

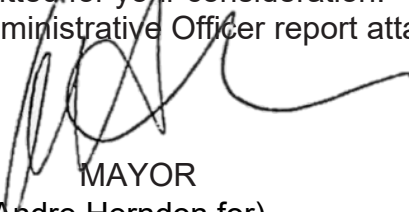
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TRANSMITTAL

TO The Council	DATE 09/08/2022	COUNCIL FILE NO.
FROM The Mayor	COUNCIL DISTRICT 7	

**Proposed Acceptance of California State Department of Forestry
and Fire Protection California Investments Fire Prevention Grant
for the Lopez Canyon Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project**

Transmitted for your consideration.
See the City Administrative Officer report attached.



MAYOR
(Andre Herndon for)

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REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: September 7, 2022

CAO File No. 0130-02123-0000

Council File No.

Council District: Seven

To: The Mayor

From: Matthew W. Szabo,  City Administrative Officer

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor's Office dated August 17, 2022; referred for report

Subject: **BUREAU OF SANITATION GRANT APPLICATION LOPEZ CANYON
HAZARDOUS FUELS**

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to negotiate, accept, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, agreements, amendments, and payment requests for the Lopez Canyon Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project from the California State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grants Program, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form; and
2. Adopt the accompanying Resolution.

SUMMARY

The California State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is soliciting proposals for the California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grants Program (Grant). The Grant provides funding for fire prevention projects and activities in and near fire-threatened communities that focus on increasing the protection of people, structures and communities. Funded activities include hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention planning and education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Grant was announced in December 2021 with an application due date of February 9, 2022. The City Council and the Mayor previously authorized the Bureau to prepare and submit applications for grant funding for environmental Programs, including private, local, state or federal grant funding sources (C.F. 11-0527). The Bureau of Sanitation (Bureau) applied for the Grant on February 9, 2022 for a grant in the amount of \$659,000 for Lopez Canyon Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project (Project). The Bureau is now requesting authority to accept, negotiate and execute agreements for the Grant funding.

The Project will remove hazardous fuels on approximately 40 acres in seven identified areas in Lopez Canyon, each year from 2023 through 2026, to protect nearby communities and land. Lopez Canyon and adjacent canyons have experienced wildfires, including the Creek Fire in 2017 which destroyed a water pipeline causing \$10 million in losses to the City. The areas have been identified because of the proximity of hazardous fuel vegetation and private property. The eligible hazardous fuel removal activities will include brush clearing, weed whacking and tree raising. The total project cost is \$1,608,965, which includes a City match of \$949,895 from the Solid Waste Resources Revenue Fund. The match was not required for the grant. The Grant will supplement routine maintenance at Lopez Canyon. The collected hazardous fuel will be processed to mulch, compost or wood chips and given away to residents, farmers and donated to schools, non-profits and community groups.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no direct impact to the General Fund. Funding for the project is provided by the Solid Waste Resources Revenue Fund and the proposed grant. The Solid Waste Resources Revenue Fund is not a full cost recovery fund as such the services provided by this fund are subsidized by the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time program expenditures.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AND AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BUREAU OF SANITATION AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LOPEZ CANYON HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted the State of California Climate Investment, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for fire prevention programs; and

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

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Sanitation (“LA Sanitation and Environment”, or “LASAN”) proposes to implement the Lopez Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, LASAN has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California; and

WHEREAS, LASAN will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles:

1. Approved the filing of an application for the “California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grants Program”; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles are available to begin the Project; and
4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 15, 2026; and
5. Appoints the Director and General Manager of LASAN, or a designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at the meeting thereof held on

Ayes: _____
Noes: _____
Abstained: _____
Absent: _____

Signature:

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
City Clerk
Seal of the Clerk