



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 7, 2011

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPLICATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE COSTA MESA ATHLETIC FIELDS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

DATE: MAY 26, 2011

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) for the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Statewide Park Development Grant Program for the Costa Mesa Athletic Fields Development Project.
2. Authorize the Department of Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.

BACKGROUND:

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the \$5.4 billion "Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006" (Proposition 84). Funding from Proposition 84 provides grants to cities and counties for the creation of new parks and new recreation opportunities. Competitive grant applications for the Statewide Park Development Grant Program are due on July 1, 2011. Grant awards will be made in the winter of 2012.

ANALYSIS:

The Public Services Department proposes to submit a grant application to the Statewide Park Development Grant Program in the amount of \$1,750,000 for the development of a 6.4 acre parcel of land owned by Southern California Edison (SCE). The property is adjacent to the Santa Ana River between the I-405 Freeway and MacArthur Boulevard. The property is licensed to Orange County Public Works and remains essentially unimproved except for SCE transmission towers. The proposed project will develop the land into grass athletic fields with fencing, irrigation, decomposed granite trails, landscape and parking improvements.

The Orange County Public Works Department and SCE have agreed to the conceptual design of this project. If the grant application is successful, the City will enter into a 30 year agreement with Orange County Public Works for the improvements and use of the fields.

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 City funding 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 filing of a grant application with the California Department of Parks and Recreation Statewide Park Development Grant Program for the Costa Mesa Athletic Fields Development Project and designate the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.

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Attachment: [1 - Proposed Resolution](#)

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