



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
September 20, 2005

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Grant: Support a Proposition 50 California River Parkway Program Grant Application for the Sacramento River Docks Area Parkway and Riparian Enhancement Corridors

**Location/Council District:** The Docks Area is located along the Sacramento Riverfront, north of the Marina/Miller Park, west of the Interstate 5, south of Capitol Mall and east of the Sacramento River (District 4)

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution: 1) to support an application for a Proposition 50 California River Parkway grant of up to \$4 million for the Sacramento River Docks Area parkway and riparian enhancements, and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, if awarded.

**Contact:** Wendy Saunders, Director of Economic Development, 808-8196

Robert G. Overstreet II, Director of Parks and Recreation, 808-1190

**Department:** Economic Development, Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Downtown, Administration

**Organization No:** 4451, 4511

**Summary:**

The California River Parkway Program will award \$40 million in competitive grants this fiscal year for river parkway projects that provide public access, recreational, open space, wildlife, flood management, water quality, and urban waterfront revitalization benefits to communities. With City Council support, staff will request up to \$4 million for acquisition of properties and riparian enhancement corridors in the Docks Area along the Sacramento Riverfront, as envisioned in the *2003 Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan (2003 Master Plan)*. Grant applications are due to the State of California Resources Agency on October 18, 2005.



**Committee/Commission Action:**

The City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission voted to support a Prop. 50 California River Parkways grant application at their meeting on September 8, 2005 for the riverfront parkway and riparian enhancements in the Docks Area.

**Background Information:**

During a joint meeting on July 31, 2003, the City Councils of Sacramento and West Sacramento accepted the *2003 Master Plan* as the vision for the future of the urbanized areas of the Sacramento Riverfront. On May 4, 2004, the City Council approved a work program for implementing the *2003 Master Plan*. The work program included the development of the Docks Area as envisioned in the *2003 Master Plan*, as well as collaborative legislative efforts to secure funding for specific riverfront projects.

One potential funding source to be pursued as part of the approved implementation work program was the \$100 million in river parkway funding from Proposition 50 – The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002. Grants are to be made available to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for river parkway projects that provide public access or are a component of a larger parkway plan that provides public access, and meets other specified conditions. A total of \$40 million statewide has been appropriated for the first round of grants.

The proposed project includes planting native riparian vegetation along the waterside of the Sacramento Riverfront in an effort to develop enhanced riparian corridors. Secondly, the project includes improving flood protection and public access to the riverfront in the Docks Area by buttressing the levee on the landside with engineered fill to strengthen the levee and protect against erosion and levee seepage. Land needs to be acquired in order to meet these goals. A landscaped promenade on top of the levee will be developed, improving access for flood control purposes, while also providing a riverfront recreational trail for cyclists and pedestrians. The promenade parkway is being designed to connect to the planned "Smart Growth," mixed-use development in the Docks Area, as well as improve connections to Old Sacramento and the Marina/Miller Park. The Sacramento River Docks Area Parkway and Riparian Enhancement Corridors are competitive for this grant program in that the proposed project:

- Meets all five of the grant statutory conditions including recreation, conversion to river parkways, habitat, flood management, conservation and interpretive enhancements. The grant only requires a project to meet two of the five;
- Provides public access and is part of the adopted Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan and Sacramento River Parkway Plan;
- Initiates the vision for the Docks Area recently confirmed through a series of community meetings and a workshop with City Council;
- Has regional community involvement and includes partnerships with other public agencies;
- Contributes to economic development, has a high level of readiness and a regional impact; and
- Has local contribution "matching" funds available.

The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) is the project lead for the riparian enhancement portion of the grant and will co-author the grant application.

**Financial Considerations:**

Matching funds are not required to receive a Proposition 50 California River Parkway Program Grant. However grant guidelines state that including other sources of funds, monetary or in-kind, will make the project application more competitive. Other sources of funds must be non-state funds. The Docks Area, including infill development, the riverfront parkway and the park and open space associated with the project, has been identified as a priority redevelopment project in the Merged Downtown Redevelopment Project Area. Therefore, it is anticipated that tax increment funds will be used as matching funds for this project.

The specific grant request, up to \$4 million, and the local match will be determined once project cost estimates are finalized. Staff will return to Council to identify matching funds and establish the project budget when the grant award and any subsequent negotiations have been completed.

**Environmental Considerations:**

This action is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines (CEQA). However, in regards to CEQA compliance for the Docks Area, an Initial Study and Notice of Preparation were issued in June of this year. The CEQA review will include the parkway, open space and infill development.

An Initial Study and a description of how CEQA will be completed within one year from the date of the grant agreement are required to be submitted with the grant application.

**Policy Considerations:**

The redevelopment of the Docks Area is consistent with the following goals identified in the 2005-2008 City of Sacramento Strategic Plan:

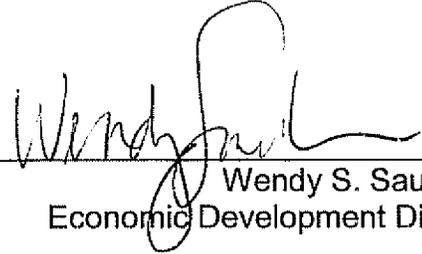
1. Achieve sustainability and livability;
2. Increase opportunities for all Sacramento residents to live in safe and affordable housing; and
3. Expand economic development throughout the city.

The Docks Area parkway is also an "opportunity" project in the Council approved 2004 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide. Council has also adopted the implementation work program for the *2003 Master Plan*, which included the redevelopment of the Docks Area. Finally, securing grant funding to develop the Docks Area is a priority issue in the City of Sacramento 2005 State and Federal Legislative Platforms.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

Not applicable as no goods or services are being purchased at this time.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Economic Development Director



Robert G. Overstreet II  
Parks and Recreation Director

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL**  
**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR**  
**THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY,**  
**CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002**  
 (Proposition 50) \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Sacramento River Docks Area Parkway and Riparian Enhancement Corridors;
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
6. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation, Director of Economic Development, or Support Services Manager, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s).

Approved and adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_ was duly adopted by the SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL.

Following Roll Call Vote:    Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_  
    Nos:     \_\_\_\_\_  
    Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk/Secretary for the Governing Board

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2005 –**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

September 20, 2005

### **SUPPORTING A PROPOSITION 50 CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER DOCKS AREA PARKWAY AND RIPARIAN ENHANCEMENT CORRIDORS**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. Proposition 50 – The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 established the California River Parkways Grant Program to provide grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for river parkway projects that provide public access, recreational, open space, wildlife, flood management, water quality, and urban waterfront revitalization benefits to communities. A total of \$40 million statewide has been appropriated for the first round of grants in Fiscal Year 2006.
- B. On July 31, 2003, the City Councils of Sacramento and West Sacramento accepted the Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan (2003 Master Plan) as their vision for the future of the urbanized areas of the Sacramento Riverfront. The City of Sacramento supports the City of West Sacramento's efforts to develop their side of the Sacramento Riverfront as part of the implementation of the 2003 Master Plan.
- C. On May 4, 2004, the City Council approved the work program for implementation of the 2003 Master Plan. The work program included the development of the Docks Area as envisioned in the 2003 Master Plan, as well as collaborative legislative efforts to secure funding for specific riverfront projects.
- D. The Sacramento River Docks Area Riverfront Parkway and Riparian Enhancement Corridors are competitive for this grant program.
- E. The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency is the project lead for the riparian enhancement portion of the grant and will co-author the grant application.

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

- Section 1. To support an application for a Proposition 50 California River Parkways grant of up to \$4 million for the Sacramento River Docks Area Riverfront Parkway and Riparian Enhancement Corridors.
- Section 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, if awarded.