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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Support for an Application for the State Department of Water Resources' Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program for Bank Stabilization at Sand Cove Park

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Council District 1, off the Garden Highway near the Interstate 80 Overpass

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council, by resolution:

- Approve the joint application with the Sacramento Tree Foundation for an Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant;
- Determine appropriate environmental impact documentation;
- Conditionally accept the grant if offered;
- Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept and sign any contract for administration of the grant funds; and
- Authorize the City's Project Manager to develop a work plan for the project and submit invoices to the Department of Water Resources for activities carried out under the work plan for the grant contract.

CONTACT PERSON: Christie Benavides, Administrative Analyst II, 264-1955

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: February 19, 2002

SUMMARY:

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting support of a grant application for a project to be co-sponsored by the Sacramento Tree Foundation in the amount of \$300,000 for bank stabilization efforts along the Sacramento River at Sand Cove Park.



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COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

At their February 7, 2002 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Citizen's Advisory Committee approved the application for the Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program for the re-vegetation and bank stabilization project at Sand Cove Park.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program through the Department of Water Resources supports actions that prevent property damage caused by flooding and bank erosion, restores the natural value of streams, and promotes community stewardship. All potential projects must have flood management or erosion control as a primary objective. Projects must also maintain or enhance the environmental characteristics of a stream or restore a stream to a more naturally functioning state. Additionally, projects should promote awareness and stewardship of streams by including the community in planning, implementing, monitoring or maintaining the stream. The grant cap for each project is \$1,000,000 and the total grant program budget is \$25,000,000 statewide. No match is required for this grant and grant applications are due on March 6, 2002.

The proposed project is for erosion control and bank stabilization at Sand Cove Park. We are requesting \$300,000 for the project, which consists of stabilizing exposed portions of the archaeological site and the adjacent riverbank through a combined effort involving native plant re-vegetation, vegetation management and physical geo-engineering with sandbags and geofabric. Conservation efforts at Sand Cove will address four sets of forces that are working toward the removal of the cultural deposit. These include: (1) streambank erosion caused by current flow in the Sacramento River; (2) pedestrian traffic across the top of the bankline and along the face of the bank; (3) wash along the bankline resulting from boat and other pleasure craft waves, and (4) unauthorized digging for and the collection of artifacts that are exposed in the cultural deposit or have eroded out of the deposit.

We have requested that the Sacramento Tree Foundation be the co-sponsor of the grant. The project also has the support of the Native American Heritage Commission, Members of the Miwok Tribe, the County of Sacramento, the Office of Metropolitan Water Planning ("The Water Forum"), and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). The Sand Cove bank stabilization project is consistent with the Parks Programming Guide, and was ranked as the second project in Planning Area 9 for repair and rehabilitation projects.

The estimated cost for initial revegetation and four years of supporting maintenance for the revegetation plan is \$375,000. If successful in obtaining this grant in the amount of \$300,000, we can complete a significant portion of the bank stabilization, tree plantings, and erosion control necessary at Sand Cove Park.

On November 20, 2001, Council approved \$50,000 for stabilization of Sand Cove Park and

Cultural Resource Protection. These funds have, and will continue to, support ongoing monitoring of the archeological site as one of the General Fund Allocations for Neighborhood Community Projects. The \$50,000 was transferred into CIP LK76, Sand Cove Park, bringing the current balance in the CIP to \$66,000. The remaining \$9,000 will come from in-kind contributions from The Sacramento Tree Foundation and from the coordination of volunteer labor efforts between the City and the Native American Heritage Commission. On January 29, 2002, the City Council approved the Sand Cove project description which will be completed between the time period of March 2002 and Fall 2004. Once the revegetation plan has been implemented, a determination of the cost of ongoing long term maintenance for the preservation of this important archeological site can be determined.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

No additional funding is requested with this report. If additional funding is required in the future, staff will return to Council at that point in time.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section Numbers 15269 (b) and (c) of the CEQA Guidelines. The project consists of emergency repairs to publicly owned facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, and welfare. The project consists of specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. In this case, emergency action is necessary to prevent and/or mitigate ongoing severe riverbank erosion and to prevent the loss of a significant archeological resource.

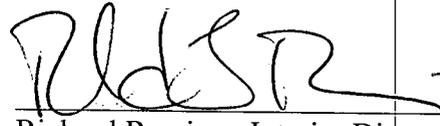
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Acquiring outside funding sources to help develop and/or preserve parks and open space is consistent with several City Council priorities.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

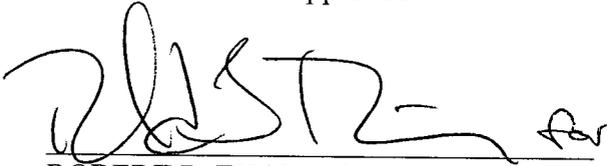
No goods or services are requested with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Ramirez, Interim Director

Recommendation Approved:

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ROBERT P. THOMAS

City Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 2002-093

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF: _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES' URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR BANK STABILIZATION AT SAND COVE PARK.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN APPLICATION FOR AN URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION GRANT AND DETERMINING APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DOCUMENT, CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING GRANT IF OFFERED, AND DESIGNATING CONTRACT MANAGER AND FISCAL AGENT.

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Local Assistance, Urban Streams Restoration Program has announced the availability of funds for grants; and

WHEREAS, said grants are intended to help solve flooding and erosion problems in a way that provides environmental enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Tree Foundation has proposed to co-sponsor a grant application with the City of Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, we have concluded the project proposed for funding with the grant funds would be environmentally beneficial and categorically exempt from requirements for environmental documentation preparation under one or all of the following exemptions: Section 15269.

WHEREAS, we consider the prospects of receiving such a grant to be reasonably likely,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sacramento approves the joint application with the Sacramento Tree Foundation for an Urban Streams Restoration Program grant.

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If offered such a grant, we authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept and sign any contract for administration of the grant funds, and for the Project Manager to develop a work plan for the project, and submit invoices to the Department of Water Resources for activities carried out under the work plan for the grant contract.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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