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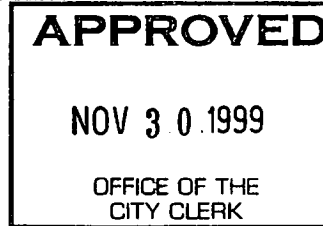
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November 15, 1999

City Council  
Sacramento, California



*A699-225*

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** ACCEPT \$100,000 IN FUNDS FROM FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, STATE-TRIBAL-LOCAL WETLANDS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PLANNING FOR ARCADE CREEK.

**LOCATION:** North Sacramento - Council District 2

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution:

- Accept \$100,000 grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency State-Tribal-Local Wetlands Program Development grant program to be used for watershed planning and emergency bank stabilization on Arcade Creek;
- Authorize the City Manager or his appointed representative, the Parks Manager, to serve as agent of the City of Sacramento to execute all necessary documents to implement and carry out the grant.

**CONTACT PERSONS:** Victor L. Edmisten, Parks Manager, 264-5336  
Gayle Totton, Natural Resource Specialist, 264-5540

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** November 30, 1999 (consent)

**SUMMARY:**

The Landscape Architecture Section seeks acceptance of \$100,000 in grant funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the fiscal year 1999-2000 State-Tribal-Local Wetlands Program Development grant program for watershed protection planning and emergency maintenance activities.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None at this time.

**BACKGROUND:**

Arcade Creek is an urbanized stream running through Del Paso Regional Park in the City of Sacramento. The quality of the water and the adjacent riparian habitat has been profoundly degraded and stream function has been impaired. With constriction of creek flow and increased urban runoff into the creek, annual flooding now results in damage to golf facilities, park facilities and the remnant habitat. Completion of a watershed plan through this project will enable the City to qualify for additional funds for implementation of a much needed habitat restoration plan.

Components of this project will be:

- Specific planning for long-term restoration and watershed protection for Arcade Creek with the development of comprehensive site plans for the 100+ acre nature area of Del Paso Regional Park.
- Implementation of Phase 1 emergency bank stabilization (vegetative) and removal of ineffective bank protection structures along Arcade Creek in Del Paso Regional Park.
- Interagency watershed and water quality planning for the Arcade Creek Watershed and its tributaries.
- Coordination of quarterly interagency meetings.

U.S. EPA funds would enable the City to achieve the following goals:

- Develop a watershed plan for habitat restoration and conservation, recreation and resource management for the Arcade Creek watershed and study the relationship of its' tributaries.
- Acquire relevant historical, biological and technical data to proceed with watershed and water quality planning.
- Coordinate planning with other agencies in the watershed areas.
- Increase water quality by stabilizing erosion prone banks and reducing sedimentation in Arcade Creek.
- Develop alternative water quality strategies to reduce non-point source pollutants currently present in Arcade Creek.
- Promote community understanding and educational stewardship for the area's natural resources.

This project is consistent with the following state, regional, and local agency plans:

- Sacramento River / Bay Delta Program (State Water Resources Board)
- Sacramento River Non-point source Implementation "319" Project (State Water Resources Board)
- Sacramento River Watershed Program (Regional Water Quality Board)
- Dry Creek Parkway Plan
- Dry Creek Regional Greenway Plan
- American River Parkway Plan

The proposed project would be a collaborative effort of federal, state, and local agencies and organizations. A complete list of stakeholders in the project is shown in Attachment A.

#### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency State-Tribal-Local Wetlands Program Development Grant of \$100,000 provides 75% of the total project cost. Matching fund requirements of \$33,400 will be met by tracking regular expenditures by the Parks Maintenance division and the Golf division for the activities associated with creek maintenance in the Arcade Creek Nature Area of Del Paso Regional Park. A job number will be assigned to track the expenditures for matching funds. No increase in the current budget will be required.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This project will determine the environmental documentation needs of any future watershed restoration projects in the Arcade Creek watershed. Current agreements between the California Department of Fish and Game and the City Utilities Department are in place to prevent environmental damage to habitat during routine maintenance activities.

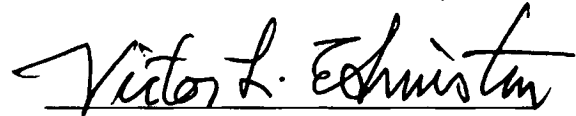
#### POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This project is consistent with the goals and standards for Park maintenance.

#### ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



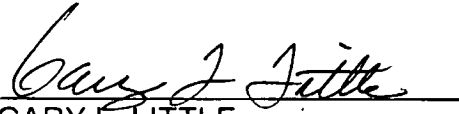
VICTOR L. EDMISTEN  
Parks Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager



GARY L. LITTLE  
Area 4 Director

Attachment A  
List of Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

Local Agencies:

City of Sacramento, Landscape Architecture Section (NPDS)  
City of Sacramento, Parks Maintenance Department (NPDS)  
City of Sacramento, Public Works Department  
City of Sacramento, Utilities Department  
City of Sacramento, Environmental Affairs Department  
City of Sacramento, Engineering Development Department  
City of Sacramento, Tree Services (NPDS)  
City of Sacramento, Golf Division  
City of Sacramento, Fire Department, Prevention Division  
City of Sacramento, Police Department  
Sacramento County, Fire Prevention Division  
Sacramento County, Office of Education  
Sacramento County, Public Works Department  
Sacramento County, Parks and Recreation Department  
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)  
Sacramento Air Quality Management District  
Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD)  
Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)

State Agencies:

California State Lands Commission  
California Department of Water Resources  
California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)  
California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
California Resources Agency  
State Water Resources Board  
Cal Trans  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
California Conservation Corps (CCC)

Federal Agencies:

US Geological Survey (USGS)  
US Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
US Bureau of Reclamation  
US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)  
US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)  
US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Community Groups and Organizations:

American River Natural History Association  
American River Parkway Foundation  
Arcade Creek Parks and Recreation District  
Fulton / El Camino Parks and Recreation District  
Arcade Creek Restoration Committee  
Environmental Council of Sacramento  
Sacramento Valley Open Space Conservancy (SVOSC)  
Urban Creeks Council  
Sacramento Tree Foundation  
The Nature Conservancy  
California Native Plant Society  
Sacramento Science Center  
Sacramento Horseman's Association (SHA)  
Arcade Trail and Community Association  
Senior Gleaners

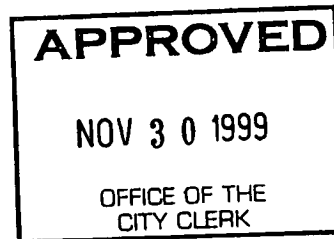
Schools:

North Sacramento School District  
Del Paso Heights School District  
Mira Loma High School  
American River College  
Consumnes River College  
California State University, Sacramento  
University of California at Davis

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RESOLUTION NO. 99-698

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL



ON THE DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT \$100,000 IN FUNDS FROM FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY STATE-TRIBAL-LOCAL WETLANDS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PLANNING FOR ARCADE CREEK.

WHEREAS, federal and state agencies provide funds to local agencies for planning and development of restoration and habitat enhancement projects, water quality enhancement projects, and recreational trail projects and

WHEREAS, the Arcade Creek project has had no previous funding for watershed planning and environmental restoration and

WHEREAS, said project is consistent with the Sacramento River / Bay Delta Program (State Water Resources Board), the Sacramento River Non-point source Implementation "319" Project (State Water Resources Board), the Sacramento River Watershed Program (Regional Water Quality Board), the Dry Creek Regional Greenway Plan, and the American River Parkway Plan and

WHEREAS, the City, as applicant, will enter into agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to carry out the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Sacramento:

- 1. Approve the acceptance of \$100,000 in grant funds for the above project; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or his appointed representative is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, in the name of the City of Sacramento, agreements with federal and state agencies and all other

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necessary documents to implement and carry out the purposes of this resolution; and

3. Increase revenue budget by \$100,000 in Federal funds; and
4. Increase expenditures budget by \$100,000 in Federal funds.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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