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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR A LAND AND WATER
CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) GRANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
VERANO CREEK PARK AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO
EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Verano Creek Park, Council District 2

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution (p. 6 & 7), support an application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the development of Verano Creek Park.

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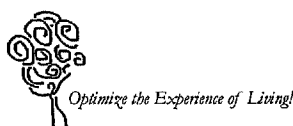
FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 19, 2005

SUMMARY:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funds projects related to outdoor recreational activities and indoor facilities that support outdoor recreational activities. With Council support, the Department of Parks and Recreation will request \$150,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the development of Verano Creek Park in North Sacramento, which is competitive for this grant program.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) supported staff's recommendation to prepare a LWCF grant proposal for the Verano Creek Park Development at its April 7, 2005 meeting.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund provides funding to federal agencies, the 50 states and 6 territories. Funds for the program are derived from federal recreation fees, sales of federal surplus real property, the federal motorboat fuels tax and the Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities. California's allocation for last year was \$12 million. This year's allocation is expected to be \$7.8 million. About \$4.2 million will be available for grants to local agencies: 60% for Southern California (\$2.5 million) and 40% for Northern California (\$1.7 million). Cities, counties and special districts are eligible to apply.

The program is a reimbursement grant program and requires a dollar for dollar match. If a jurisdiction is successful in obtaining funding, that jurisdiction is awarded 50% of the total project cost. However, at the time of application the local jurisdiction is required to be able to fully fund the proposed project as described in the grant proposal. The project also requires that all environmental documents be completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Staff evaluated a number of projects from both the existing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the Amended 2004 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG). Based upon the grant criteria, Verano Creek Park Development was determined to be a competitive project. Verano Creek Park Development is a priority project because it is a top-scoring project in the Amended 2004 PRPG.

Furthermore, the project is competitive based upon the program criteria in that:

- ▶ The project meets a statewide recreational need;
- ▶ The project addresses a facility deficiency;
- ▶ The project has been through a community process;
- ▶ The project has a source for the 50% match;
- ▶ The project is consistent with local plans;
- ▶ There is easy public access to the facility; and
- ▶ The requested amount is appropriate to the total amount available to Northern California agencies.

The proposed project would develop the 0.4-acre site into a neighborhood park located on Doolittle Street and Kelly Court in North Sacramento. The park master plan includes turf with trees; a native grass and tree grove buffer between the park and adjacent residential homes and will include a small open-lawn area, a tot lot playground, walkways, and a small group picnic area. The City Council approved the Master Plan for Verano Creek Park on January 7, 2003. The grant proposal is due to the State on May 2, 2005.

Staff has previously been successful securing Land and Water Conservation Funds. In 2004, the City of Sacramento was awarded a \$128,415 LWCF grant to rehabilitate the picnic area at McKinley Park.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

With Council support, the City will request \$150,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The LWCF program will fund at most 50% of the total project budget as proposed in the grant application. A \$150,000 request will require a \$150,000 match, making the total project budget for the grant proposal \$300,000. Staff will be recommending as part of the 2006 Capital Improvement Program Budget that funds be appropriated from Park Development Impact Fees for development of Verano Creek Park. The proposed appropriation, if approved, would be in an amount more than the 50% required LWCF grant match amount. If awarded, the grant funds will not be available until Fall 2005; at which time the matching funds would be necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the proposed project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section Number 15303(e) of the CEQA Guidelines. Exemption 15303(e) consists of construction of new small structures.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The development of Verano Creek Park is consistent with the City's approved strategy plan to achieve sustainability and livability.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

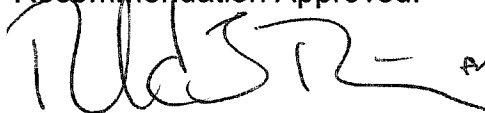
Not applicable at this time as no goods or services are being procured as a result of support for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application.

Respectfully Submitted,



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



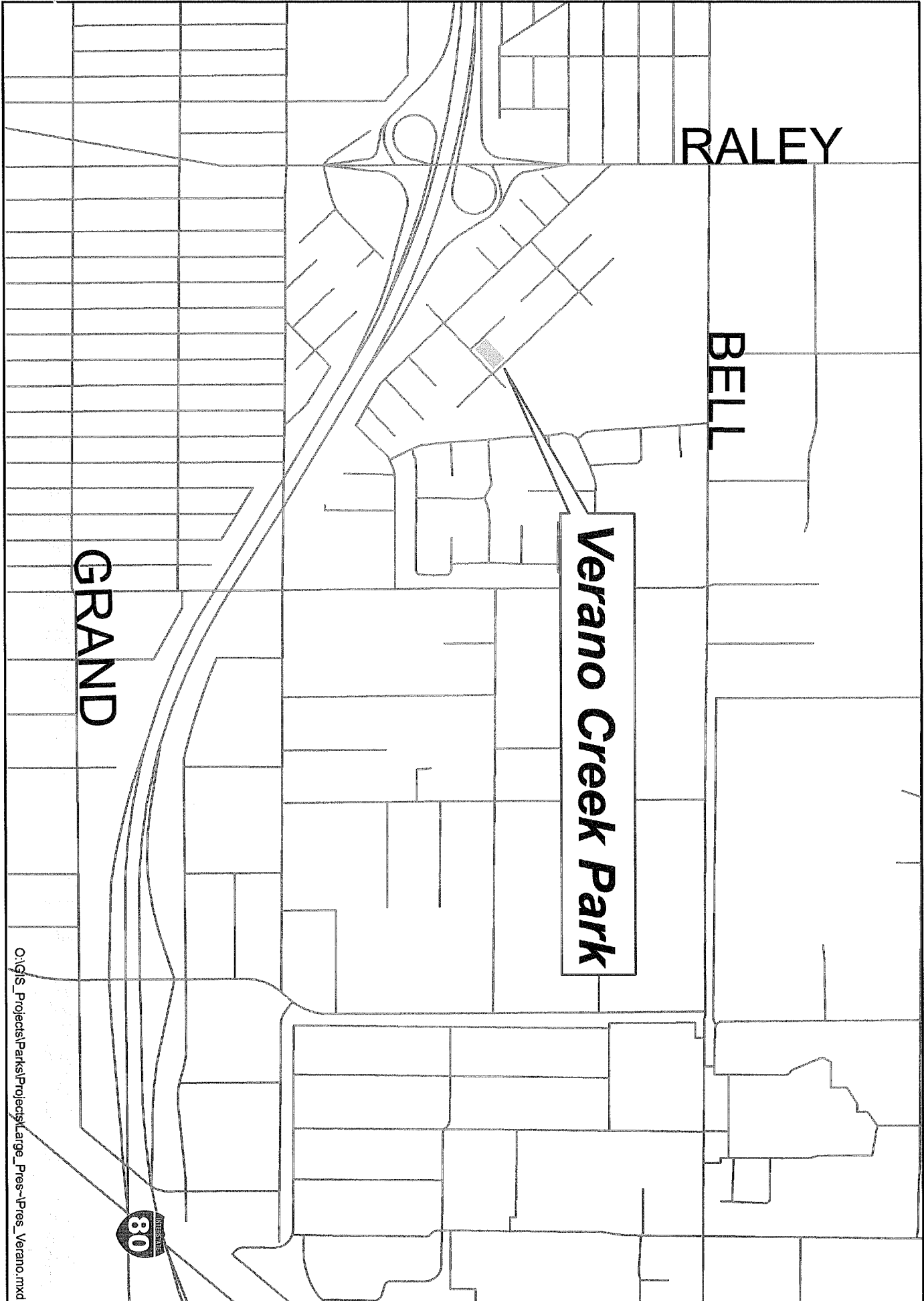
ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON THE DATE OF _____

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
VERANO CREEK PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing Applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of Applications and the availability of eligible Matching funds prior to submission of said Applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Verano Creek Park Development Project is consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan *California Outdoor Recreation Plan - 2002*; and

WHEREAS, the Project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding Project;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

The City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Certifies that said agency has Matching funds from the following source: Capital Improvement Program Budget and can finance 100 percent of the Project, half of which will be reimbursed; and

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3. Certifies that the Project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project; and
4. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager as agent of the Applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, Applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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