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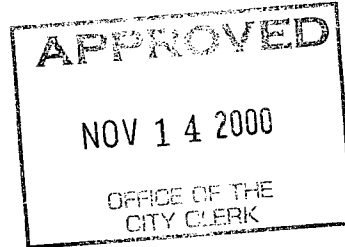
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October 30, 2000

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR A FY 2001/2002 ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION  
ENHANCEMENT GRANT FROM THE STATE RESOURCES AGENCY FOR  
WETLANDS CONSTRUCTION IN GRANITE REGIONAL PARK**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Council District 6

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council, by resolution:

1. Approve the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance.
2. Certify that said applicant will make adequate provisions for operation and maintenance of the project.
3. Authorize the City Manager or his appointed representative to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Patrick Sanger, Parks Manager, 264-8234

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** November 14, 2000

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Resource Agency of California is recommending projects for the 2001-2002 grant cycle to the California Transportation Commission for the \$10 million allocated each year for state, local and federal government agencies and non-profit organizations to mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities.

A part of the Power Inn Road grade separation project was to take storm drainage from that area into the east basin and to create a wetlands area within the park with public access. This area will be approximately 10 acres, and is a part of the Granite Regional Park Plan. Per the park development agreement, the City of Sacramento is responsible for half of the costs to develop, construct, monitor, maintain and permit the wetland areas. A draft Wetlands Agreement is being developed by City staff and the Regional Park General group and will be brought back to City Council for approval by January 2001.

The cost of the wetlands project is under determination, and may cost \$750,000 to \$1.2 million. If successful in obtaining this grant, we can enhance the wetlands area with viewing platforms, boardwalks and interpretive signage. As well, funds that would have been spent on developing the wetlands can be leveraged to develop other planned recreational amenities within the park.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant application is for \$250,000. No matching funds are required.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

If the grant application is recommended by the Resource Agency by April 2001 to the California Transportation Commission, (CTC), environmental clearance documents are required and must be submitted to the CTC in May 2001 for projects to be considered at their July 2001 meeting.

The environmental work for this project is complete, and is a part of the Granite Regional Park PUD Environmental Impact Report certified by the City Council on August 6, 1998.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

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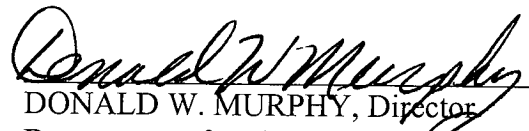
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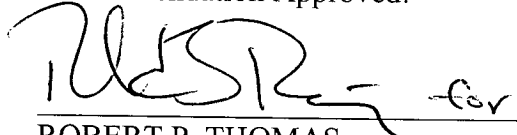
**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable to this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
DONALD W. MURPHY, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

  
ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

**APPROVED**  
NOV 14 2000  
OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-651**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR FY 2001/2002 ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION ENHANCEMENT  
GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
WETLANDS WITHIN GRANITE REGIONAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has authorized a program for funding grants to state, local and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the applicant's governing body before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the application contains assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Sacramento:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance.
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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