



REPORT TO COUNCIL ⁹

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
September 26, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant/Agreement: Accept a Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Grant from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation for Development of Verano Creek Park

Location/Council District: Proposed Verano Creek Park Site, 307 Doolittle Street, and Kelly Court, Council District 2

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) accepting a Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Grant in the amount of \$150,000 into Fund 248; and 2) appropriating the \$150,000 grant from Fund 248 to the Verano Creek Park Development Project CIP LT72.

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172; Denise Curl, Parks and Recreation Analyst, 808-6204

Presenters: Not applicable.

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City of Sacramento has been awarded a competitive Land and Water Conservation Fund capital grant by the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$150,000 for development of Verano Creek Park in the North Sacramento Area.

Policy Considerations: Applying for capital grant funding is consistent with policies in City Council adopted the *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.

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 the preparation of this grant proposal at its April 7, 2005 meeting.

Environmental Considerations: Accepting a capital grant 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: Staff is recommending that the City Council accept the grant into Fund 248 and appropriate the grant into the Verano Creek Development Project, CIP LT72, to properly recognize the grant as part of the total project budget.

Agreements, including grant agreements, of \$100,000 or more require the approval of the City Council. In addition, all increases or decreases of \$100,000 or more to capital projects require City Council approval.

Financial Considerations: Staff recommends that the City Council accept the \$150,000 grant into Fund 248, and appropriate the grant to the Verano Creek Development Project, CIP LT72.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): The selection of Landscape Architect consultants and contractors for this project will follow City of Sacramento established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firms.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:


for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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ATTACHMENT 1**Background:**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund provides funding to federal agencies and to the 50 states and 6 territories. Funds for the program are derived from federal recreation fees, sale of federal surplus of 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 from the recipient. 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 demonstrate the ability to fully fund the proposed project as described in the grant proposal. The City's match of \$150,000 will come from the Park Development Impact Fee Funds. The project also requires that all environmental documents be completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Notice of Exemption was received.

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.

The project will develop the 0.4-acre site into a small 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.

On January 7, 2003, the City Council approved the Master Plan for Verano Creek Park.

On April 19, 2005, the City Council supported an application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for the Development of Verano Creek Park.

The project received support from the Office of Councilmember Sheedy, the Robla Park Community Association, and Grant Joint Union High School District.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council
September 26, 2006

**ACCEPTING A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM GRANT
FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF VERANO CREEK PARK**

BACKGROUND:

- A. On April 19, 2005, the City Council supported the development of a grant proposal under the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the development of Verano Creek Park, located in North Sacramento.
- B. In Fall 2005, the City was notified that it would be awarded a competitive capital grant by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$150,000 for development of Verano Creek Park.

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

- Section 1. A Land and Water Conservation Fund Program grant from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$150,000 is accepted into Fund 248.
- Section 2. The grant, in the amount of \$150,000, is appropriated from Fund 248 to the Verano Creek Development Project, CIP LT72.

