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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: Land and Water Conservation Grant Program - Zoo Interpretive Center**

**SUMMARY**

This report requests that City Council authorize submittal of an application under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant program. Applications must be submitted by March 30, 1989.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) provides funds to state and local agencies for the acquisition or development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks. The City of Sacramento has significantly benefitted from LWCF grants. Since 1965, 13 projects amounting to \$1,125,217 have been funded in the form of matching grants including acquisition and development of parks, bikeways, tennis courts and pool projects.

In past years, the LWCF Program has suffered severe Federal funding cutbacks. Total appropriations have ranged from \$174 million in 1981 to no appropriations in 1982, \$75 million each year from 1983-1985, \$50 million in 1986, and \$35 million each year from 1987-1989. In 1989, funding is being distributed on the basis of population with just 40% of available funds to be awarded on a competitive basis to areas north of San Luis Obispo. A total of just \$222,058 has been allocated for this entire area, half to be used for regional projects and half for less than regional projects. Further, project selection will be based on the statewide priority of outdoor recreation activities established as part of the Department of Parks and Recreation's 1988 California Outdoor Recreation Plan, thus limiting the types of projects that will qualify for grant funding.

Competition will be extremely keen due to the geographic and project-type limitations of funds. Staff, in consultation with grants officers, have determined that construction of the Sacramento Zoo Interpretive Center, a project for which the required 50% matching funds are available, meets the program criteria and will be competitive in the regional category.

The Sacramento Zoo is an important recreational facility and civic asset which annually attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from throughout the the central valley. Through the provision of conservation education, the Zoo simultaneously accomplishes its aim of service to the community and contribution to wildlife protection worldwide. At the present time, the Zoo has no means of seating the public when the zoo staff and volunteers present programs. Because seating is not available, the time spent with the public and, therefore, the amount of information disseminated during demonstrations and other education activities is limited. Also restricted is the variety of programs that can be offered. A centralized location where people know programs will be given is not available on the zoo grounds. The proposed outdoor interpretive center with seating for 100 visitors, animal holding facilities, and landscaping will enable the Zoo to realize its potential as a unique community resource capable of an committed to wildlife conservation education.

MBE/WBE

No effect.

CITY POLICY

No effect.

FINANCIAL DATA

The total Zoo Interpretive Center project is estimated at \$150,000. Proposed funding sources are as follows:

\$ 75,000	LWCF (proposed)
<u>75,000</u>	Zoological Society (84 Bond)
\$150,000	TOTAL

RECOMMENDATION

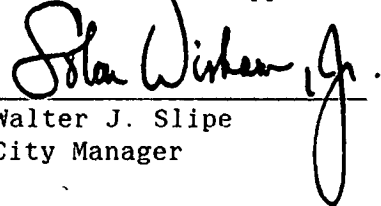
It is recommended that the City Council approve, by resolution, the submittal of an application under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program for the Zoo Interpretive Center Project.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert P. Thomas, Director  
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:

For:   
 Walter J. Slipe  
 City Manager

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March 21, 1989  
District No. 4

Contact: Walt Ueda, Deputy Director - 449-5385

# RESOLUTION NO. 89-225

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR  
THE SACRAMENTO ZOO INTERPRETIVE CENTER

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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 State Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application 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 local matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Sacramento Zoo Interpretive Center is consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan: California Outdoor Recreation Plan - 1988; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 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 Sacramento Zoological Society's 1984 Bond Act grant funds for the Zoo Interpretive Center and can finance 100% of the project, half of which will be reimbursed; and
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 or his designee as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK