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PARKS AND RECREATION

**CITY OF SACRAMENTO**  
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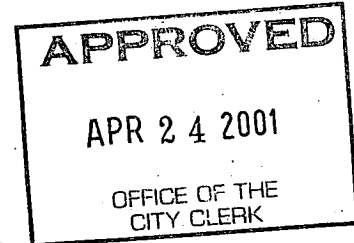
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April 10, 2001

City Council  
Sacramento, California



Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: Support for an Application for a Department of Water Resources' Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Adjacent to and within  
Del Paso Regional Park, Council District 2

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council, by resolution:

1. Endorse an application for an Urban Streams Restoration grant and determine the appropriate environmental impact document;
2. Conditionally accept grant if offered, and
3. Designate a contract manager and fiscal agent.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Christie Benavides, Landscape Architecture, 264-1955

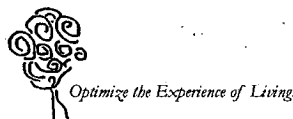
**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** April 24, 2001

**SUMMARY:**

The California Native Plant Society has requested the City of Sacramento co-sponsor a grant application to the State of California Department of Water Resources for \$200,000 for environmental improvements along Arcade Creek in and adjacent to Del Paso Regional Park.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None.



## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On November 21, 2000, City Council authorized the sale of property north of Longview Avenue and adjacent to Del Paso Regional Park to the Senior Gleaners. In the report, City staff stated that a portion of land, lying adjacent to the Senior Gleaners site, is vacant and encumbered by a wetlands area. This remaining acreage, approximately 6.78 acres and known as "Longview Oaks," was retained by the City. In the next few months, staff will return to Council to amend the Del Paso Regional Park Master Plan to incorporate this area into the park boundary.

The Longview Oaks site features a tributary to Arcade Creek. The parcel is notable for its native oaks of different age classes, including heritage oaks, and a rare seasonal wetland. While this site has been protected from industrial and commercial development, the parcel still remains at risk from illegal dumping, off road vehicles, homeless encampments, and polluted run-off.

The California Native Plant Society would like restore, protect, and enhance this tributary watershed area by securing the site and restoring the flora. In addition, they would like to do channel restoration along the Arcade Creek main stem. This corridor is densely forested with multiple layers of riparian vegetation. Such a project would help reduce bank failure, erosion, sedimentation, and enhance year round recreation along the trails between Bridge Road and the end of Longview Drive (approximately one mile).

The California Native Plant Society has requested that the City of Sacramento, Department of Parks and Recreation, jointly apply to the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Local Assistance for an Urban Streams Restoration Program grant for this purpose. If successful, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation will act as a co-sponsor and fiscal agent for the grant. A bioengineering expert and a restoration ecologist will be contracted with to create a restoration design and a plan to improve the existing trails. The construction phase will include restoration of vernal pools, a new detention basin, post and cable barriers, asphalt removal, repair of a WPA culvert, and tree and native grass plantings.

This proposed project has a wide range of endorsers and participants, including: Mira Loma High School, the Sacramento Horseman's Association, American River College, the Audubon Society and the Sacramento Tree Foundation, the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Oaks Foundation, the Urban Creeks Council and the Audubon Society.

The Department of Parks and Recreation will be assisting the California Native Plant Society by providing the fiscal management and administrative support over the contracts for this project. The Department of Parks and Recreation will also take responsibility for the long term maintenance of both sites including brush and snag removal in the streambed, weed abatement, and desilting the culverts. Volunteer participants will water and maintain tree seedlings for the first two years.

If the grant is awarded, the actual plan and appropriate environmental document will be brought to Council for further action at a later date.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The total project budget is \$300,000. The City of Sacramento was awarded a State Tribal Local Wetlands Program Development grant for Arcade Creek in the amount of \$100,000 (LR76) from the federal Environmental Protection Agency/Region 9. These funds will serve as a match for the requested \$200,000 in grant funding, and has been approved as an appropriate use of the grant funds by federal EPA staff. No additional City funding is required.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

This project is consistent with local land use, watershed, water management and general plans. The activity detailed in this project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State Class 6 and Section 15306 of the CEQU guidelines.

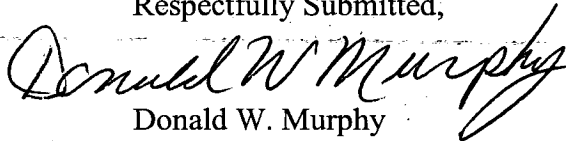
**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Acquiring outside funding sources to help develop and/or preserve parks and open space is consistent with several City Council priorities.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

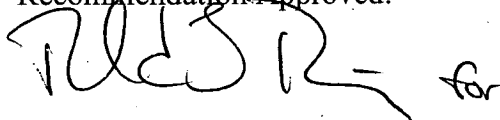
No goods or services are requested with this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



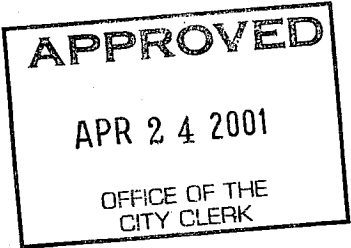
Donald W. Murphy  
Director

Recommendation Approved:

 for

ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-230



ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL  
ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPLICATION FOR AN URBAN STREAMS  
RESTORATION GRANT AND DETERMINING APPROPRIATE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DOCUMENT,  
CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING GRANT IF OFFERED, AND DESIGNATING  
A CONTRACT MANAGER AND FISCAL AGENT**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Local Assistance, Urban Streams Restoration Program has announced the availability of funds for grants; and

WHEREAS, said grants are intended to help solve flooding and erosion problems in a way that provides environmental enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the California Native Plant Society has proposed to cosponsor a grant application with the City of Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, we have concluded the project proposed for funding with the grant funds would be environmentally beneficial and categorically exempt from requirements for environmental documentation preparation under one or all of the following exemptions: Class 6.

WHEREAS, we consider the prospects of receiving such a grant to be reasonably likely,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sacramento approves the joint application with the California Native Plant Society for an Urban Streams Restoration Program grant. If offered such a grant, we authorize the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept the grant and sign any contract for administration of the grant funds, the Parks Manager to develop a work plan for the project, and the Parks Manager to submit invoices to the Department of Water Resources for activities carried out under the work plan for the grant contract.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**FOR CITY CLERK USE ONLY**

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

Date Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_