



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
October 18, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Grant/Agreement: Accept a Habitat Conservation Program Grant for Wetland Improvements at Robla Community Park and Appropriate \$56,000 in Quimby In-Lieu Fees as the Required Grant Match

Location/Council District: Robla Community Park, Council District 2

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution: 1) Establishing a capital improvement project (CIP) for Robla Park Wetland Improvements (PN: LN68), 2) Accepting a Habitat Conservation Program Grant in the amount of \$56,000 into Fund 248, 3) Appropriating these Grant Funds into the Robla Park Wetland Improvements project (PN: LN68), and 4) Appropriating \$56,000 in Quimby In-Lieu Fees (Fund 710) as the required 50% total project match.

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Presenters: N/A

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Summary:

Staff was successful in obtaining a State of California Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) competitive grant. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the actions necessary to accept this grant and properly account for the grant funds. The HCP provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas. In August 2004, with City Council support, the Department of Parks and Recreation requested a grant in the amount of \$56,000 for the wetland improvements in the western segment of Robla Community Park.

Committee/Commission Action:

On May 11, 2004, the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation voted to support this grant proposal under the HCP.

Background Information:

The HCP, funded through the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, is administered by the State of California Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation and provides \$2 million annually through 2020 for competitive grants, \$800,000 of which is available for Northern California projects. The HCP provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas.

In 2004 the City was competitive in three of the four available categories under HCP including: Trails/Programs, Wetlands and Riparian. There was a total of \$200,000 available under each category for Northern California.

After reviewing a number of projects in the adopted *2004 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide*, staff recommended that grant proposals be prepared for: the Land Park Jogging Trail under the Trails and Programs category, Robla Park under the Wetlands category and Orchard Park under the Riparian category. In August 2004, the City Council supported staff's recommendation to prepare a grant proposal for wetland improvements at Robla Community Park in North Sacramento.

Staff was notified by the State in September 2005 that the project would be fully funded. Staff recommends that the City Council accept this grant to properly account for the grant funds and appropriate the necessary funding as the proposed match to complete the project.

Financial Considerations:

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the HCP grant in the amount of \$56,000 into Fund 248, establish a capital improvement project for Robla Park Wetland Improvements (PN: LN68) and appropriate the funds to the new CIP.

The HCP program will fund at most 50% of the total project budget as proposed in the grant application. The \$56,000 request requires a \$56,000 match, making the total project budget for the grant proposal \$112,000. Thus, staff recommends the appropriation of \$56,000 in Quimby In-Lieu Fees (Fund 710) as the required 50% total project match. The match will come from the Planning Area 8 Quimby In-Lieu Fees (Fund 710), which has sufficient funds for the required match.

Environmental Considerations:

On September 11, 2001, the City Council ratified a Negative Declaration for the development of the master plan for a city-owned community park, Robla Community Park. The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the action of approval of the application for a Habitat Conservation Program Grant for the development of Robla Community Park Phase II does not require further environmental evaluation.

Policy Considerations:

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The selection of consultants and contractors for this project will follow City established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firms.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

October 18, 2005

ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A HABITAT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR WETLAND IMPROVEMENTS AT ROBLA PARK, ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE ROBLA PARK WETLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PN: LN68) AND APPROPRIATE \$56,000 IN PLANNING AREA 8 QUIMBY IN-LIEU FEES (FUND 710) AS THE REQUIRED MATCH

BACKGROUND

- A. The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas.
- B. With City Council support, the Department of Parks and Recreation prepared a HCP Grant proposal in October 2004. The grant funds would be used for wetland improvements at Robla Community Park.
- C. The City of Sacramento was notified in the September 2005 that the proposed grant project would be fully funded.
- D. The HCP program will fund at most 50% of the total project budget as proposed in the grant application. A \$56,000 request requires a \$56,000 match, making the total project budget for the grant proposal \$112,000.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. A capital improvement project for wetland improvements at Robla Park (PN: LN68) is established.
- Section 2. The Habitat Conservation Program grant in the amount of \$56,000 is accepted into Fund 248.
- Section 3. The Habitat Conservation Program grant in the amount of \$56,000 (Fund 248) is appropriated to the Robla Park Wetland Improvement capital improvement project (PN: LN68).
- Section 4. \$56,000 in Planning Area 8 Quimby In-Lieu Fees (Fund 710) are appropriated to the Robla Park Wetland Improvement capital improvement project (PN: LN68) as the required match.