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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Supporting the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program

**LOCATION:** Statewide

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached resolution supporting the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund ("LWCF") and Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program ("UPARR").

**CONTACT PERSON:** Victor L. Edmisten, Parks Manager, 264-5336

**FOR MEETING OF:** June 15, 1999

**SUMMARY:**

For more than 30 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been the cornerstone of conservation and recreation, using revenues from offshore oil and gas leases to preserve open space, wetlands, refuges, and other habitats and to create parks and enhance recreation opportunities. Nationwide, LWCF has been responsible for the acquisition of nearly seven million acres of parkland and open space, and the development of more than 37,000 state parks and recreation projects. In recent years, most of the LWCF funds have been diverted to unrelated programs.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:** The Chair of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the entire board, wholeheartedly endorses efforts to secure funding for park facilities and recreational programs for the City of Sacramento.

**BACKGROUND:**

Congress is currently considering several bills that would reinvest revenues from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases on a permanent basis to ensure long-term funding for the LWCF and its urban

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companion, the UPARR Program. Funding from the various bills range from \$900 million to \$2.3 billion per year.

State, County, City and Special District park resources are critical elements in Sacramento's quality of life: improving air and water quality, providing for sustainable transportation alternatives, reducing health care costs by encouraging exercise, providing recreational alternatives to juvenile crime, and a proverbial web of countless other community benefits. In order for parks to fully contribute and serve our growing and diverse populations, they must receive adequate financial support.

Federal funds have historically aided the region's park, recreation and open space efforts. The climate appears favorable for the restoration of these critical funding programs, but only if broad-based public support is provided. A City Council Resolution urging Congress to pass legislation to restore and revitalize federal funding for the LWCF and UPARR Program would greatly aid these efforts. The City of Sacramento's Park Division therefore respectfully requests the City Council's approval in adopting the Resolution supporting the restoration and revitalization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

While it would be difficult to predict the fiscal impact of either the Land and Water Conservation Fund or the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program, it is safe to say that the City of Sacramento Parks' Division would surely realize important benefits in terms of acquisition, capital improvements, habitat and historic restoration, and program funding – all areas of vital need to the community's continued well-being. It is likely that both the LWCF and UPARR would require matching funds. Should the voters approve a State park bond, it is anticipated that state funds could be used to meet the match requirement.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no environmental considerations associated with this report.

#### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This action is consistent with the City's priority of Neighborhood Revitalization and Enhancement, Public Safety and providing Positive Youth Alternatives.

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**ESBD EFFORTS:**


The Department is not purchasing materials or contracting for services, and therefor this section does not apply.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Victor L. Edmisten, Parks and Recreation Manager

  
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Gary Little, Director, Area 2

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

  
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Robert P. Thomas  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO. 99-301**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

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**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE  
FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF)  
AND  
THE URBAN PARK AND RECREATION RECOVERY PROGRAM (UPARR)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sacramento with assistance from a broad-range of citizen support acquired, improved and maintained a vast array of park and recreation resources for the benefit of present and future generations of residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Sacramento County's State, County, City and Special District park facilities and programs are critical elements in the community's quality of life, drawing business interests and tourists, improving air and water quality, providing resources for flood management, reducing health care costs by encouraging exercise, providing sustainable transportation alternatives, serving nature and history education, providing healthy alternatives to juvenile crime, making available quiet respites from the stress of everyday life, and a web of other community benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, California contains a rich diversity of forests, rivers and other habitats, and an equally diverse population of fish and wildlife, all of which require by law some level of protection and responsible management by federal, state and local agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, California also contains a large number and variety of outstanding recreational facilities and opportunities, including Sacramento's state, county, city and local parks, trails, water access areas, swimming pools, sport fields, and historic sites; and

**WHEREAS**, outdoor recreation and wildlife enjoyment are also important elements of California's economy. For example, a 1996 survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showed that annual wildlife-related recreation expenditures exceeded one hundred billion dollars, over seven-and-a-half billion dollars were spent in California; and

**WHEREAS**, California's population is one of the fastest-growing in the United State, with an even faster-growing public demand for wildlife conservation, wildlife-related recreation, and outdoor recreation facilities; and

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**WHEREAS**, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund ("LWCF") was created in 1965 to preserve, develop and assure that all Americans have access to quality outdoor recreation. In the thirty years since its creation, LWCF has funded the acquisition of almost seven million acres of parkland, water resources, wildlife habitat, open space and the development of more than thirty-seven thousand state, municipal, and local parks and recreation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery ("UPARR") Program was created in 1977 as a complement to the LWCF. UPARR encouraged local governments to rehabilitate existing recreation facilities, demonstrate innovative programs, and plan for overall revitalization of community recreation systems; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years LWCF funding for federal projects has been reduced by more than half, and funding for state projects and the UPARR Program has been entirely eliminated;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL** hereby respectfully urges Congress to pass legislation to restore and revitalize federal funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund with the following guiding principles:

- Full and permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund;
- An equitable allocation of funding for LWCF's federal and state components;
- A revived Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program that is substantially funded and includes land acquisition authority;
- A provision ensuring permanent and automatic annual funding for LWCF and UPARR; and
- Consistency with the goal of protecting and restoring the nation's natural environment, native habitats, and historic, cultural and public recreation resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be immediately transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of United States Senate, the Speaker of House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of California.

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Mayor

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Clerk of the City Council

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