



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

ITEM NUMBER: CC-15

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

DATE: AUGUST 22, 2013

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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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 Program for the Fairview Park North Bluff Trails and Habitat Restoration Project (Attachment 1).
2. Authorize the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.

BACKGROUND:

The Habitat Conservation Fund 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, 2013.

The grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation will request funding of \$200,000 for the Fairview Park North Bluff Trails and Habitat Restoration Project. The project includes the construction of a decomposed granite trail for access to lower Fairview Park from the parking lot; native habitat restoration; and a switch back trail from the upper asphalt trail to lower Fairview Park as approved per the Fairview Park Master Plan (Attachment 2). The total project cost is estimated at \$400,000. If grant funding is approved construction may begin in the summer of 2014. 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:

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 construction cost for this project 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. During Fiscal Year's 2014-2015 budget hearing, staff will request the needed funding match from the City's Park Development Fund for City Council consideration.

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 to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Habitat Conservation Fund Program for the Fairview Park North Bluff Trails and Habitat Restoration Project and designate the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 - [Proposed Resolution](#)
 2 - [Location of Improvements – Fairview Park Master Plan](#)

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