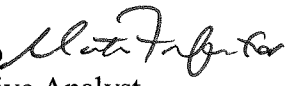


REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: February 6, 2019

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
Chief Legislative Analyst

Council File No: 19-0002-S10
Assignment No: 19-01-0063

SUBJECT: Resolution (Cedillo - Huizar) to SUPPORT extending the Proposition 84 grant performance period for the Albion Riverside Park Project (Project No. SW-10-032)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Cedillo - Huizar) to include in the City's 2019 – 2020 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for extending the Proposition 84 grant performance period for the Albion Riverside Park Project (Project No. SW-19-032) from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

SUMMARY

Resolution (Cedillo - Huizar), introduced on January 15, 2019, states that the voters approved Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Floor Control, River and Coastal Bond Act, in 2006. The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was awarded a \$5 million competitive grant from Proposition 84 for the Albion Riverside Park Project (Project No. SW-19-032) (Project). The Project scope is to design and develop a new 6.3 acre river park and renovate the Downey Recreation Center. The Resolution further states that the construction of the Project is underway and is expected to be completed by April 5, 2019, which includes anticipated rain delays of no more than 18 days. However, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration states that El Nino 2019 is a possibility, which could cause additional delays. Therefore, the State of California – Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) has suggested that the City seek a one year extension to ensure the City has adequate time to complete closeout of the Project.

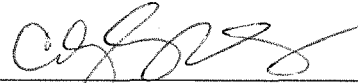
BACKGROUND

Proposition 84 is a statewide grant program that funds various projects that promote water quality and supply, water conservation efforts, public access to natural resources, and improvements to state and local parks. This Project is partially funded by Proposition 84 and includes the following phases: Phase I was demolition and remediation of the site; Phase II involved the development of storm water best management practices to reduce pollutants entering the Los Angeles River; and Phase III involves improvements to create a 6.3 acre river park and to renovate the adjacent Downey Recreation Center.

The 6.3 acre river park features a multi-purpose athletic field, walking and bike paths, fitness zone and equipment, children's play area, picnic area, outdoor amphitheater, open space, and water quality elements. In addition, Phase III includes the expansion and renovation of the adjacent Downey Recreation Center. The Project is funded by Proposition 84, Proposition K, and

Proposition O. Currently, the construction of Phase III is 87 percent complete. On-going construction activities include landscaping, soccer fields, fencing, electrical work, and miscellaneous park improvements. Upcoming work will include commissioning of the storm water facility, final paving and striping, and plant establishment.

The Project is anticipated to be completed by April 5, 2019, unless there are additional rain delays. If there are no additional delays, the site is anticipated to be open to the public by Spring 2019. Due to the fact that an El Nino climate event is a possibility, OGALS recommended that the City seek an extension to June 30, 2020 to ensure that the City has adequate time to complete closeout of the project should there be any additional delays.



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Attachment: 1. Resolution (Cedillo – Huizar)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, California voters approved Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, which authorized general obligation bonds for statewide grant programs; and

WHEREAS, in March 2012, the Department of Recreation and Parks was awarded a \$5M competitive grant from Proposition 84 for the Albion Riverside Park Project (CD 1; Project No. SW-19-032) to fund the design and development of a new 6.3-acre river park featuring multi-purpose athletic field, walking and bike paths, fitness zone and equipment, children's play area, picnic area, outdoor amphitheater, open space, seasonal bioswale, parking lot, lighting, landscaping and irrigation and the renovation of the adjacent Downey Recreation Center facility; and

WHEREAS, construction of the project is well under way and is expected to be completed by April 5, 2019, which includes anticipated rain delays of no more than 18 days.


WHEREAS, while the project, at this time is expected to be completed ahead of the June 30, 2019 end of the Proposition 84 grant term, the latest news from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration states that El Nino in 2019 is a possibility, which could cause additional rain delays and push construction completion further out.

WHEREAS, if the anticipated El Nino delays do occur, the Department of Recreation and Parks will not have adequate time to close out the project and complete all State and City payment requirements by the June 30, 2019 Proposition 84 grant deadline; and


WHEREAS, the State of California – Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) has suggested that the City seek a one year extension of the project to June 30, 2020 (the shortest term they will approve) to ensure the City has adequate time to complete project closeout.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for extending the Proposition 84 grant performance period for the Albion Riverside Park Project (CD 1; Project No. SW-19-032) from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:



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