



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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CONSENT
February 28, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Grant: Support Land and Water Conservation Program Grant Proposals for Earl Warren Park Rehabilitation and Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Park Development

Location/Council District: Earl Warren Park, Council District 6
Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Park, Council District 3

Recommendation:

Adopt two Resolutions: 1) Supporting applications for Land and Water Conservation Program grant funds for Earl Warren Park Rehabilitation and Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Park Development in an amount up to \$500,000 and 2) a Resolution a) authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements with City matching funds not to exceed \$500,000, and b) establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award.

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Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Summary:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program funds projects related to outdoor recreational activities and indoor facilities that support outdoor recreational activities. Projects most often funded are related to development and rehabilitation of trails, picnic areas and open field areas. With City Council support, the Department of Parks and Recreation will request up to \$500,000 from the State Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the rehabilitation of Earl Warren Park and the development of Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Park. The grant proposals are due on May 1, 2006.

Committee/Commission Action:

The Parks and Recreation Commission supported staff's recommendation to prepare these LWCF grant proposals Earl Warren Park and Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Park at its February 6, 2006 meeting.

Background Information:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Program provides funds to federal agencies, and to the 50 states and 6 territories. Funds for the program are derived from federal recreation fees, sales of federal surplus real property, the federal motorboat fuels tax and the Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities. California's allocation for last year was \$12 million. This year's allocation is also expected to be around \$7.8 million. About \$4 million will be available for grants to local agencies: 60% for Southern California (\$2.5 million) and 40% for Northern California (\$1.7 million). Cities, counties and districts are eligible to apply.

The program is a reimbursement grant program and requires a dollar for dollar match. If a jurisdiction is successful in obtaining funding, that jurisdiction is awarded 50% of the total project cost. However, at the time of application, the local jurisdiction is required to be able to **fully fund** the proposed project as described in the grant proposal. The project also requires that all environmental documents be completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Staff evaluated a number of projects from City Council adopted *Amended 2004 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide* (PRPG). Rehabilitation of Earl Warren Park and development of Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Park were determined based upon the grant criteria to be the most competitive projects. The projects are "opportunity" projects in the Amended 2004 PRPG in that they both meet the criteria of this grant program well and will be competitive for funding.

Furthermore, the projects are competitive based upon the program criteria in that:

- ▶ The projects meet a statewide recreational need;
- ▶ The projects addresses a facility deficiency;
- ▶ The projects have been through some type of community process;
- ▶ The projects are in a densely populated areas of the City;
- ▶ The projects have the available 50% match;
- ▶ The projects are consistent with local plans;
- ▶ There is easy public access to these facilities;
- ▶ The projects require minor modifications to their existing sites, and
- ▶ The requested amounts are appropriate to the total amount available to Northern California agencies.

Staff is recommending that two grant proposals be prepared for the Land and Water Conservation Program funding. Based on prior funding decisions by the State of California and the competitiveness of the proposed projects, staff believes that two proposals are viable and can be funded.

Financial Considerations:

No additional funds are requested. The Land and Water Conservation Program has a 50% match or dollar-for-dollar match requirement. Staff will be requesting up to \$500,000 total in grant funds, thus a \$500,000 grant request requires a match of \$500,000 for a total

project budget of \$1,000,000 for the two proposed projects. The match for the Earl Warren Park Rehabilitation project will come from existing grant funds as well as Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG). The match for the Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Development project will come from the existing Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Development CIP (PN: LW52) and additional CDBG funds which will be sufficient to provide a 50% match.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award. Staff will return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.

While the City's required contribution to the proposed projects is 50% of the total project budget, those funds identified as "required match" may only be used to cover costs related to the project that are eligible under the Land and Water Conservation program. With some grant programs, other costs such as indirect rate charges are not eligible, therefore the City's contribution to the grant-funded project will exceed the required match amount.

Environmental Considerations:

The grant program requires that at the time of application the grant comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff will work with the Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Section to comply with CEQA by the grant deadline.

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.

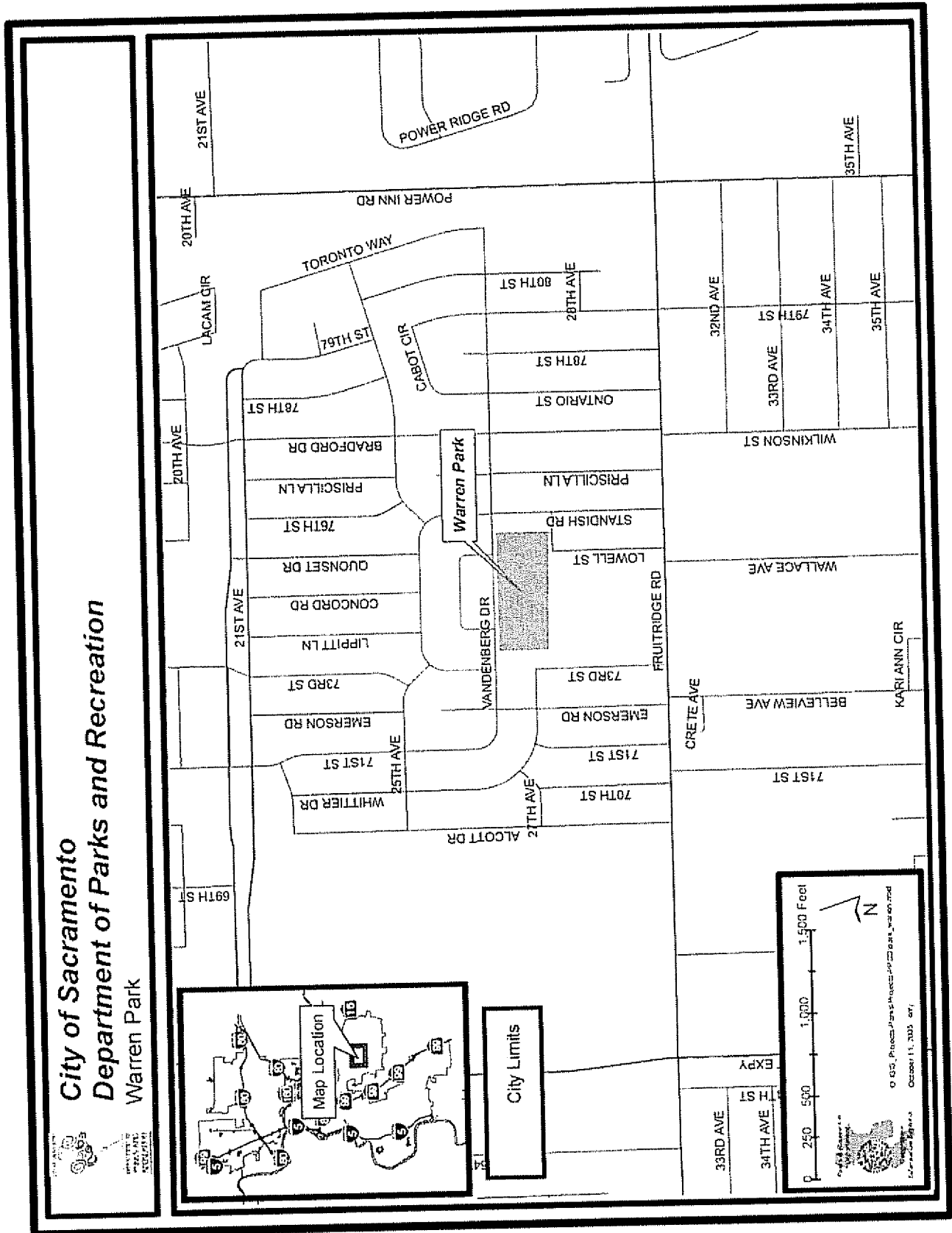
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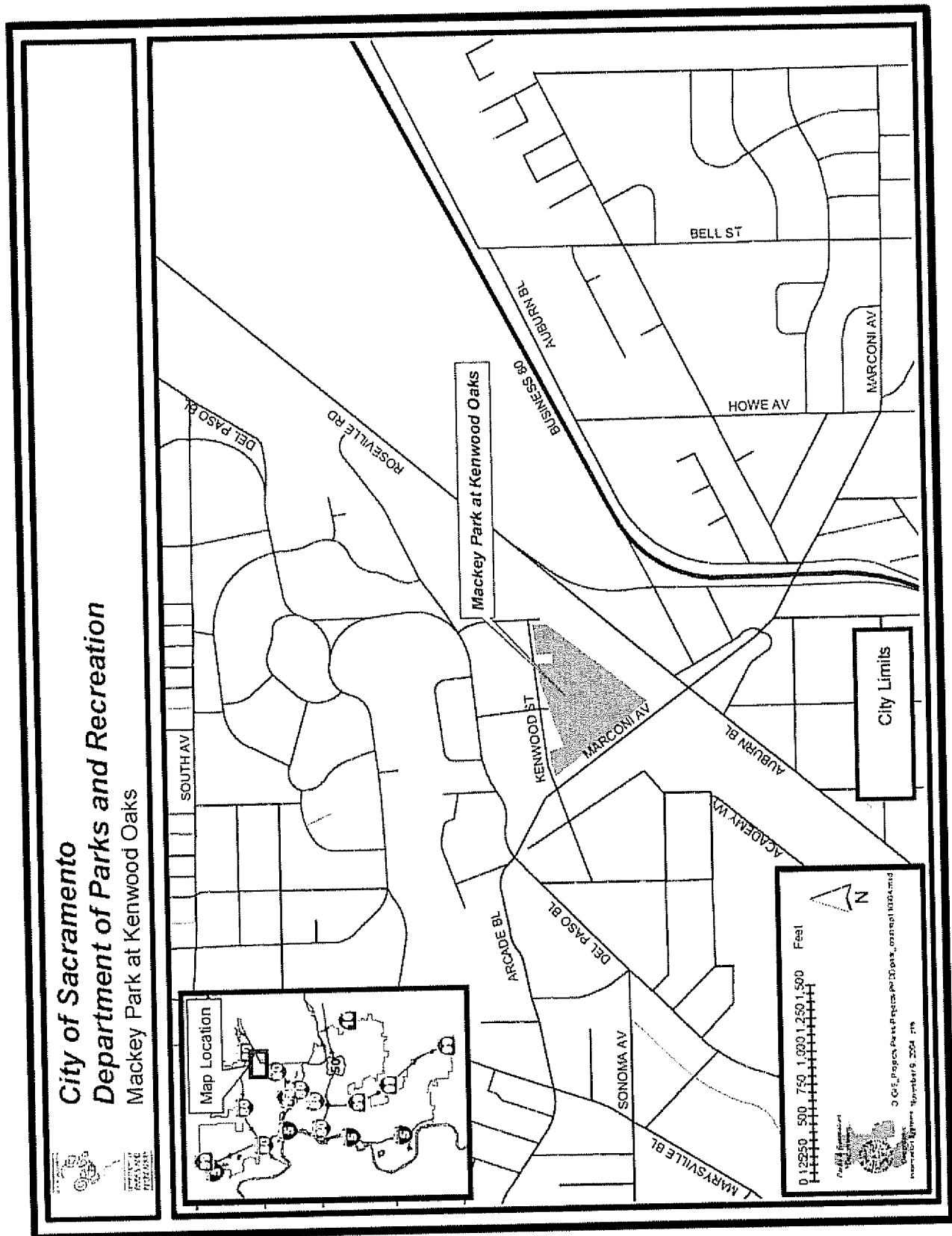
Recommendation Approved:

Mat Kerridge
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Interim City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

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**APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
EARL WARREN PARK REHABILITATION AND MACKEY/KENWOOD OAKS
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and
- B. The California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing Applications by local agencies under the program; and
- C. Said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of Applications and the availability of eligible Matching funds prior to submission of said Applications to the State; and
- D. The proposed Earl Warren Park Rehabilitation and Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Projects are consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan *California Outdoor Recreation Plan - 2002*; and
- E. The Projects must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding Project,

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

- Section 1. Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
- Section 2. Certifies that said agency has Matching funds from the following source: Capital Improvement Program Budget, and can finance 100 percent of the Project, half of which will be reimbursed; and
- Section 3. Certifies that the Project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project; and

Section 4. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager as agent of the Applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, Applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

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AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, ESTABLISH RELATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR THE GRANT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE THE GRANT FUNDS CONTINGENT ON RECEIPT OF AWARD ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2006 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM GRANTS FOR EARL WARREN PARK REHABILITATION AND MACKEY/KENWOOD OAKS DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND

- A. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program funds projects related to outdoor recreational activities and indoor facilities that support outdoor recreational activities.
- B. LWCF has a 50% match or dollar-for-dollar match requirement. The City of Sacramento in 2006 will request up to \$500,000 total in grant funds, thus a \$500,000 grant request requires a match of \$500,000 for a total project budget of \$1,000,000 for the two proposed projects.
- C. The match for the Earl Warren Park Rehabilitation project will come from existing grant funds as well as Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG). The match for the Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Development project will come from the existing Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for Mackey/Kenwood Oaks Development CIP (PN: LW52) and additional CDBG funds which will be sufficient to provide a 50% match.
- D. While the City's required contribution to the proposed projects is 50% of the total project budget, those funds identified as "required match" may only be used to cover costs related to the project that are eligible under the LWCF program. With some grant programs, other costs such as indirect rate charges are not eligible, therefore the City's contribution to the grant-funded project will exceed the required match amount.

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

- Section 1. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager as 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.

- Section 2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award.
- Section 3. Staff will return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.

