BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

DATE May 16, 2018

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: URBAN GREENING PROGRAM GRANT – RANCHO CIENEGA PARK – SUSTAINABLE PARKING LOT PROJECT – RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUND

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Approved X Disapproved Withdrawn

With corrections

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Retro-actively authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit the California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program Round Two Grant (Grant) application for the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex – Sustainable Parking Lot Project at 5001 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;

2. Recommend City Council adoption of the accompanying Resolution (Attachment No. 1), which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for the California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program Grant funds and designates RAP’s General Manager, Executive Officer, Assistant General Manager, or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and all other required documents necessary for the completion of the Grant-funded project;

3. Direct the Board Office to transmit a copy of the Grant Resolution to the Mayor Office’s, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for Committee and City Council approval, pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;

4. Direct the Board Office to transmit a copy of the Grant award 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 approval before accepting and receiving the Grant award, pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
designee, as the agent to conduct all grant-related negotiations, and sign and submit all grant documents, including but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, extensions and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of Grant funds;

6. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the Grant, subject to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act;

7. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish the necessary account(s), and/or to appropriate funding received within “Recreation and Parks Grant” Fund 205 to accept the Grant funds, if awarded, from State of California, California Natural Resources Agency; and

8. Authorize RAP's General Manager, or designee, to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY
The State of California, California Natural Resources Agency (Agency) administers several programs including the California River Parkways Program, Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, and the California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program under Proposition 84. The Agency released a Notice of Funds Availability for Round 2 of the California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program (Grant) in early February 2017. The Grant is a competitive grant program. For this second round, the Grant will provide approximately Twenty Four Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($24,700,000.00) for greenhouse gas reduction projects which seek to sequester carbon, decrease energy consumption, and reduce vehicle miles traveled, while transforming and creating sustainable, enjoyable, healthy, and vibrant neighborhoods in a disadvantaged, low-income, underserved communities.

The Grant requires awarded projects to fulfill one of the three following activities:
1) Sequestering and storing carbon by planting trees
2) Reduce building energy use by planting trees to shade building
3) Reduce commute vehicle miles by creating bicycle paths and lanes or pedestrian facilities as a safe commute between residences, workplaces, commercial centers and schools.

The Grant application was due April 11, 2018, and RAP staff has already submitted an application for the Grant prior to this deadline. RAP staff is seeking authorization from the Board to retroactively submit the Grant application. In order for the Grant application to be deemed complete, the Agency must receive a City Council-approved Resolution in the form attached to this Board report (Attachment 1). Thus, RAP staff requests that the Board recommend that City Council adopt the attached Resolution in order to complete the Grant application.

RAP Staff and Public Works/Bureau of Engineering (BOE) decided that a portion of the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex project would be suitable for funding under the Grant. Currently, the
Rancho Cienega Sports Complex Phase I (PRJ20308) (W.O. #E1907694) is out for bids (Report No. 18-041, March 7, 2018). Phase I of the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex project scope is for the demolition of the existing gymnasium, the existing outdoor restroom/staff office/storage building on the southern portion of the property, and landscape, hardscape, and infrastructure to accommodate new design elements. In its place, a new twenty-five thousand (25,000) square-foot (Celes King III) indoor pool and bathhouse facility and Fitness Annex, new twenty-four thousand (24,000) square-foot gymnasium, two (2) new restrooms and tenant improvements within the existing Tennis Pro Shop, and new site and infrastructure improvements and rough grading of parking lots will be constructed. BOE’s project manager has estimated that the Phase I of the project will cost Thirty-Three Million Dollars ($33,000,000.00).

As applied for, the Grant will fund the Sustainable Parking Lot portion of the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex project, with a Grant requested budget of Five Million, Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Eleven Dollars ($5,239,911.00) (Grant Scope). The Grant Scope is for the design and construction of a Sustainable Parking Lot which include demolishing seventy-two thousand (72,000) square feet of existing impermeable asphalt parking lot and replacing it with a seventy-five thousand (75,000) square foot parking lot that incorporates permeable paving. The Grant Scope also includes the installation of storm-water filtration systems, bike racks for long and short term bike parking, eight (8) electric vehicle chargers and infrastructure for up to fourteen (14) future additional EV charging stations, and medians with forty-three (43) new Acacia trees.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:
At this time, there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP’s General Fund; however, future maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
1) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles
2) Rancho Cienega Conceptual Plan
Resolution No: ______________________

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS URBAN GREENING PROGRAM

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

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

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural 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 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex – Sustainable Parking Lot Project;

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 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 1771.5 of the State Labor Code, 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, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and

6. Certifies that applicant will work towards the Governor’s State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1, and

7. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, or designee, of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks 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_______

The undersigned City Clerk of the Applicant here before named does hereby attest and certify that the forgoing is a true and full copy of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles adopted at a duly convened meeting on the date above-mentioned, which has not been altered, amended or repealed.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By:______________________________