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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT AN APPLICATION TO REPROGRAM STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 40 RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT FUNDS TO TWO RIVERS TRAIL PHASE II

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Southern Border of American River
between Highway 160 and Sutter's Landing Regional Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission support a grant application to reprogram \$1.5 million in State of California Proposition 40 River Parkways Grant funds to Two Rivers Trail, Phase II.

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FOR MEETING OF: September 6, 2007

SUMMARY:

The City of Sacramento secured \$1.5 million to develop Jibboom Street Park Phase II along the Sacramento River at the former PG&E power station. The project could not be completed, and the State Resources Agency has given the City an opportunity to reapply for the funds. Staff has identified Two Rivers Trail Phase II as the highest priority and most "grant ready" project that fits the grant program criteria. Staff requests the Commission's support of this grant application.



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) was passed by the voters of California in November 2002. The Bond Act funds the acquisition and development of properties for the state park system, the acquisition and development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks and recreational areas, for land, air, and water conservation programs, including acquisition for those purposes, and to acquire, restore, preserve and interpret California's historical and cultural resources.

The Proposition 40 River Parkway Program is intended to provide funding for the acquisition and development of river parkways. Grant funds are awarded for the acquisition and restoration of public lands for project undertaken for:

- The acquisition and restoration of riparian habitat, riverine aquatic habitat, and other lands in close proximity to river and stream trail projects, and
- River parkway projects undertaken by a state agency, city, county city and county or pursuant to a joint powers agreement between two or more of these agencies.

On November 18, 2003, the City Council supported a \$1.5 million proposal under the Proposition 40 River Parkway Program for development of Jibboom Street Park Phase II along the Sacramento River. Phase II was not deliverable due to environmental constraints. In April 2007, staff advised the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council that Jibboom Street Park Phase II was not achievable due to environmental requirements and that public/private development opportunities are possible in the project area just north of the former PG&E power station, and that staff would return with alternative recommendations.

Staff recommends a grant application be prepared to acquire property and develop Two Rivers Trail Phase II. Two Rivers Trail Phase I, along the southern border of the American River from Tiscornia Park to Highway 160, was opened to the public in November 2006. It was funded primarily through a State Proposition 40 River Parkway Grant.

The proposed project will continue the Two Rivers Trail from North 12th/16th (Highway 160) to Sutter's Landing Regional Park. The Two Rivers Trail Phase II Acquisition & Development project is a priority in the City Council approved *2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG)*, fits the following grant program criteria, and is projected to be delivered by Summer 2010, the timeframe given by the State Resources Agency.

- Acquire land to provide access to rivers, streams, or river parkways
- Develop, improve or enhance trails or trailhead or trailside facilities along rivers, streams or river parkways, for walking, cycling and equestrian purposes.
- Develop new trails that link existing river or stream trails.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

It is anticipated the full \$1.5 million will be expended on the project. No match is required for this

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grant; however, only 25% of the preliminary non-construction cost can be reimbursed by the grant. Staff time and other indirect costs will be paid from General Funds in the City's Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program for regional facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the proposed project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section Number 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. Exemption 15301(c) consists of minor alteration of existing involving negligible, 15302 the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities, 15303, construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities and structures.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Staff's recommendation is consistent with the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* policies addressing three areas: securing external funding sources, developing a regional park and trail system, connecting trails to regional destinations, riverways and transportation corridors.

Respectfully submitted,



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Support Services Manager

Attachments: Pg 4 Location Map – Two Rivers Trail Phase II

Location Map for Two Rivers Bike Trail Phase II

