



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
September 26, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant: Support a Proposition 50 River Parkway Program Grant for Projects in the Docks Area of the Sacramento Riverfront

Location/Council District: Docks Area along the eastern bank of the Sacramento River, north of the Marina/Miller Park, west of Interstate 5 and south of Capitol Mall, Council District 4

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) supporting the preparation of a Proposition 50 River Parkway Grant proposal(s) for acquisition and/or development of river parkways within the Docks Area of the Sacramento Riverfront; and, Adopt a **Resolution:** 2) authorizing the City Manager or designated appointee to execute all necessary agreements, establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds, and appropriate the grant funds contingent upon receipt of award.

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Presenters: Not applicable.

Department: Parks and Recreation & Economic Development

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) identifies and prioritizes unfunded parks and recreation capital project needs. Currently, there are insufficient resources to implement all the projects identified through the PRPG process.

Park Development Impact Fees, Quimby-In-Lieu Fees and Landscape and Lighting Assessment Funds are the major funding sources for park and recreation development, repair and renovation. Unfortunately, these sources are limited and in some cases are designated to specific areas or for specific purposes. Thus, there are areas in the City, such as areas that are built-out, that have limited revenue sources for new facility development or necessary repairs and renovation.

Capital grants from State or Federal sources allow the City to secure funding for "priority" or "opportunity" PRPG projects when there are insufficient City funds available to deliver the project as proposed in the PRPG.

Policy Considerations: Applying for capital grant funding is consistent with the policies in the City's *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* including:

Policy 6.6: Actively pursue grants, donations and sponsorships from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Policy 6.12: Base budget priorities on timely issues or needs, and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) as adopted by the City Council.

In addition, applying for capital grants is an element in the **Implementation Strategies** section of the City's *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* which states:

Implementation 6.3: Resource Development: Conduct research, develop strategies and execute fiscal projects for short and long term priority needs, including grants and partnerships, fiscal planning, budget forecasting, problem solving, auditing and reporting.

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

Committee/Commission Action: The Parks and Recreation Commission supported preparation of a Proposition 50 River Parkway Grant proposal(s) at its August 3, 2006 meeting.

Environmental Considerations: Support for capital grant proposals does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15601(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

Rationale for Recommendation: After reviewing a number of projects in the *2004* and *Draft 2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guides (PRPG)*, staff is recommending that City Council support the preparation of a proposal(s) for the acquisition and/or development of projects in the Docks Area of the Sacramento Riverfront. The proposed acquisition would be of properties south of the Pioneer Bridge in the Docks Area north of Miller Park. These properties would be used for future development of the promenade/parkway. In addition, staff is recommending that the Council support a proposal, if feasible, for continued development of the promenade from Embassy Suites south.

The proposed projects are opportunity projects in the *2004 & Draft 2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guides*. The proposed project(s) specifically are

competitive for this grant program in that they:

- Create or expand trails for walking, bicycling and/or equestrian activities that are compatible with other conservation objectives.
- Convert riverfront land from industrial use into multi-use areas such as floodplains, wetlands, public trails, etc.
- Revitalize urban neighborhoods by removing abandoned structures along the riverfront to provide open space with river access for the public.
- Acquire commercial or agricultural property along a riverfront to expand existing River Parkways.
- Acquire property along a river to be used for Compatible Recreational Opportunities such as picnics, nature viewing, etc.

Financial Considerations: There is currently \$32 million available for the 2006 round of the Proposition 50 River Parkway Program Grant. Staff recommends that the City request no more than 10% of the total funds available statewide for any particular grant program, thus currently the maximum request is anticipated at \$3.2 million.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award. Staff will return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:


for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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ATTACHMENT 1

Background:

In 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act. The act authorized the Legislature to appropriate funds for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of river parkways. The California River Parkways Program, a competitive grant program administered by the Office of the Secretary for Resources, awards funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to develop river parkways in their communities. The grant program was developed with the assistance of a technical review committee consisting of biologists, geomorphologists (geologists who study landforms), ecologists and recreation and public health professionals.

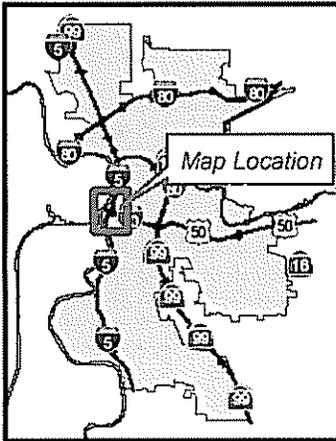
Eligible projects must provide public access or be a component of a larger parkway plan that provides public access. In addition, projects must meet two of the following conditions:

- Provide compatible recreational opportunities including trails for strolling, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian uses along rivers and streams.
- Protect, improve, or restore riverine or riparian habitat, including benefits to wildlife habitat and water quality.
- Maintain or restore the open-space character of lands along rivers and streams so that they are compatible with periodic flooding as part of a flood management plan or project.
- Convert existing developed riverfront land into uses consistent with river parkways.
- Provide facilities to support or interpret river or stream restoration or other conservation activities.

The City currently has a total of \$3,510,000 in River Parkway Program Funds from the Proposition 13 and Proposition 40 Resource Bonds.

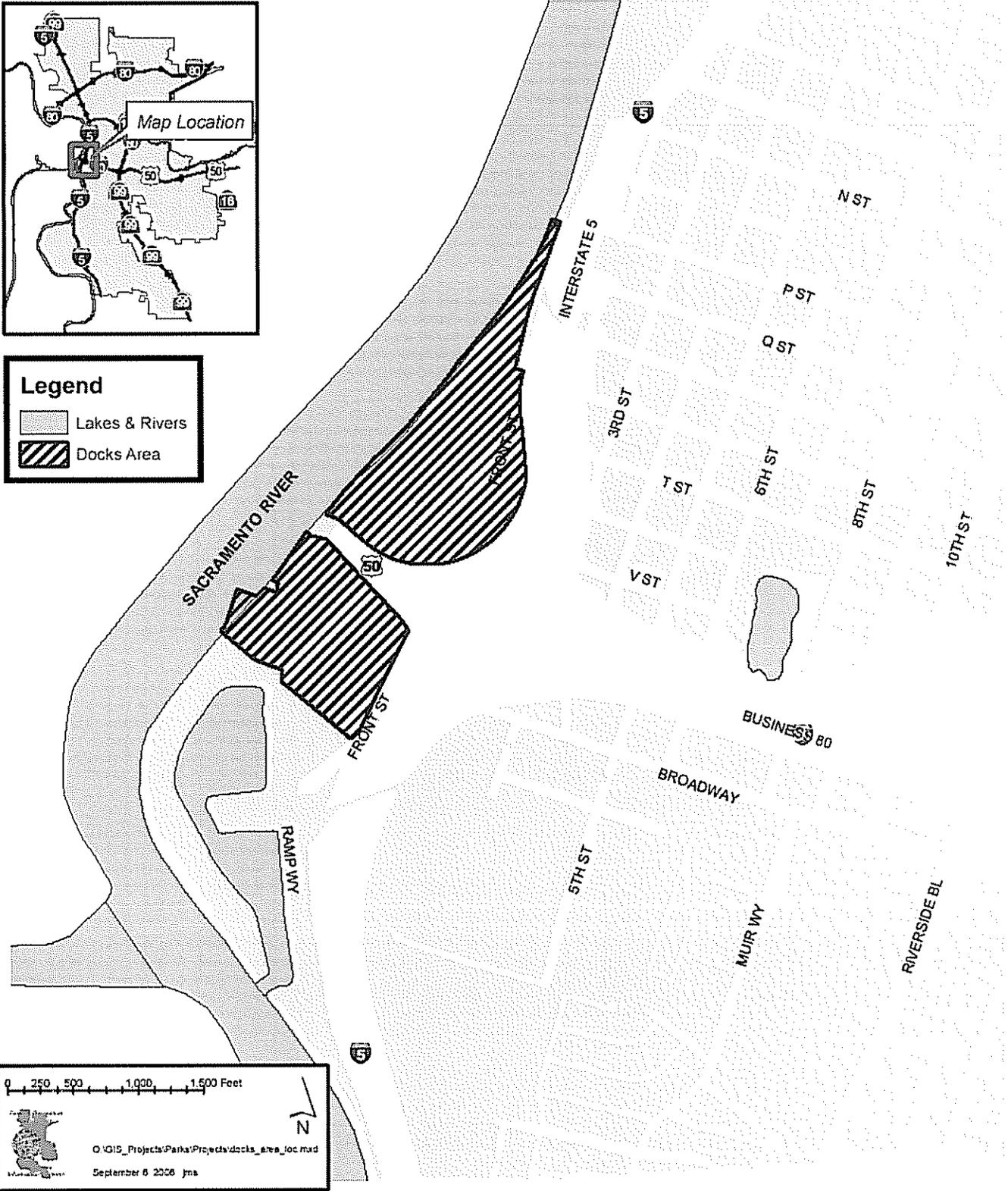


City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation Docks Area Location Map



Legend

- Lakes & Rivers
- Docks Area



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RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

September 26, 2006

APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (Proposition 50)

BACKGROUND

- A. The Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above.
- B. The Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures.
- C. Said procedures established by the State Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State.
- D. The Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project.

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

- Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for the Docks Area Acquisition Project.
- Section 2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application.
- Section 3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so.
- Section 4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds.
- Section 5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to

commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained.

Section 6. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Director of Economic Development, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s).

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AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNATED APPOINTEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, ESTABLISH RELATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR THE GRANT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE THE GRANT FUNDS CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF AWARD ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2006 ROUND OF THE PROPOSITION 50 RIVER PARKWAY PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

- A. The California River Parkways Program (funded through Proposition 50), a competitive grant program administered by the Office of the Secretary for Resources, awards funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to develop river parkways in their communities.
- B. There is currently \$32 million available for the 2006 round of the Proposition 50 River Parkway Program. Staff recommends that the City request no more than 10% of the total funds available statewide for any particular grant program, thus currently the maximum request is anticipated at \$3.2 million.

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

- Section 1. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Director of Economic Development as the agent of the City of Sacramento to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.
- Section 2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent upon receipt of award.