



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
February 5, 2008

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Grant Application: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program for the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation**

**Location/Council District:** Southside Park, 2115 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Council District 4

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing and directing staff to submit to the California Department of Parks and Recreation ("CDPR") an application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund ("LWCF") grant in an amount up to \$200,000 for the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project; 2) authorizing the City Manager or designated appointee to execute the required CDPR LWCF grant contract, including any amendments thereto, any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure a LWCF grant from CDPR to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and to appropriate the grant funds contingent upon approval of the application; 3) requiring staff to return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match; and 4) approving the Resolution required by the CDPR.

**Contact:** Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172;  
Nell Hessel, Program Analyst, 808-5762

**Presenters:** N/A

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Administration

**Organization No:** 4511

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program funds projects related to outdoor recreational activities and indoor facilities that support outdoor recreational activities. The types of recreation venues that are the highest priority for the LWCF program which are most often funded by LWCF are those projects related to the development and rehabilitation of trails, campgrounds and picnic areas, and natural areas and cultural areas with public access for recreational use.

City Council approval and support is required as part of the LWCF application process. As such, staff is respectfully requesting City Council's support of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation's application to the State of California

Department of Parks and Recreation for up to \$200,000 as part of the LWCF grant program for the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project.

This Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project was developed and submitted during last year's LWCF grant process, however, it was not funded due to the high number of competitive projects received by State Parks. The project remains competitive and matching funds are available. It is staff's recommendation to resubmit the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project during this year's LWCF grant process. The grant proposal is due March 3, 2008.

**Policy Considerations:** The Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project is consistent with the City's approved strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability.

**Environmental Considerations:** The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section Number 15303(e) of the CEQA Guidelines. Exemption 15303(e) consists of construction of new small structures. Under Section 15301(c) existing park site facilities, 15302(c) replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure involving no expansion of capacity.

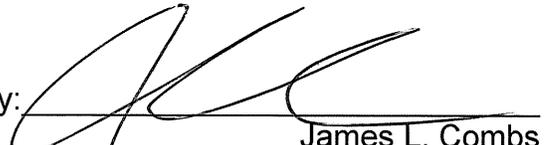
**Commission/Committee Action:** At its January 3, 2008 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) supported staff's recommendation to prepare and submit an LWCF grant for the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project in this year's grant process.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project is consistent with the Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) as well as the City's approved strategic plan, to achieve sustainability and livability. City Council approval and support is required as part of the LWCF application process.

**Financial Considerations:** With the Council's support, staff will submit a grant application requesting up to \$200,000 from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. The LWCF program requires a 50% match of the total project budget as proposed in the grant application. A \$200,000 request will require a \$200,000 match making the total project budget for the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation Project \$400,000. The matching funds will be from Park Impact Fees (PIF), Fund 3204, 791.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** 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 program grant application.

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
James L. Combs  
Director of Parks and Recreation

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cassandra H.B. Jennings  
Assistant City Manager

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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*Exhibit A – State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Resolution*

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program is administered by the National Park Service and provides funds to federal agencies, and to the 50 states and 6 territories. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

The purpose of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program is "to assist in preserving, developing and assuring accessibility to all citizens of the United States of America of present and future generations such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable". The congressional intent of the LWCF is for Applicants and the California Department of Parks and Recreation to cooperatively acquire, develop, and maintain outstanding properties in perpetuity for outdoor recreation purposes.

Under the provisions of the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan Act of 1967, the expenditure of funds allocated to California is administered by the State Liaison Officer, who is the Director of the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation.

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.

Eligible projects are for the acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Priority development projects include trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas and cultural areas for recreational use. Property acquired or developed under the program must be retained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use.

Applicants who are eligible to apply for LWCF program grant funds include cities, counties and districts authorized to acquire, develop, operate and maintain park and recreation areas. State agencies are also eligible as defined under the program.

The match requirement is, at a minimum, one applicant dollar to one federal dollar for all LWCF grants. However, any additional funds used to complete the project are also considered Match. This is a reimbursement program whereby the grantee is expected to finance the entire project. Up to fifty percent of the actual project expenditures, not to exceed the grant amount, will be refunded when the project has been completed.

For local agencies, funds are provided through a competitive selection process. Applications that are technically complete will have the best chance to receive funding. Grants for local agencies are divided: 60% for southern California and 40% for northern California. State agency allocations are distributed under the established program formula.

The program also requires that all environmental documents be completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

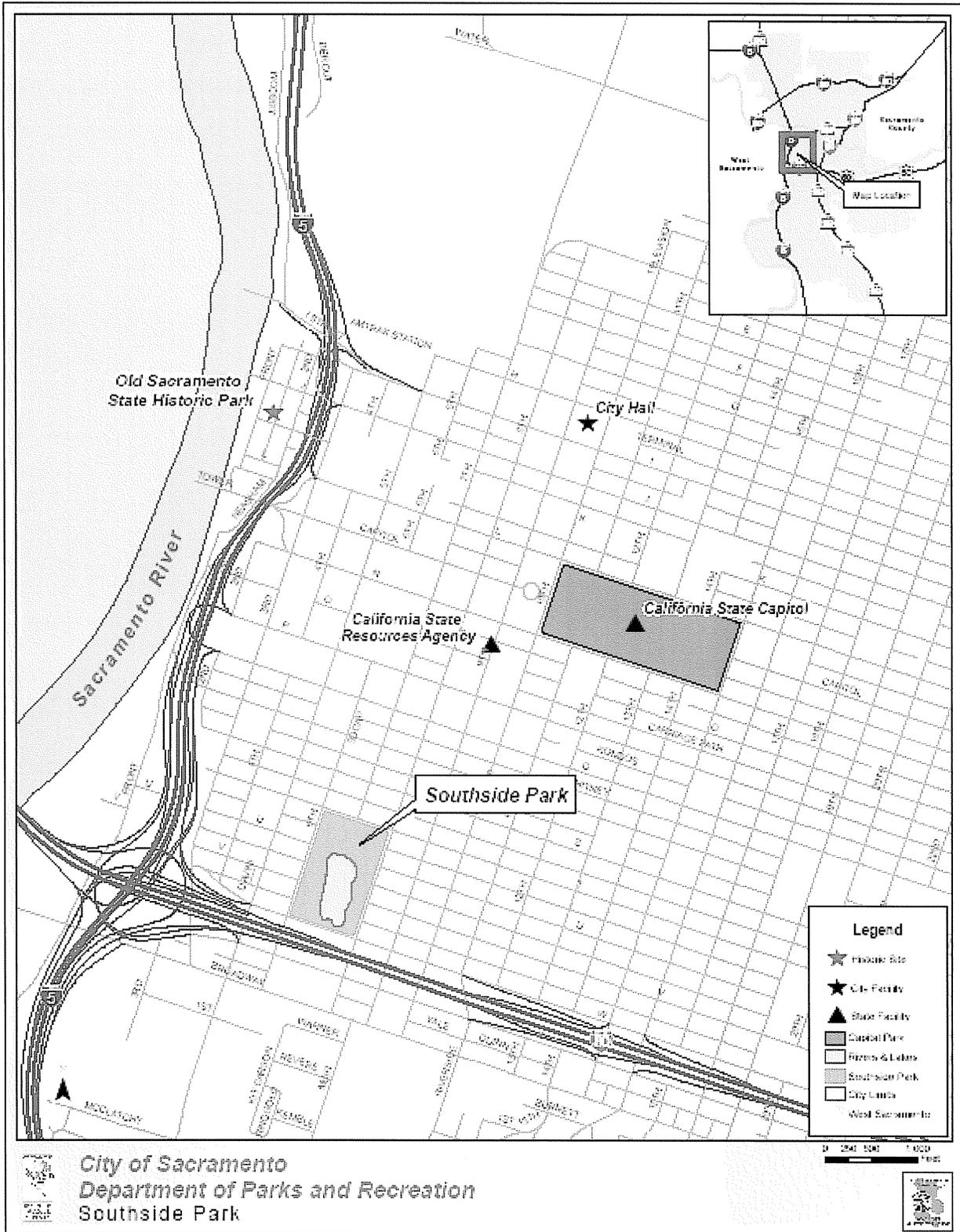
In preparation for this year's LWCF grant program, staff evaluated several projects from both the existing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the City Council approved 2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) for readiness and appropriateness for the LWCF grant program. Based upon the LWCF grant program criteria and project readiness, the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project was

determined to best meet the grant program criteria and is project ready, and therefore judged to be the most competitive project for this year's LWCF grant program. The Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation is a priority project because it is a top-scoring project in the 2006 PRPG partially due to the dilapidated picnic areas.

The Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project is considered competitive based on the following:

1. The project meets a statewide recreational need.
2. The project has been through a community process.
3. The project has the available 50% matching funds.
4. The project is consistent with local plans.
5. There is easy public access to the facility.
6. The requested amount is appropriate to the total amount available to Northern California local agencies.

The scope of the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project proposes to renovate the existing picnic area in the northwest corner of Southside Park including new picnic tables, new individual and group barbecues, permanent trash and recycling receptacles, a drinking fountain, concrete paving and decomposed granite, and new plantings including irrigation modifications.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 –**

**Adopted by the Sacramento City Council**

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION LAND AND WATER  
CONSERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SOUTHSIDE PARK  
PICNIC AREA RENOVATION PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program provides funds to federal agencies, and to the 50 states and 6 territories. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities.
- B. The City of Sacramento will be requesting up to \$200,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation Project.
- C. This program has a 50% match or dollar-for-dollar match requirement. The local agency match source will be from the Park Impact Fee (PIF) fund, Fund 3204, 791.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. Staff is authorized and directed to submit to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (“CDPR”) an application for a land and Water Conservation Fund (“LWCF”) grant in an amount up to \$200,000 for the Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation project.
- Section 2. The City Manager or designated appointee is authorized to execute the required CPDR LWCF grant contract, including any amendments thereto, any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure a LWCF grant from CDPR, to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds, and to appropriate the grant funds, contingent upon approval of the application.
- Section 3. Staff is required to return to City council if there is any significant change in the requested dollar amounts for either the grant or the match.
- Section 4. The Resolution required by the CDPR (attached as Exhibit A) is approved.

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Exhibit A – Resolution in format required by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Heather Fargo

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
SOUTHSIDE PARK PICNIC AREA RENOVATION 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 Southside Park Picnic Area Renovation Project is consistent with the most recent *California Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)*; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sacramento 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 eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may 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, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation and/or the 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 compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

Approved and Adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council following a roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

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City Clerk

*\*Format of this resolution was dictated by the State Department of Parks and Recreation.*