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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES RIVER GREENWAY PROJECT – ASSIGNMENT OF THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR PROPOSITION A CITIES EXCESS FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the attached Resolution, which assigns to the Community Conservation Solutions a right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$460,000.00, which are available from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Third Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles, on condition that the funds be used for the completion of the Los Angeles River Greenway Project, located within the City of Los Angeles; and,
2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A guidelines.

SUMMARY:

As the designated Proposition A grant administrator for the City of Los Angeles, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was contacted by the County of Los Angeles (County) to secure the adoption of a City Council resolution assigning to the Community Conservation Solutions (CCS), a registered non-profit organization that specializes in nature projects, the City's right to apply for available Proposition A Cities Excess Funds.

CCS is proposing to construct a half-mile walking trail along the north bank of the Los Angeles River between Whitsett Avenue and Coldwater Canyon Avenue, including construction of an entry gate, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant public access, safety fencing, bioswale, seating, native habitat walk, shade structure, signage and other public amenities; and restoration

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of native habitat and planting of native trees, shrubs and plants in an ecosystem-based design. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$2,037,639.00. Current funding for this project includes: \$339,000.00 in California Department of Transportation, Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program funds, \$751,863.00 in California Natural Resources Agency, River Parkways Grant Program funds, \$300,000.00 in Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy funds, \$115,290.00 in Subcontractors' in-kind services and other commitments, and \$71,486.00 in CCS funds. The recommended Proposition A funds of \$460,000.00 will provide the additional funds needed for a fully funded project.

CCS is requesting that the City assign its right to apply for a Proposition A Cities Excess Funds grant in the Third Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Proposition A guidelines to CCS for this project. With approval from City Council, the Proposition A Cities Excess Funds will be allocated to CCS by the County to be used for the Los Angeles River Greenway Project.

City Council action adopting the attached resolution will assign the City's right to apply for these grant funds to CCS. Once the City's resolution is approved and a copy is provided to the County, the proposed project will be presented to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to accept the assignment and allocate the Proposition A Cities Excess Funds grant to CCS for the Los Angeles River Greenway Project. Once the County awards the grant, CCS will administer the funds and assume responsibility for the completion of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund as funding for the completion of the project will be the responsibility of CCS.

This report was prepared by Jason Lew, Management Analyst II, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ASSIGNING THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THE
THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS TO THE
COMMUNITY CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR THE LOS ANGELES RIVER
GREENWAY PROJECT IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, enacted the Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions (collectively the Propositions), which among other uses, provide funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County to be used for the acquisition, development and/or rehabilitation of facilities and open space for public recreation;

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds;

WHEREAS, the Community Conservation Solutions (CCS), a registered non-profit organization that specializes in nature projects, is requesting that the City of Los Angeles assign the right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$460,000.00, in the Third Supervisorial District, to CCS for use in completing the Los Angeles River Greenway Project;

WHEREAS, the project consists of the construction of a half-mile walking trail along the north bank of the Los Angeles River between Whitsett Avenue and Coldwater Canyon Avenue, including construction of an entry gate, ADA-compliant public access, safety fencing, bioswale, seating, native habitat walk, shade structure, signage and other public amenities; and restoration of native habitat and planting of native trees, shrubs and plants in an ecosystem-based design, with a total estimated cost of \$2,037,639.00 dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles River, is operated by multiple agencies and is located within the City of Los Angeles; and,

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles River Greenway Project will enhance safe and accessible recreational opportunities within the City of Los Angeles, in the San Fernando Valley and benefit other County residents in the Third Supervisorial District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

Assigns to the Community Conservation Solutions the right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$460,000.00 in the Third Supervisorial District for use in completing the Los Angeles River Greenway Project.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk

By: _____