



# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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MEETING DATE: AUGUST 7, 2012

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPLICATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR THE FAIRVIEW PARK NORTH BLUFF HABITAT RESTORATION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT**

**DATE: JULY 26, 2012**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT-ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**PRESENTATION BY: ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FARIBA FAZELI, INTERIM CITY ENGINEER, (714) 754-5335**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Adopt a Resolution for the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program for the Fairview Park North Bluff Habitat Restoration and Slope Stabilization Project (Attachment 1).
2. Designate the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The HCF Program allocates approximately \$2 million each year for grants to cities, counties, and districts to provide for nature interpretation and other non-capital outlay programs which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas, to protect various plant and animal species or to acquire or develop wildlife corridors and trails.

Funds for this competitive grant program are derived from the State General Fund. The grant requires a minimum of fifty percent (50%) local match funds.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The Habitat Conservation Fund provides grant funds to enhance or restore native habitat and enhance, restore or develop trails. Competitive grant applications for the State's Habitat Conservation Fund Program are due on October 1, 2012.

The grant application to the California Strategic Growth Council will request funding of \$200,000 for the Fairview Park North Bluff Habitat Restoration and Slope Stabilization Project. The project includes the construction of a decomposed granite trail through Little Canyon for access to lower Fairview Park from the main parking lot, native habitat restoration, and a switch back trail from the upper asphalt trail to lower Fairview Park. Total project cost is estimated at \$400,000. If grant funding is approved, the design phase may begin in early 2013. In order for the City 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:**

The City Council may consider not adopting the Resolution. However, this alternative is not recommended as it would result in the City's project application being declined and render the City ineligible to compete for available grant funding.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The total cost for the design and construction of a decomposed granite trail through Little Canyon for access to lower Fairview Park from the main parking lot, native habitat restoration, and a switch back trail from the upper asphalt trail to lower Fairview Park is estimated at \$400,000. If staff is successful in capturing grant funding for this project, a \$200,000 match is required for this grant program. The funding match will come from the City's Park Development Fund.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution for the filing of a grant application with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Habitat Conservation Fund Program for the Fairview Park North Bluff Habitat Restoration and Slope Stabilization Project and designate the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.



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**ERNESTO MUNOZ**  
Public Services Director



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**FARIBA FAZELI**  
Interim City Engineer

Attachment: 1 - Proposed Resolution

c: Chief Executive Officer  
City Attorney  
Recreation Manager  
Interim City Clerk  
Parks Project Manager  
Contract Administrator

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HABITAT  
CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR THE FAIRVIEW PARK NORTH  
BLUFF HABITAT RESTORATION AND SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT

**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(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa 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 match and sufficient funds to complete the project; and

3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), 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 Public Services 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Interim City Clerk