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June 8, 2003

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: Accept a Grant from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program in the Amount of \$120,000 for the Development of a Interpretive Walking Trail in the North Laguna Wildlife Area and All Associated Financial Transactions**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** North Laguna Wildlife Area,  
(Off of Jacinto Ave.) Council District 8

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution (p. 5):

- Accept a grant from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$120,000;
- Establish a Capital Improvement Program Project (CIP) for the development of an interpretive walking trail in the North Laguna Wildlife Area CIP (PN: LW91), and
- Appropriate \$30,000 from the North Laguna Creek Assessment District (Fund 652) for the required match.

**CONTACT PERSON:** LORI HARDER, SUPPORT SERVICES MANAGER, 264-5172  
JONATHAN REWERS, PARKS AND RECREATION ANALYST, 264-0150

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** August 12, 2003

**SUMMARY:**

Staff was successful in obtaining a Recreational Trails Program competitive grant. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the actions necessary to accept this grant and properly account for the grant funds.



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**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation supported the application for this Recreational Trails Program grant on September 6, 2001.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is funded under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and is administered on the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration and on the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The program provides funds for recreational trails and trail-related projects. Under RTP, funds may be used for maintenance and restoration, development and rehabilitation of trail facilities, purchase and/or lease of recreational trail equipment, acquisition of easements and construction of new trails.

In October of 2001, Parks and Recreation staff prepared a proposal under the Recreational Trails Program for the North Laguna Wildlife Area Walking Trail Project. The North Laguna Wildlife Area Project had the necessary funds to provide a 20% match and completed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation. The project was highly competitive in that it connects homes, connects to a trail system already constructed to the east, complement points of interest, and has diversified use.

The City was notified in January of 2002 that the grant request would be awarded. Workload issues at the National Park Service caused a delay in the preparation of the grant contract, which the City received only recently.

The proposed project would replace the existing gravel on an approximately 1000 foot long walking path with decomposed granite materials, which shall be more compatible with the natural features of the site. Furthermore, the gravel is migrating off the path with frequent use and must be replaced. The replacement of these materials will also serve as an easier surface of walk on for safety purposes. The project also includes the replacement of post and cable fencing, installation of interpretive signage on the fencing, the planting of native vegetation with drip irrigation on the south side of the trail and the installation of two benches on the trail.

Staff recommends that the City Council by resolution accept the grant, appropriate the necessary matching funds for the project and establish a Capital Improvement Program Project (CIP).

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The City was successful in obtaining this competitive "reimbursable" grant. The grant program at the time of application required a 20% total project cost match. The total project cost is \$150,000, this required a match of \$30,000.

Accept a Recreational Trails Grant, Establish a CIP & Appropriate \$30,000  
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Staff recommends that the City Council accept the Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$120,000 (Fund 248), appropriate the necessary match of \$30,000 from the North Laguna Creek Assessment District (Fund 652) and establish a CIP for the North Laguna Wildlife Area Walking Trail CIP (PN: LW91).

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the actions of accepting a grant does not require environmental evaluation and the authorization to establish a CIP project account and transferring funds is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. However, the proposed project to reconstruct an existing walking trail has been evaluated under CEQA and was determined to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Sections: 15301(c); 15301(d); 15303(d); 15304(f); and, 15311(a).

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This project is consistent with the City's strategic plan goals of preserving and expanding parks and recreation opportunities.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

ROBERT G. OVERSTREET  
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



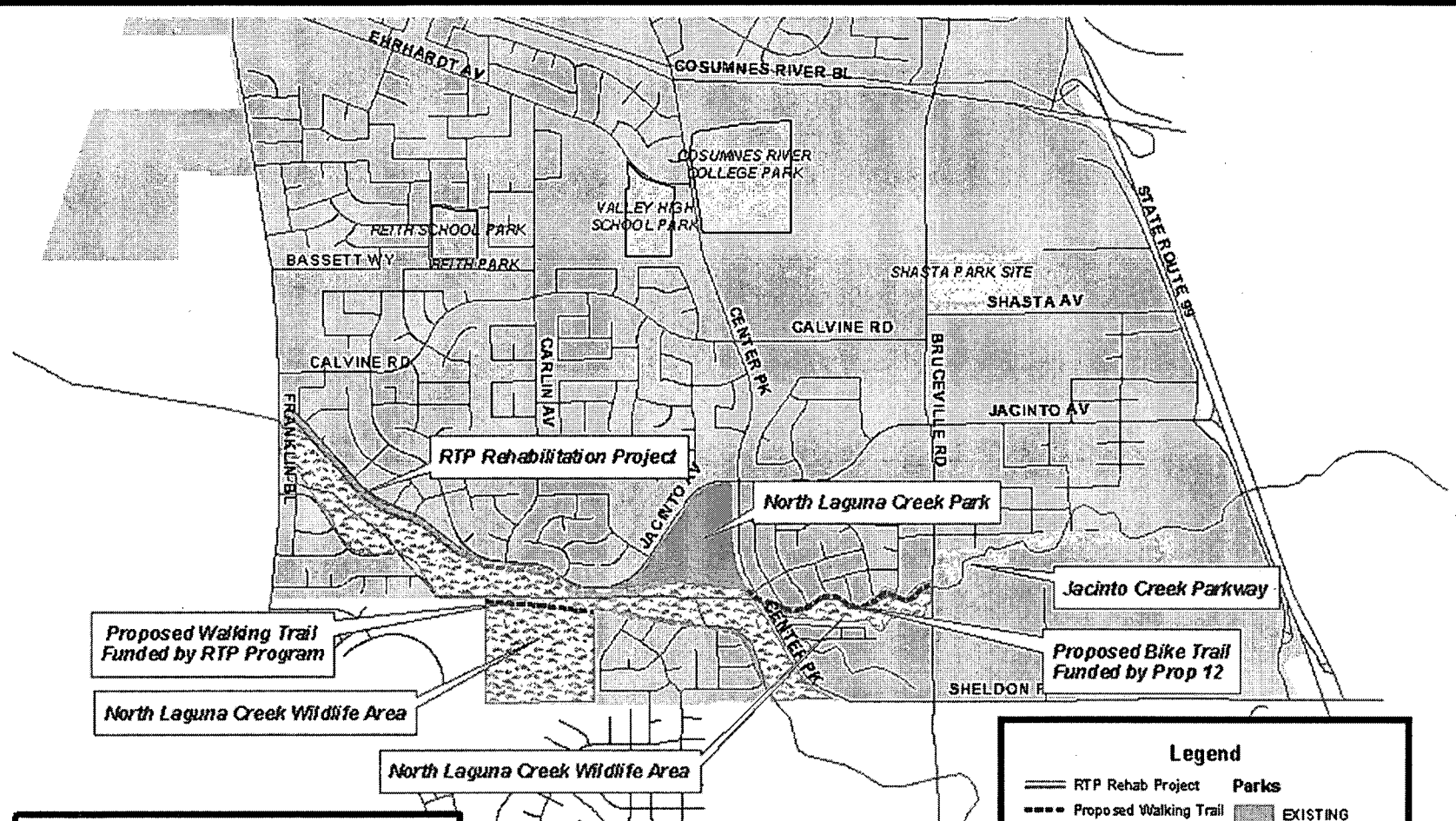
ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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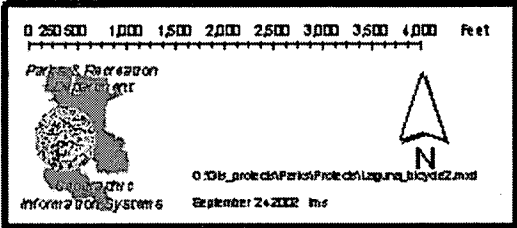


**Proposed Walking Trail  
 Funded by RTP Program**

**North Laguna Creek Wildlife Area**

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**Proposed Bike Trail  
 Funded by Prop 12**



Legend	
	RTP Rehab Project
	Proposed Walking Trail
	Proposed Bike Trail
	Bike Trails - Existing
	Creeks
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Parks	
	EXISTING
	GOLF COURSE
	NON CITY
	OPEN SPACE
	PARKWAY
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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-567  
ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL  
ON THE DATE OF 8/12/03



**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A INTERPRETIVE WALKING TRAIL IN THE NORTH LAGUNA WILDLIFE AREA, ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT (CIP#: LW91) AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FROM THE NORTH LAGUNA CREEK ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE REQUIRED MATCH**

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

**The City Council hereby:**

1. Accepts a grant from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$120,000;
2. Establishes a Capital Improvement Program Project for the development of an interpretive walking trail in the North Laguna Wildlife Area CIP (PN: LW91), and
3. Appropriates \$30,000 from the North Laguna Creek Assessment District (Fund 652) for the required match to be used for reconstruction and repair only.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**FOR CITY CLERK USE ONLY**

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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