



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
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John Wicker, Director

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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

November 05, 2019

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT  
APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NATURAL RESOURCE AGENCY,  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, OFFICE OF GRANTS AND LOCAL SERVICES  
TO FUND THE PECK ROAD PARK WILDLIFE AREA ACTIVITIES PROJECT  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to implement a grant agreement with California State Parks under the Habitat Conservation Fund program to fund the Peck Road Park Wildlife Area Activities Project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed Peck Road Park Wildlife Area Activities Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the Project.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the submission of a grant application to the State of California, Natural Resource Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services, Habitat Conservation for grant funds in the amount of \$61,905 to fund Peck Road Park Wildlife Area Activities Project.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommendations will find that the proposed Peck Road Park Wildlife Area Activities Project (Project) is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and

allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to file an adopted resolution for the grant application to the State of California, Natural Resource Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services in the amount of \$61,905 to fund the Project. The Director of Parks and Recreation received the authority to accept grant funds on June 11, 2019.

The proposed Project is located at Peck Road Water Conservation Park, at 5401 North Peck Road in the City of Arcadia. Peck Road Water Conservation Park is a passive park, without organized recreational activities, located in the Los Angeles River Basin. For the Project, the Department will work with the nonprofit organization Amigos de los Rios to host a series of educational and interpretive events (events). The scope of work will consist of holding approximately 18 educational and interpretive events over the course of three years. These events will focus on the ecology of Peck Road Water Conservation Park and may also include habitat and establishment care events for native habitat at the Project location.

In 2010, the Department, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, and Amigos de los Rios entered a Memorandum of Understanding for the Emerald Necklace Development Plan, which included related activities at Peck Water Conservation Park.

The events are anticipated to occur from Spring 2020 through Spring 2023. The project was selected for funding on July 25, 2019.

At the end of each fiscal year, the Department will submit a memo to the Board on all grants activity conducted under the delegated authority.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions will further the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Pursuing Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability (Goal III.3) by maximizing and leveraging resources to deliver programming.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total project cost is \$123,915, with grant funding of \$61,905 from the California State Parks Habitat Conservation Fund program and a match of \$62,010 to be provided by Amigos de los Rios.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the attached resolution as to form.

The State Department of Parks and Recreation requires that the grantee submit an adopted resolution by its governing body approving the application for grant funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Project, which consists of holding educational and interpretive events and some habitat and establishment care events, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meet the criteria set forth in sections 15301(h), 15304(b), and 15322 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(j), 4(c), and 22 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The Project

provides for maintenance of existing landscaping; installation of new landscaping which will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees; and adoption of educational programs involving no physical alteration in the area affected.

In addition, based on the proposed Project records, the Project will comply with all applicable regulations, is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listings on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, the Department will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

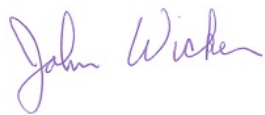
Approval of these actions will cause no impact on current services or programs.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, County Counsel, and three copies to the Department Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions please contact Andrea Vona at (626) 588-5249 or [avona@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:avona@parks.lacounty.gov), Kimberly Rios at (213) 588-5368 or [krios@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:krios@parks.lacounty.gov), or Dora Nuñez at (626) 588-5355 or [dhnunez@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:dhnunez@parks.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Resolution No: 79012

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS  
FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire, enhance, restore or develop facilities for public recreation and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the HCF Program, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the HCF Program; and

**WHEREAS**, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES hereby:

- 1.Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program; and
- 2.Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the required and sufficient funds to complete the project; and
- 3.Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects, and
- 4.Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the contract shown in the grant administration guide; and
- 5.Delegates the authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his 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 project.
- 6.Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

Approved and adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 20 19

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 79012 was duly adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote:

Ayes: SUPERVISORS HAHN, SOLIS, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL

Noes: NONE

Absent: SUPERVISOR BARGER



CELIA ZAVALA, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

By *Tanya Ruiz*  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM  
County Counsel

By *Casey Yourn*  
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Senior Deputy County Counsel