

October 1, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL
ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND
ACT OF 2000 FOR EIGHT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
(Second and Fifth Districts – 3 Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the following action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Adopt the attached Resolution accepting grant funds approved through Proposition 12 Bond Act of 2000 - Local Assistance Grant Program for eight capital improvement projects located within State owned, County -- operated parks.
3. Approve the following capital projects:
 - Placerita Canyon State Park - Walker Cabin Roof (CP No. 86569)
 - Placerita Canyon State Park – New Pedestrian Bridge (CP No. 77119)
 - Placerita Canyon State Park – Domestic Water System (CP No. 86570)
 - Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area – Picnic Area Trail Improvements (CP No. 86568)
 - Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area – La Cienega Slope Landscaping (CP No. 86566)
 - Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area - Lake Area Improvements (CP No. 86567)
 - Castaic Lake State Recreation Area – Group Picnic Pavilion (CP No. 77116)

Castaic Lake State Recreation Area – Swim Beach Expansion
(CP No. 77115)

4. Designate the Director of Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation as the authorized representative for the County.

PURPOSE/ JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the attached Resolution will allow the County to accept grant funds authorized, under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 - Local Assistance Grant Program, for capital improvements at three State-owned, County-operated parks.

In May 2000, the State Department of Parks and Recreation requested applications be submitted for funding of eligible projects under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 - Local Assistance Grant Program. This Grant Program makes funding available to local agencies that operate units of the State Park System under an existing operating agreement. Eligible projects are defined as the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, or protection of, interpretation of lands and facilities of, and improved access to units of the State Park system. This program requires no matching funds from the applicant agency.

In March 2001, the Department submitted eight capital project applications. In September of 2001, the California Department of Parks and Recreation notified the County that all eight projects had been approved, and was instructed to continue with the process outlined in the State's Procedural Guide issued and dated September 2001. As a requirement of the procedural guide, your Board must adopt the attached Resolution accepting the approved grant funds.

It is also recommended that your Board delegate the Director, as the authorized representative of the County to execute a contract with the State Department of Parks and Recreation by June 30, 2004, and be responsible for the completion of all funded projects and submittal of all final documentation by June 30, 2009.

The following eight projects have been approved by the State for funding:

Placerita Canyon State Park Total Grant Funding of \$600,000

Grant No. 1 \$100,000

The proposed project will replace the existing Walker Cabin roof with a fire resistant rustic, shake type roof including structural support system

improvements to the rafters, beams and other structural roof support. The proposed project will prevent any further deterioration/damage to this structure.

Grant No. 2 \$250,000

The proposed project includes a new pedestrian bridge from the existing parking lot to an existing picnic area and trailhead. Currently, park patrons walk down the steep dirt slope to cross a blue line stream, which meanders along the park in order to arrive at the picnic area and trailhead. The new pedestrian bridge will provide a means for the expansion of existing recreational opportunities and facilities as well as protection of a blue line stream. The proposed project is anticipated to provide increased accessibility for disabled persons and improve the safety for park patrons by providing a safe access to areas of the park.

Grant No. 3 \$250,000

The proposed project will construct a new domestic waterline to the existing campground. Currently, the campground water supply is served by a water tank, which must be refilled by a water truck. This process is not advisable due to the possibility for water contamination.

The proposed project will also include the necessary connections, meters and regulators, and a special pipeline installation to cross under the existing blue line stream. Permits will be needed from the Department of Fish and Game, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The proposed project will enhance the safety of the public using the park.

Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area Total Grant Funding of \$600,000

Grant No. 4 \$150,000

The proposed project includes installation of additional picnic tables, barbecue braziers, a new connection trail from the overflow parking to an existing trail, and installation of benches along trail paths. During weekends in the summer months, nearly 20,000 visitors fill the park enjoying the open space and natural surroundings of the passive area in the park. This project improves public access to natural, cultural and recreational activities.

Grant No. 5 \$250,000

The proposed project includes the installation of landscaping and irrigation system for approximately 3.4 acres of slope area being remediated on the northwest side of Kenneth Hahn State Park, east of La Cienega Boulevard. It is anticipated that the addition of landscaping on the remediated slope will prevent future erosion.

Grant No. 6 \$200,000

The proposed project includes the installation of additional park benches around the lake; construction of two additional fishing platforms; installation of new and/or refurbishment of existing walkways; construction of a concrete walkway connecting two existing walkways that will improve and benefit pedestrian traffic within the area; and refurbishment and improvement to existing site drainage to prevent irrigation runoff into the lake. This project will also enhance the safety of the public using the park as well as increase the accessibility for disabled users.

Castaic Lake State Recreational Area Total Grant Funding of \$600,000

Grant No. 7 \$100,000

The proposed project provides for construction of a group picnic pavilion including a concrete slab, overhead structure, food preparation area, braziers, and picnic tables. Currently, the picnic facilities consist of individual tables located throughout a large area of the park. This pavilion will fulfill the demand the park currently has for accommodating large gatherings of 100 to 300 people for weddings and corporate picnics.

Grant No. 8 \$500,000

The proposed project includes the installation of a slope stabilization wall referred to as rip-rap boulders in the lower lagoon and replacement of deteriorated walkways. The Department anticipates that the installation of these boulders will prevent further erosion and assist in stabilization of the lagoon bank. In addition, the proposed improvements will enhance park patron safety and the replacement of the deteriorated walkways will increase accessibility for disabled park patrons.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed projects, upon completion, will enhance the County's Strategic Plan's Goal 4 by investing in public infrastructure, and increasing public/private partnerships.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Project Budget Impact

The total estimated project cost for each project is:

Placertia Canyon State Park:

Walker Cabin Roof Replacement	\$100,000
Pedestrian Bridge Installation	\$250,000
Domestic Waterline Installation	<u>\$250,000</u>
Subtotal	\$600,000

Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area:

Additional Picnic Areas, Trail	\$150,000
Slope Landscaping and Irrigation	\$250,000
Lake Improvements	<u>\$200,000</u>
Subtotal	\$600,000

Castaic Lake State Recreational Area:

Group Picnic Pavilion	\$100,000
Lower Lagoon Rip-Rap Boulders	<u>\$500,000</u>
Subtotal	\$600,000

The proposed projects are entirely funded by grants through the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 – Local Assistance Grant Program. Once your Board adopts the attached Resolution accepting the approved grant funds, the Department will return the grant contract, resolution and other supporting documents to the State. The State will return a fully executed contract allowing the Department initially to request 10% of each grant for cost such as plans, specifications, and CEQA compliance. Once CEQA is completed, and project plans submitted to the State are approved, the Department may request up to 80% of the project grant for construction cost. Upon opening the bids, the Department will return to the Board for award of a construction contract.

Appropriation and revenue for each approved project grant was included in the FY 2002-03 Adopted Capital Project Budget.

Operating Budget Impact

The Department anticipates that the completion of these projects will result in additional one-time costs of \$76,600 and on-going costs of \$116,413 in the Parks and Recreation operating budget. The one-time items include various trash containers, signs, security lighting, handrails, groundcover, irrigation supplies and

costs for a water hook-up at Placerita Canyon. The on-going costs include 1.75 positions to perform grounds maintenance functions, maintenance supplies and utilities. These costs will be requested in the Department's FY 2003-04 operating budget request and the Department will work with the Chief Administrative Office to determine the appropriate operating requirements and available funding.

	Project Title	One-Time	On-Going
1	Placerita - Walker Cabin	\$0	\$0
2	Placerita - Pedestrian Bridge	\$0	\$0
3	Placerita - Waterline	\$40,000	\$400
4	Kenneth Hahn - Picnic Areas, Trail	\$700	\$20,353
5	Kenneth Hahn - Slope, Landscape, & Irrigation	\$700	\$69,586
6	Kenneth Hahn - Lake Improvements	\$0	\$10,177
7	Castaic - Picnic Pavilion	\$11,925	\$14,397
8	Castaic - Lower Lagoon	\$23,275	\$1,500

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Once a Grant has been awarded, the Department will be required to spend those funds in accordance with the procedural guide and the Grantee shall complete all funded projects and submit all final documentation by June 30, 2009, to process the final payment.

ENVIROMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Placerita Canyon Nature Center, Walker Cabin Roof

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to: Section 15301 Class 1 (d) of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* and Categorical Exemptions Class 2 (a) (e), of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Placerita Canyon Nature Center, New Bridge

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to: Section 15302 Class 2 (c) of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* and Categorical Exemptions Class 4 (a) (c) (k), of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Placerita Canyon Nature Center, Water System Improvements

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to: Section 15303 Class 3 (d) (e) of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* and Categorical

Exemptions Class 4 (a) (c) (k), of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Kenneth Hahn SRA, Picnic Area & Trail Improvements

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to: Section 15302 Class 2 (c) of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* and Categorical Exemptions Class 1 (x-14,16), of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Kenneth Hahn SRA, Slope Remediation

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to: Section 15303 Class 3 (e) of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* and Categorical Exemptions Class 2 (e) and Class 3 (b), of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Kenneth Hahn SRA, Lake Improvements

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to: Section 15304 Class 4 (a) (e) of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* and Categorical Exemptions Class 1 (x-14,16), of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Castaic Lake SRA, Picnic Pavilion

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to: Section 15301 Class 1 (d) of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* and Categorical Exemptions Class 1 (p) (x-14), of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Castaic Lake SRA, Lower Lagoon

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to: Section 15302 Class 2 (c) and 15303 Class 3 (e) of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* and Categorical Exemptions Class 3 (b), of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS

The Department will implement the proposed projects in a manner that minimizes the operational impacts on the specific facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to execute three originals of the Resolution be returned to the Department of Parks and Recreation by October 2, 2002, to complete the application packets and one conformed copy to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Gallagher
Director

Attachments (3)

Local assistance Final Board Letter .doc

c Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Office (22)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVING THE GRANTEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000

PLACERITA CANYON STATE PARK
KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA
CASTAIC LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

WHEREAS, the People of the State of California have enacted the Local Assistance Grant Program which provides funds to local agencies that operate units of the State Park System; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant project, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the Grantee's governing body to certify by resolution the approval of the Grantee to accept the Local Assistance Grant award, and

WHEREAS, the Grantee will enter into a Contract with the State of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:
(Grantee's Governing Body)

1. Approves the acceptance of the grant for Locally operated Units of the State Park System from the **Local Assistance Grant Program** under the **Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000**; and
2. Certifies that the Grantee has reviewed, understands and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
3. Appoints the Director of Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of project(s).

Approved and Adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2002 .

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles following a roll call vote:

Ayes
Noes
Absent

ATTEST:
VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE-CLERK OF THE
BOARD

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LLOYD W. PELLMAN
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____