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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

*AG 2002-035*

**SUBJECT: Accepting a Department of Water Resources, Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant for \$200,000 for the Longview Oaks Parcel of Del Paso Regional Park along Arcade Creek (CIP PN: LV96)**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Adjacent to and within Del Paso Regional Park, Council District 2

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council accept a grant from the State of California, Department of Water Resources, Urban Streams Restoration Program in the amount of \$200,000 contingent upon completion of the necessary environmental work; establish a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the project (CIP PN: LV96); and appropriate the funding for environmental rehabilitation of the Longview Oaks parcel of Del Paso Regional Park.

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

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** February 26, 2002

**SUMMARY:**

City staff was successful in obtaining a state park restoration grant. This report requests actions necessary to approve and properly account for the grant funds.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None.



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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On November 21, 2000, City Council authorized the sale of property north of Longview Avenue and adjacent to Del Paso Regional Park to the Senior Gleaners. In the report, City staff stated that a portion of land, lying adjacent to the Senior Gleaners site and owned by the City, is vacant and encumbered by a wetlands area. This remaining acreage, approximately 6.78 acres and known as "Longview Oaks," was retained by the City. In the next few months, staff will return to Council to amend the Del Paso Regional Park Master Plan to officially incorporate this area into the park boundary.

The Longview Oaks site features a tributary to Arcade Creek. The parcel is notable for its native oaks of different age classes, including heritage oaks, and a rare seasonal wetland. While this site has been protected from industrial and commercial development, the parcel still remains at risk from illegal dumping, off road vehicles, homeless encampments, and polluted run-off.

The California Native Plant Society would like to restore, protect, and enhance this tributary watershed area by securing the site and restoring the flora. In addition, they would like to do channel restoration along the Arcade Creek main stem. This corridor is densely forested with multiple layers of riparian vegetation. Such a project would help reduce bank failure, erosion, sedimentation, and enhance year round recreation along the trails between Bridge Road and the end of Longview Drive (approximately one mile).

The California Native Plant Society requested that the City of Sacramento, Department of Parks and Recreation, jointly apply to the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Local Assistance, for an Urban Streams Restoration Program grant for this purpose. The City's Department of Parks and Recreation is acting as a co-sponsor and fiscal agent for the grant. A bioengineering expert and a restoration ecologist was retained to create a restoration design and a plan to improve the existing trails. The construction phase will include restoration of vernal pools, a new detention basin, asphalt removal, repair of a WPA culvert, and tree and native grass plantings.

The project has a wide range of endorsers and participants, including: Mira Loma High School, the Sacramento Horseman's Association, American River College, the Sacramento Tree Foundation, the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Oaks Foundation, the Urban Creeks Council, and the Audubon Society.

The Department of Parks and Recreation will be assisting the California Native Plant Society by providing the fiscal management and administrative support over the contract(s) for this project. The long term maintenance of both sites will include brush and snag removal in the streambed, weed abatement, and desilting the culverts. Volunteer participants will water and maintain tree seedlings for the first two years.

The total project budget is \$341,000. The \$200,000 grant will pay for portions of the first phase of the Longview Oaks restoration project. In addition, the California Native Plant Society will provide an in-kind match of \$31,800 towards the project. \$35,500 will be funded by a previous Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant received by the Department of Parks and Recreation for Arcade Creek Watershed Management. \$22,400 was previously appropriated to fund the installation of a 3,200 linear foot post and cable fence which was installed earlier this year.

City staff will pursue grant funding from the Cal Fed Non Point Source Pollution Grant Program and the Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Program for the final portions of the overall project, which are estimated to cost \$52,000.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

This grant has no matching requirement. No additional City funding is being requested at this time.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The current request is for Council approval to accept the grant for improvements to the Longview Oaks Parcel of Del Paso Regional Park, in order to meet deadline requirements in obtaining grant funds. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Negative Declaration is being prepared for the proposed improvements related to the use of these grant funds, as well as amendment of the Del Paso Regional Park Master Plan to incorporate the "Longview Oaks" site. The anticipated completion date for the environmental document is May, 2002. As this time line may endanger the City's ability to meet deadlines for acceptance of this grant, staff is asking for Council's approval to accept the grant, contingent upon completion of the CEQA environmental review. Staff will return to Council for approval of the proposed improvements to the site and creek area and amendment of the Del Paso Regional Park Master Plan, which will include completion of environmental review in compliance with CEQA.

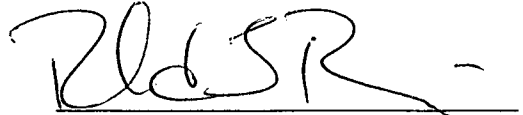
**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

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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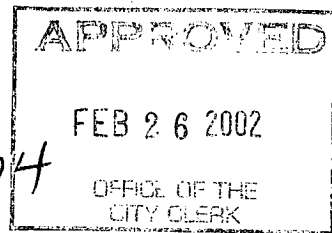
Richard Ramirez, Interim Director

Recommendation Approved:

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ROBERT P. THOMAS

City Manager



**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-104**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR \$200,000 FOR THE LONGVIEW OAKS PARCEL OF DEL PASO REGIONAL PARK ALONG ARCADE CREEK (CIP PN:LV96)**

The City Council of the City of Sacramento hereby:

1. Accepts a grant from the State of California, Department of Water Resources, Urban Streams Restoration Program in the amount of \$200,000 contingent upon completion of the necessary environmental work;
2. Establishes a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the project (CIP PN: LV96); and
3. Appropriates the funding for environmental rehabilitation of the Longview Oaks parcel of Del Paso Regional Park.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_