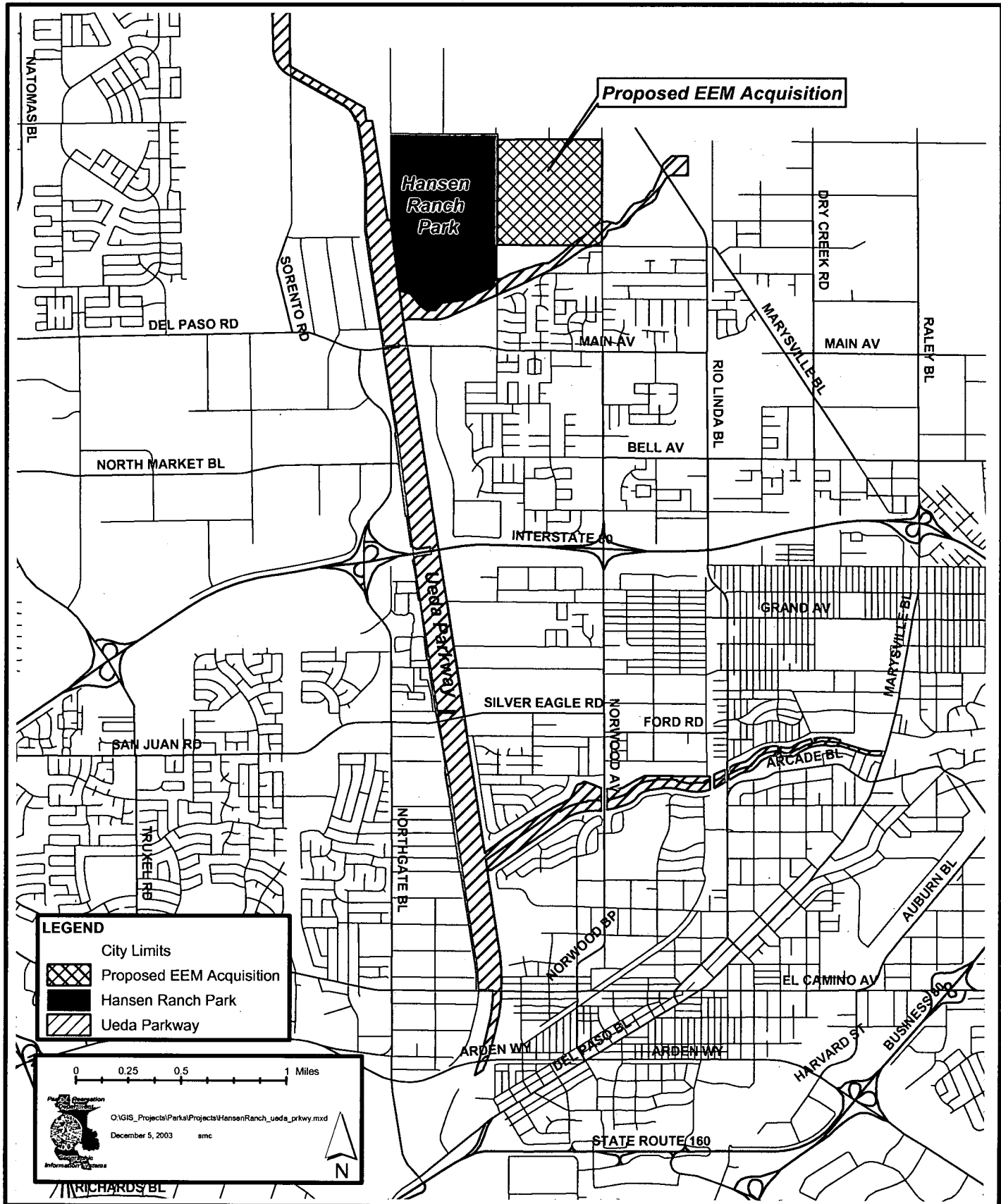
ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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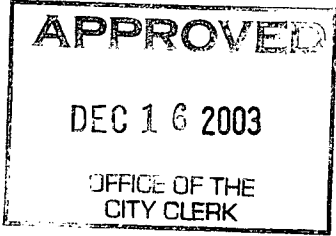
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City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation Proposed EEM Acquisition



RESOLUTION NO. 2003-900
ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL



ON THE DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM UNDER
THE SECTION 164.56 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE FOR
THE DRY CREEK EXTENSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted AB 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which is intended to provide \$10 million annually for a period of 10 years for grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the applicant's governing body before submission of said application to the State; and

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

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation project;

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

The City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance.
2. Certifies that said applicant will make adequate provisions for operation and maintenance of the project.

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Resolution No.: _____

Date Adopted: _____

3. Appoints the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager agent of the City of Sacramento to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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