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City Council  
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Honorable Members in Session

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT A ZOOS AND AQUARIUM FACILITIES GRANT  
(\$275,050) AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS AND A  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT – ZOO  
IMPROVEMENTS**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Sacramento Zoo/District 4

**RECOMMENDATION:**

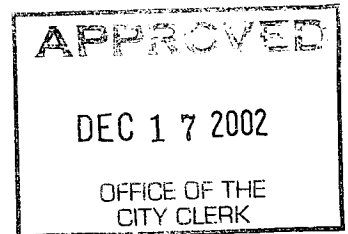
It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the execution of a Zoos and Aquarium Facilities grant contract and establishment of a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to administer the funds and authorize the establishment of a capital grant revenue and expense budget.

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Convention, Culture and Leisure Department

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** December 17, 2002

**SUMMARY:**

This report provides information relating to the request for authorization to accept a Zoos and Aquarium Facilities grant funded by Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act



of 2000 in the amount of \$275,050, establish a CIP to properly account for the grant funds, and authorize the establishment of a capital grant revenue and expense budget.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

The Parks and Recreation Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) supported the grant application at their February 7, 2002 meeting.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Sacramento Zoo has been an American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) accredited facility since 1979. Once accredited, an organization is expected to continuously advance its professional operation and constantly maintain, or surpass, all professional standards, policies, guidelines, or resolutions adopted by the AZA. The Sacramento Zoo is also a recreational destination for the region (nearly a half million visitors annually) and an important educational facility for approximately 90,000 schoolchildren every year.

As a 75-year-old facility, several projects at the Sacramento Zoo have been identified as priorities for funding, particularly regarding continued AZA accreditation. Even with regular schedules of maintenance and repair, older facilities eventually require more aggressive restoration or rehabilitation.

The Zoos and Aquariums Facilities grant (ZAF) under the Dr. Paul Chaffee Zoological Program is funded by Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000. Sacramento's portion of the grant is \$275,050. ZAF funds are intended for development, rehabilitation or restoration of facilities.

The grant application, which Council approved on March 19, 2002, included many proposed projects which can be grouped into two major categories: (1) Staff and Visitor Enhancements, and, (2) Exhibit Renovation and Development. Since the ZAF Grant Project Performance Period is July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2009, it is anticipated that the original proposed project list will be modified over time. Initially, it is intended to complete the staff and visitor enhancements totaling approximately \$100,000 of the grant funding. Immediate enhancements include replacement of the employee parking lot and pedestrian gates and upgrading the educational service trailers.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Zoos and Aquarium Facilities grant of \$275,050 will be deposited in a reimbursable capital improvement project, which will be established to administer the State funds. There are no requirements for matching funds. However, the

Zoo intends to leverage this grant funding by securing additional private donations to complete any proposed projects. A City CIP will be established to administer the grant fund.

The Sacramento Zoological Society has already incurred costs of \$30,234.77 associated with the list of potential projects outlined in the grant application. This included upgrading the electrical, telephone, computer connections, and improving the entrance ramp to the educational services trailers in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These costs are reimbursable from the grant funds under the guidelines.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Planning Environmental Services Manager has determined that the request to accept funding and establish a CIP is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the project will not result in a significant effect on the environment. Prior to any development or construction of any future proposed project improvement, appropriate CEQA review documentation will be completed for each specific project.


**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Securing funding from outside sources to enhance city programs and facilities for public enjoyment is a priority for the City Council. This action is consistent with the City's 2001-2004 Strategic Plan goals of: (1) strengthen community and regional partnerships to enhance the quality of life; (2) preserving parks and recreation opportunities; and (3) enhance educational opportunities for the entire community.

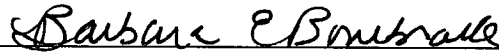
**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

As the specific projects are identified and brought forward, Emerging and Small Business Development program guidelines will be included.

Respectfully submitted,

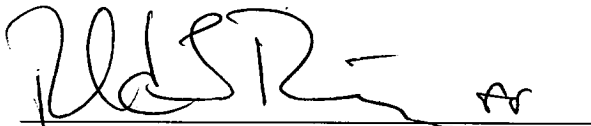
 Barbara C. Brubaker  
Mary Healy, Director, Sacramento Zoo

APPROVED:



Barbara E. Bonebrake, Director  
Convention, Culture and Leisure Department

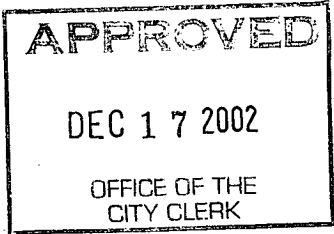
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



Robert P. Thomas, City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-842**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

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

**ACCEPT A ZOOS AND AQUARIUM FACILITIES GRANT (\$275,050) AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS AND A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT – ZOO IMPROVEMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of California have enacted the Dr. Paul Chaffee Zoological Program-Zoos and Aquarium Facilities grant (ZAF) which provides funds for the development, rehabilitation, or restoration of facilities accredited by the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Sacramento:

- 1. Accepts local assistance funds from the ZAF grant under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000; and
- 2. Appoints the City Manager, or his designee, 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 project(s); and
- 3. Approves the establishment of a Capital Improvement Program project entitled "Zoo Improvements" for the development, rehabilitation or restoration of various Zoo exhibits and facilities.
- 4. Approves appropriations budgeting the grant revenue and an expenditure budget for the CIP as follows:

|  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| Fund 248 Capital Reimbursable Grant – State Grant Revenue  | \$275,050 |
| Fund 248 Capital Reimbursable Grant – Zoo Improvements CIP | \$275,050 |

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

5. Approves reimbursement from the grant funds for costs of \$30,234.77 related to the educational services trailers already incurred by the Sacramento Zoological Society.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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