REPORT TO COUNCIL 10
City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
April 3, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

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

Location/Council District: Southside Park, 2115 6th Street, Council District 4

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) supporting the development of a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant application in the amount up to $200,000 for the renovation of the group picnic area at Southside Park; and 2) authorize 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 on receipt of award.

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Presenters: N/A

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program funds projects related to outdoor recreational activities and indoor facilities that support outdoor recreational activities. The types of projects that are most often funded are those related to development and rehabilitation of trails, picnic areas and open field areas. The City Council's support of the Department of Parks and Recreation's request for up to $200,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the renovation of the group picnic area at Southside Park is needed. The grant proposal is due on May 1, 2007.

Policy Considerations: The renovation of Southside Park group picnic area 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 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 Number 15301© Existing park site facilities, 15302 © replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure involving no expansion of capacity.

Commission/Committee Action: The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) supported staff's recommendation to prepare a LWCF grant proposal for the renovation of the Southside Park picnic area at its March 1, 2007 meeting.

Rationale for Recommendation: Renovation of the Southside Park Group Picnic Area is consistent with the Parks and Recreation Programming Guide as well as the City's approved strategic plan, to achieve sustainability and livability,

Council approval and support is required to apply for LWCF Grant for renovation of the group picnic area at Southside Park.

Financial Considerations: With the Council's support, the City will request up to $200,000 from the 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 grant proposal $400,000. Development of Southside Park is one of staff's recommended projects for the 2008 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

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 grant application.

Approved by: Lori Harden
Cassandra H.B. Jennings
Assistant City Manager

Recommendation Approved:

Cassandra H.B. Jennings
for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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, sales of federal surplus 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. 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 be able to fully fund the proposed project as described in the grant proposal. The project also requires that all environmental documents be completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Staff evaluated a number of projects from both the existing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the City Council approved 2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG). Based upon the grant criteria, the renovation of the group picnic area at Southside Park was determined to be a competitive project. The renovation of the Southside Park Picnic Area is a priority project because it is a top-scoring project in the 2006 PRPG partially due to the dilapidated picnic areas.

Furthermore, the project is competitive based upon the program criteria in that:

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

The proposed project's scope is to renovate the existing group picnic area in the northwest corner of Southside Park to include: 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.

RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND RENOVATION OF SOUTHSIDE GROUP LAKE PICNIC AREA 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 Project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 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 the following source(s): $200,000 of Park Impact Fee (PIF) and can finance 100 percent 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, Assistant City Manager, or Parks and Recreation Director, or Administrative 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 3rd day of April, 2007.

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

Ayes
Noes
Absent

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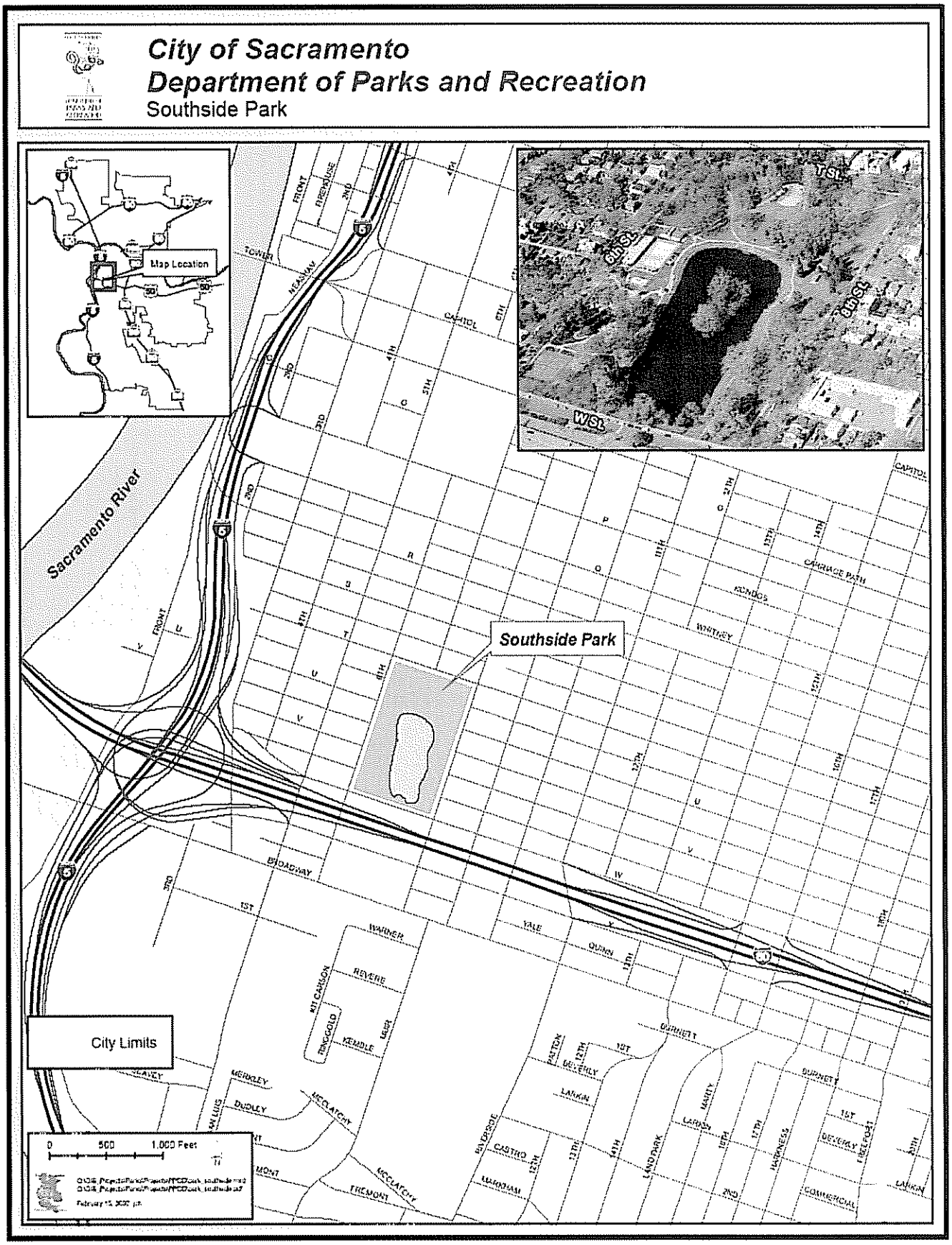
Sacramento City Clerk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Department of Parks and Recreation
Southside Park
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