



# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
October 18, 2005

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Grant/Agreement: Accept a Habitat Conservation Program Grant for Riparian Improvements at Orchard Park (PN: LK73) and Appropriate \$75,000 in Park Development Impact Fees as the Required Grant Match

**Location/Council District:** Orchard Park, Council District 1

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution: 1) Accepting a Habitat Conservation Program Grant in the amount of \$75,000 into Fund 248, 2) Appropriate these Grant Funds into the Orchard Park Phase II project (PN: LK73), and 3) Appropriate \$75,000 in Park Development Impact Fees (Fund 791) as the required 50% total project match.

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**Presenters:** N/A

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Administration

**Organization No:** 4511

**Summary:**

Staff was successful in obtaining a State of California Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) competitive grant. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the actions necessary to accept this grant and properly account for the grant funds. The HCP provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas. In August 2004, with City Council support the Department of Parks and Recreation requested a grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the riparian improvements along the Natomas Main Drain at Orchard Park.



**Committee/Commission Action:**

On May 11, 2004, the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation voted to support this grant proposal under the Habitat Conservation Program.

**Background Information:**

The HCP is funded through the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. The HCP is administered by the State of California Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation and provides \$2 million annually through 2020 for competitive grants, \$800,000 of which is available for Northern California projects. The program provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas.

In 2004 the City was competitive in three of the four available categories under HCP including: Trails/Programs, Wetlands and Riparian. There was a total of \$200,000 available under each category for Northern California.

After reviewing a number of projects in the adopted *2004 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide*, staff recommended that grant proposals be prepared for: the Land Park Jogging Trail under the Trails and Programs category, Robla Park under the Wetlands category and Orchard Park under the Riparian category. In August 2004, the City Council supported staff's recommendation to prepare a grant proposal for riparian improvements at Orchard Park in South Natomas.

Staff was notified in September 2005 that the project would be fully funded. Staff recommends that the City Council accept this grant to properly account for the grant funds and appropriate the necessary funding as the proposed match to complete the project.

**Financial Considerations:**

Staff recommends that the City Council accept a Habitat Conservation Program Grant in the amount of \$75,000 into Fund 248, and appropriate these funds to the Orchard Park Phase II capital improvement project (PN: LK73).

The HCP program will fund at most 50% of the total project budget as proposed in the grant application. A \$75,000 request requires a \$75,000 match, making the total project budget for the grant proposal \$150,000. Thus, staff recommends the appropriation of \$75,000 in Park Development Impact Fees (Fund 791) as the required 50% total project match. The match will come from Planning Area 9 Park Development Impact Fees (Fund 791), which has sufficient funds for the required match.

**Environmental Considerations:**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Reporting Plan was approved by the City Council in October 2002. In compliance with Section 15070(B)1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City incorporated mandatory

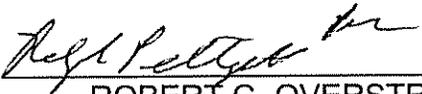
mitigation measures into the project to avoid identified impacts or to mitigate such impacts to a point where clearly no significant impacts will occur. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was available for Public Review during the period of August 21, 2002 through September 10, 2002.

**Policy Considerations:**

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.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

The selection of consultants and contractors for this project will follow City established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firms.

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

Recommendation Approved:

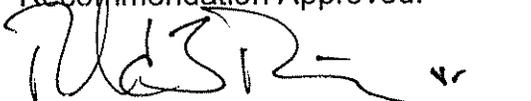
  
ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

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**ACCEPTING A HABITAT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR RIPARIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT ORCHARD PARK (PN: LK73) AND APPROPRIATING \$75,000 IN PLANNING AREA 9 PARK DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (FUND 791) AS THE REQUIRED MATCH**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas.
- B. With City Council support, the Department of Parks and Recreation prepared a HCP Grant proposal in October 2004. The grant funds would be used riparian improvements along the Natomas Main Drain at Orchard Park.
- C. The City of Sacramento was notified in the September 2005 that the proposed grant project would be fully funded.
- D. The HCP program will fund at most 50% of the total project budget as proposed in the grant application. A \$75,000 request requires a \$75,000 match, making the total project budget for the grant proposal \$150,000.

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

- Section 1. The Habitat Conservation Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 is accepted into Fund 248.
- Section 2. The Habitat Conservation Program grant in the amount of \$75,000 (Fund 248) is appropriated to the Orchard Park Phase II capital improvement project (PN: LK73).
- Section 3. \$75,000 in Planning Area 9 Park Development Impact Fees (Fund 791) are appropriated to the Orchard Park Phase II capital improvement project (PN: LK73) as the required match.