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January 27, 2015

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 14-1649, at its meeting held January 20, 2015.

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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-1649

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE January 20, 2015

RE: GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE) FOR THE SOUTH LA CARBON INTO CANOPY TREE PLANTING PROJECT: VERMONT CORRIDOR

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT FEB 02 2015
(10 Day Charter requirement as per LAAC Section 14.7)

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*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to LAAC Section 14.7

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL 10/27/15

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COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE and RESOLUTION relative to grant funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for the South LA Carbon into Canopy Tree Planting Project: Vermont Corridor.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Director, Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), or designee, to apply for, accept, negotiate, execute, and submit all grant documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, and amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to receive funding, if awarded a grant, from CAL FIRE for the South LA Carbon into Canopy Tree Planting Project: Vermont Corridor not exceeding the amount of \$750,000.
2. AUTHORIZE a loan from the Public Works Trust Fund (Fund 834) in the amount of \$750,000 payable by the Environmental Affairs Trust Fund (Fund 537), to front fund the South LA Carbon into Canopy Tree Planting Project: Vermont Corridor.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION authorizing the submission of the grant application to State of California and appointing the Director, BOS, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc., which may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution in compliance with CAL FIRE requirements to complete the South LA Carbon into Canopy Tree Planting Project: Vermont Corridor and expend grant funds prior to December 31, 2019, if awarded the grant.
4. REQUEST the Board of Public Works (Board) to authorize the Office of Community Beautification to amend Contract No. C-124509 with the LA Conservation Corps (LACC) to increase the contract ceiling by \$650,000, and to extend the contract by two years to cover the grant implementation period, if the grant proposal is funded by CAL FIRE.
5. REQUEST the Board to authorize the work up to \$750,000.
6. AUTHORIZE the Director, BOS, to receive and appropriate \$750,000 from the Public Works Trust Fund, Fund 834, to the Environmental Affairs Trust Fund, Fund 537, Department 50, New Account (South LA Trees- Vermont Corridor), and to make payments to LACC Contract No. C-124509 and the Director, BOS, expenses.
7. AUTHORIZE reimbursements from CAL FIRE to be deposited into the Environmental Affairs Trust Fund and subsequently to be transferred back to the Public Works Trust Fund.
8. REQUEST the Controller to make technical corrections as necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that there is no impact to the City's General Fund. The Public Works Trust Fund will front fund the Project for \$750,000 and the Trust Fund will be reimbursed by the grant as the work is implemented.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 7, 2015, the Chair and one member of the Energy and Environment Committee considered a December 3, 2014 Board report and Resolution relative to grant funding from CAL FIRE for the South LA Carbon into Canopy Tree Planting Project: Vermont Corridor. According to the Board, the Department of Public Works is currently implementing several tree planting projects through the BOS, the Office of Community Beautification (OCB), and in partnership with City Plants and several of the non-profit tree planting organizations. Much of the labor to plant the trees and to create new tree wells by cutting concrete in parkways is being done by the LACC through contracts with OCB. In addition, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is providing City Plants with funding for trees and labor. CAL FIRE is offering funding for projects that will sequester carbon and provide energy efficiency by planting trees near buildings. Concept proposals are due to CAL FIRE by November 13, 2014. The grant will fund concrete cuts and multi-year watering plans which are usually the two most difficult pieces to fund in the tree planting projects in low canopy areas of the City. If selected, CAL FIRE will require entities to submit a full proposal, with implementation details in the Spring of 2015.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of the Board's request as contained in the December 3, 2014 Board report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER FELIPE FUENTES, CHAIR

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT

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JAN 20 2015

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE City of Los Angeles FOR FUNDING FROM THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM ENTITLED, "South LA Carbon into Canopy: Vermont Corridor", AS PROVIDED THROUGH the CALIFORNIA GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND and/or USDA FOREST SERVICE FEDERAL FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and/or USDA Forest Service Federal Funds, which provide funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for urban and community forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out an urban and community forestry project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **City of Los Angeles**

1. Approved the filing of an application for "Cap and Trade and/or USDA Forest Service" grant program funds; and
2. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of **the City of Los Angeles** are available to begin the project.
3. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to December 31, 2019.
4. Appoints the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation (LA Sanitation), or designee, as agent of the **City of Los Angeles** to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc., which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Approved and adopted the 20 (day) _____ day of January (month) _____, 2015, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, number _____ was duly adopted by the following roll call vote: (City Council, Board of Supervisors, Board of Directors, etc.)

Ayes: 12 Noes: 0 Absent: 3 _____ (Clerk) Notarized Seal

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AT ITS MEETING OF JAN 20 2015 BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

BY _____
DEPUTY

