



REPORT TO COUNCIL **33**

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CONSENT
December 12, 2006

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Title: Support McKinley Park Irrigation Infrastructure Improvements as a Concept Project for the Proposition 50 Urban Water Use Efficiency Program

Location/Council District: McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Council District 3

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** supporting McKinley Park Irrigation Infrastructure Improvements as the concept project for the Proposition 50 Water Urban Use Efficiency Program.

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

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is requesting a project concept prior to any grant proposal for funds being developed. As part of an on-going water conservation program, staff is recommending that City Council select a project that best fits the intent of the program and available funding limits. Based on an evaluation of existing projects in the *2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide* staff is recommending irrigation infrastructure improvements at McKinley Park for the Proposition 50 Urban Water Use Efficiency Program.

Policy Considerations: This project is consistent with and supports the City's Strategic Goals to achieve sustainability and livability. In addition, staff's recommendation is consistent with the policies in the City Council adopted 2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan including:

Policy 5.3: Protect and invest in the parks and recreation system's infrastructure (including all turf, landscaping, buildings and other physical elements and improvements), securing funding for its ongoing upkeep and periodic upgrade/replacement.

Policy 7.3: Manage water use in maintenance activities; (i.e. turf management, irrigation design and scheduling) to conserve water while maintaining healthy turf and trees.

Committee/Commission Action: On November 2, 2006, the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) supported staff's recommendation to prepare a Proposition 50 Urban Water Use Efficiency grant.

Environmental Considerations: The grant program requires compliance with all environmental requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to address potential environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposed project, including mitigation to include compliance with local, county, State and federal permitting requirements. Staff will work with the Planning and Building Department Environmental Services Section to ensure that this project complies with CEQA.

Rationale for Recommendation: The proposed project is part of an on-going comprehensive water conservation program that began in 2000 led by the Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Utilities. In 2000, the City Council appropriated \$2.25 million for park irrigation system improvements (PN: LS01) to promote water conservation in city parks. The irrigation improvements completed to-date have enhanced water conservation, increased the availability of existing parkland for community activities, protected existing assets, increased efficiency and moved the City towards of objective of centralized irrigation control.

Financial Considerations: There is a total of \$12.8 million available as part of the 2007 round of the Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Program for urban water use efficiency capital outlay projects. While the maximum request is \$3 million, staff is recommending that the City limit its request to \$1,500,000, based on prior funding recommendations by the Department of Water Resources and the total amount of funding available statewide. Staff will return to the City Council when an application is prepared to DWR with a specific grant request amount and cost share impact to the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Selection of any contractors to carry out the tasks prescribed in the project will follow City-established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firms.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Background:

In November 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002. The California Bay Delta Program, a cooperative effort of 24 State and federal agencies with management or regulatory responsibilities for the Bay-Delta, is committed to identifying and funding the most promising water use efficiency projects that contribute toward the following objectives:

- Achieve multiple benefits – by reducing losses that currently return to the water system (either as groundwater recharge, river accretion, or direct reuse) CALFED can achieve multiple benefits, such as making water available for irrigation or in-stream flow during dry periods, improving water quality, decreasing diversion impacts, improving flow between the point of diversion and the point of reentry, and improving water supply reliability.
- Preserve local flexibility – maintaining the flexibility of implementing water use management and efficiency improvements at the local level while exploring regional program to maximize benefits.
- Build on existing water use efficiency programs – CALFED will enhance the positive momentum established by the existing programs.

The Proposition 50 Urban Water Use Efficiency Grant Program funds projects that are not locally cost effective, and that provide water savings or in-stream flows that are beneficial to the Bay-Delta or the rest of the state. Irrigation infrastructure improvements were identified as a "priority" area of rehabilitation in the adopted *2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide*. Staff in the development of this proposal assessed the facilities in PRPG that would qualify for this funding and identified as the "worst-first" in need of infrastructure improvements as McKinley Park. Priorities for this funding round, which makes the McKinley irrigation infrastructure project competitive include:

- Projects that result in a greater water quantity being available to the Bay Delta Watershed through a reduction in either current or future diversions,
- Urban projects that expedite or improve landscape-related BMPs recommended by the Landscape Task Force, Water Smart Landscape for California,
- Projects not in the Bay-Delta Watershed that will result in improved local water supply reliability, and
- Water conservation practices and projects that will conserve energy.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

December 12, 2006

**SUPPORTING MCKINLEY PARK IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS AS A CONCEPT PROJECT FOR THE PROPOSITION 50 URBAN
WATER USE EFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND:

- A. In November 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002.
- B. The Proposition 50 Urban Water Use Efficiency Grant Program funds projects that are not locally cost effective, and that provide water savings or in-stream flows that are beneficial to the Bay-Delta or the rest of the state.
- C. Irrigation infrastructure improvements were identified as a "priority" area of rehabilitation in the adopted *2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG)*.
- D. Staff in the development of this proposal assessed the facilities in PRPG that would qualify for this funding and identified as the "worst-first" in need of infrastructure improvements as McKinley Park.

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

- Section 1. Supports irrigation infrastructure improvements at McKinley Park as the concept project for the Proposition 50 Urban Water Use Efficiency Program.