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**Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California**

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Land and Water Conservation Grant Program - Miller Park Fishing Pier

SUMMARY

This report requests that City Council authorize submittal of an application under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant program. Applications must be submitted by May 1, 1988.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) provides funds to state and local agencies for the acquisition or development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks. The City of Sacramento has significantly benefitted from LWCF grants. Since 1965, 13 projects amounting to \$1,125,217.00 have been funded in the form of matching grants including acquisition and development of parks, bikeways, tennis courts and pool projects.

In past years, the LWCF Program has suffered severe Federal funding cutbacks. Total appropriations have ranged from \$174 million in 1981 to no appropriations in 1982, \$75 million each year from 1983-1985, \$50 million in 1986, and \$35 million in 1987 and 1988. In past years, the City of Sacramento competed with park and recreation agencies in all counties from the Oregon border, west to the coast, east to Nevada, and south to Sacramento County. In 1988, however, funding is being distributed on the basis of population with just 40% of available funds to be awarded to areas north of San Luis Obispo. A total of \$280,000 has been allocated for this entire area, half to be used for regional projects and half for less than regional projects. Further, project selection will be based on the statewide priority of outdoor recreation activities established as part of the Department of Parks and Recreation's 1987 California Outdoor Recreation Plan, thus limiting the types of projects that will qualify for grant funding.

Competition will be extremely keen due to the limitations of funds and expansion of the competitive region. Staff, in consultation with grants officers, have

determined that construction of Miller Park fishing pier, a project for which the required matching funds are available, meets the program criteria and will be competitive in the regional category.

As the only City-owned riverfront park, the 57-acre Miller Park and Sacramento Boat Harbor is widely recognized as a valuable regional asset. Insofar as the Sacramento River is one of the most prolific fishing areas in Northern California, Miller Park is an extremely popular site for fishing. The proposed project is for a fishing dock with railings and benches which will include a pathway accessible by handicapped, children, and seniors. There are presently no handicapped accessible fishing facilities in the greater Sacramento area. Additionally, picnic facilities in the park will be expanded.

Provision of this dock and amenities will provide the increased fishing access called for in the Miller Park Master Plan. The Miller Park Master Plan and all the elements therein have received the support of the following organizations: the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Sacramento Association, the Sacramento Boat Harbor Advisory Council, the Old Sacramento Citizens and Merchants Association, the Sacramento Yacht Club, and the Sacramento Valley Motel Association.

FINANCIAL DATA


The total Miller Park fishing pier project is estimated at \$200,000. Proposed funding sources are as follows:

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| \$100,000 | LWCF (grant proposed) |
| <u>100,000</u> | Roberti-Z'berg (FY 1986-87) |
| \$200,000 | TOTAL |

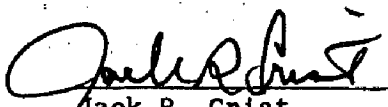
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee approve this report and refer it to the full City Council for action. Further, it is recommended that the City Council approve, by resolution, the submittal of an application under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program for the Miller Park Fishing Pier Project.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert P. Thomas, Director
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:


Jack R. Crist
Deputy City Manager

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April 12, 1988
District No. 1

RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR MILLER PARK FISHING PIER PROJECT

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, 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 local matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Miller Park Fishing Pier Project is consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan: California Outdoor Recreation Plan - 1988; and

WHEREAS, the project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Certifies that said agency has matching funds from the 1986-87 Roberti-Z'berg grant funds for Miller Park Improvements and can finance 100% of the project, half of which will be reimbursed; and
3. Certifies that the project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project; and

4. Appoints the City Manager as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK