



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD INLAND WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE FAIRVIEW PARK WETLANDS & RIPARIAN HABITAT PROJECT**

**DATE: AUGUST 21, 2008**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**PRESENTATION BY: PETER NAGHAVI, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) submitting a grant application with the State of California's Wildlife Conservation Board Inland Wetlands Conservation Program for the Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project.

## **BACKGROUND**

Grant applications for the State of California's Wildlife Conservation Board Inland Wetlands Conservation Program are accepted on a year round basis. Board meetings are held four times per year to award grant funds to projects throughout the State. Staff plans to submit a grant application for the Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project in October 2008. The board will consider the award of grant funding for this cycle at their February 2009 meeting.

## **ANALYSIS**

In 2005, the City Council awarded a professional services contract to Moffat and Nichol Consultants for the design of a water delivery system to treat dry weather flows and for the creation of approximately 35 acres of wetlands and riparian habitat along the Placentia Drain connecting to the Fairview Channel. The design process began in October 2005 and plans and specifications for construction are 90 percent complete. The project is designed to be completed in three phases. Phase One of the project is scheduled to begin in October 2008 and consists of the planting of 17 acres of riparian habitat, installation of an irrigation system, and excavation and grading of the site. Phase One is financed by \$1,000,000 of mitigation funding from the US Army Corps of Engineers, a \$250,000 Habitat Conservation Fund Grant, and \$250,000 of Costa Mesa Park Development Fund monies.

The grant application to the Wildlife Conservation Board will be for \$3,800,000 to complete Phases Two and Three. Work for these two phases includes native plant restoration, pond and stream development, wetland plantings, pump station retrofit, installation of nature trails, picnic area development, signage, and plant establishment funding.

If grant funding is approved, construction will begin in late 2009 with completion estimated to occur by the winter of 2010. To apply for these grant funds, a resolution approving the filing of an application and naming the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative is needed.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

If the Council chooses not to submit a grant application for this project, staff will continue to pursue other grant programs and alternative funding.

## **FISCAL REVIEW**

No match is required for this grant program.

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

The proposed resolution is approved as to form.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the resolution for the filing of a grant application with the State of California's Wildlife Conservation Board for the Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project.

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Fairview Park Plan Administrator

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Attachments: 1-[Proposed Resolution](#)

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