SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 9:35 a.m.
or as soon thereafter as the Commission
recesses its Special Meeting noticed for 9:30 a.m.

Penmar Recreation Center
1341 Lake Street, Venice, CA 90291

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1. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORTS:

   11-293 Habitat Conservation Fund Program – Retroactive Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Ascot Hills Trails Pavilion; Grant Resolution; Acceptance of Grant

   11-294 O’Melveny Park – Assignment of Interest in Oil and Gas Lease No. 208

2. RECONSIDERATION:

   11-276 Normandale Recreation Center Expansion – Request for Final Authorization to Acquire Property – Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement, and Allocation of Proposition K Funds

3. NEXT MEETING:

   The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., at EXPO Center, Community Hall Room, 3980 S. Bill Robertson Lane (Formerly Menlo Avenue), Los Angeles, CA 90037.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER NO. 11-293

DATE October 19, 2011 C.D. 14

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM – RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR ASCOT HILLS TRAILS PAVILION; GRANT RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively approve the submission of a Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) grant application to the State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to fund the Ascot Hills Trails Pavilion project at Ascot Hills Park in the amount of approximately $100,000, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;

2. Recommend that the City Council retroactively adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 1), which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for HCF grant funds and designates the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department), or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project;

3. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the requisite Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with HCF Grant Guidelines;

4. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant application upon completion to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration, pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
5. Authorize the Department’s General Manager to accept and receive the HCF grant, if awarded, in the amount of approximately $100,000 from the State DPR for the Ascot Hills Trails Pavilion project, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council; and,

6. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within “Recreation and Parks Grant” Fund 205 to accept the HCF grant, if awarded, in the amount of approximately $100,000 for the Ascot Hills Trails Pavilion project.

SUMMARY:

In July 2011, the State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) released the annual Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program grant request for proposals, which were due by the application deadline of October 3, 2011. In response to the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, the HCF Program allocates approximately $2 million per year to DPR to fund projects from local entities that protect fish, wildlife, and native plant resources; acquire or develop wildlife corridors and trails; and provide for nature interpretation programs and other programs, which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas. The Department submitted the HCF grant application on October 3, 2011.

The Department is requesting the grant to fund the Ascot Hills Trails Pavilion project, located in Ascot Hills Park. The project scope includes constructing a new trail head and shade pavilion that will exhibit kiosks and signage describing the indigenous wildlife at Ascot Hills Park. The Department’s Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division is overseeing the development of the Ascot Hills Trails Pavilion project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

If the grant is awarded, there is a 100% match requirement of the grant award. The match requirement is being met using $100,000 in Proposition K funds that were committed to the project in June 2007. Submitting this grant application has no fiscal impact to the Department’s General Fund.

This report was prepared by Mark Rose, Facility Director, Grants Administration.
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire, enhance, restore or develop facilities for public recreation and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the HCF Program, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the HCF Program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program; and

2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the required match and sufficient funds to complete the Ascot Hills Trails Pavilion project; and

3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), and

4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the contract shown in the grant administration guide; and

5. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payments requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of ____________________________.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: ____________________________
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE October 19, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: O’MELVENY PARK – ASSIGNMENT OF INTEREST IN OIL AND GAS LEASE NO. 208

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the assignment of The Rudman Partnership’s 18.75% interest in Oil and Gas Lease Agreement No. 208 to Cascade Resources LLC, subject to the approval of the Mayor, City Council, and the City Attorney as to form;

2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Consent to Assign Oil and Gas Lease No 208 to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16 for review and recommendation, and concurrently to the City Attorney for approval as to form, and, upon obtaining their approvals, request that the assignment be forwarded to City Council for approval; and,

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Consent to Assign Oil and Gas Lease No 208 to assign form, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

On November 8, 1985, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board), through Board Report No. 144-85, approved a thirty-five (35) year subsurface oil and gas lease (Lease) at O’Melveny Park with MCOR Oil and Gas Corporation (MCOR). The Lease covers about 139 acres of the park. All drilling is sub-surface and there are no impingements to park operations above ground. In 1989, MCOR merged into UMC Petroleum Corporation (UMC) with the latter keeping
On August 27, 1990, the Board approved Amendment No. 1, which extended the original five-year exploratory drilling period to ten years and acknowledged that the new lessee of the Lease would be UMC.

On November 19, 1990, the Board approved the assignment of a 37.5% interest in UMC’s lease to two additional parties: The Rudman Partnership for an 18.75% interest and Southern Mineral Corporation for an 18.75% interest (Board Report No. 583-90). Subsequent to this action, the Board approved a series of assignments of the remaining balance to several entities as described below.

On February 7, 1996, the Board, through Board Report No. 72-96, approved the assignment of the Lease from UMC to a joint venture between Patriot Resources (Patriot) and Denver American Petroleum LLC (Denver). On September 4, 1996, the Board, through Board Report No. 406-96, approved the assignment of the Lease from the joint venture between Patriot and Denver to Patriot Resources LLC.

On March 4, 2004, the Board, through Board Report No. 04-61, approved the assignment of the Lease from Patriot Resources LLC to a joint venture between Cascade Resources LLC and Susana Resources LLC.

In August of this year, Department staff received correspondence from The Rudman Partnership indicating their desire to assign their 18.75% interest in the Lease to Cascade Resources. Department staff has reviewed the request and are recommending that the Board approve the request.

A Negative Declaration was filed when the lease was first authorized in 1985 and the Negative Declaration was re-filed again in 1989. Additional environmental action is not needed since the proposed assignment concerns an administrative action in which terms of the Lease remain unchanged and there are no different or additional impacts on the physical environment resulting from this action.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the Department’s General Fund with the proposed assignment.

This report prepared by Cid Macaraeg, Sr. Management Analyst II; Real Estate and Asset Management Section; Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.