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February 6, 2020

Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor  
City of Los Angeles  
Room 303, City Hall

Honorable City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
c/o: Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Subject:

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 Grant – LA River Greenway – Habitat Restoration (PRJ21336) Project – Authorization to Submit Grant Application; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Recommendation for Mayor and Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests the Mayor and City Council authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to apply for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 Grant funds for the Project and designate 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 acceptance and use of Grant funds.

Background:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) was established by the California State Legislature in 1980. Since then it has helped to preserve of parkland and improve recreational facilities in both wilderness and urban settings. The SMMC administers competitive grant programs including funds allocated under The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Prop 68). SMMC releases a Notice of Funds quarterly for the Proposition 68 Competitive Grant Program (Grant). SMMC was allocated \$15,000,000 to protect and enhance an urban creek pursuant to Chapter 7 of Prop 68 and \$30,000,000 for projects in accordance with the governing statutes of SMMC pursuant to Chapter 8 of Proposition 68.

The Grant requires projects to be eligible under one of the following categories:

1. Resource Protection and Restoration
2. Vegetation Management and Fire Safety



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3. Visitor Serving Development and Improvement
4. Community Access, Education, and Interpretation

As applied for, the Grant will partially fund the habitat restoration of the southern bank of the Los Angeles River Greenway between Whitsett Blvd. and Laurel Canyon Blvd. in Studio City, which totals to approximately 73,304 square feet (Attachment No. 1). The total construction cost of the proposed Project is \$521,000.00 and the proposed Project scope at this time will include removal of existing non-native vegetation, as-needed irrigation repairs, slope stabilization, and installation of new plant material that will be designed to promote a natural California riparian habitat.

Fiscal Impact Statement:

The total cost of the proposed Project is \$683,015.84. The Grant will contribute \$150,000 towards this project and Quimby fees will contribute an additional \$371,000.00. There is an expected fiscal impact of \$130,098.26 in staff salaries to RAP's General Fund in order to complete the proposed Project. Future maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Ms. Nicole Panza, Management Assistant, Grants Administration, at (213) 202-5656.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND  
PARK COMMISSIONERS



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Attachments: Board Report No. 20-016

cc: Nicole Panza, Management Assistant, Grants Administration, Finance Branch