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The California Natural Resources Agency is promoting a grant opportunity designed to promote and practice water conservation. The City of Los Angeles is submitting a competitive application for the Atwater Village East Bank Riverway. The main area is currently an unlocked asphalt maintenance road that is minimally maintained and a magnet for graffiti and unlawful dumping of large debris. The unlocked road is used by pedestrians and cyclists, but the experience is uninviting and is not up to trail standards.


The Proposed Atwater Village East Bank Riverway (Project) converts approximately 1 mile of an unattractive Los Angeles River maintenance road into a beautiful, clearly marked multi-use trail along the riverfront. The proposed design plans include lining the trail with California native plants, and to have on-site stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP), such as the use of porous trail surfaces and bioswales for water conservation. The trail will be enhanced with artwork and a living habitat wall to interpret the natural and cultural history of the Los Angeles River. The Project will also repurpose some of the material culled from demolition, and irrigate habitat planting beds with recycled water.

The grant request is for \$500,000 with no City match required, and the application deadline is September 1, 2015. The City's River and overall Sustainability Planning strategies are supported by grant opportunities such as this. Like most competitive grants there are numerous requirements with which to comply, and one for the Atwater Village East Bank Riverway application is the approval of a Resolution in a format pre-approved by the granting authority. The Resolution certifies that the City of Los Angeles designates the Department of Recreation and Parks with authority to submit and execute the grant.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be requested to submit and execute the \$500,000 grant application for the Atwater Village East Bank Riverway Project to the California Natural Resources Agency.

I FURTHER MOVE that the attached California Natural Resources Agency Resolution certifying the City of Los Angeles' support for the Atwater Village East Bank Riverway Project be approved.

PRESENTED BY: 
MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember 13th District

SECONDED BY: 

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM
ATWATER VILLAGE EAST BANK RIVERWAY PROJECT**

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 application for the Atwater Village East Bank Riverway;
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certifications in the application, and
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that Applicant will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code; and
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and
6. Certifies that Applicant will work towards the 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, 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).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ Day of _____, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

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: _____