



# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent  
January 31, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Grant: Accept a Grant and Establish a Multi-Year Operating Grant for the Citywide Park Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Program (GXXX)

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution: 1) Accepting a Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant in the amount of \$754,000 into Fund 250, 2) Establish a multi-year operating grant for the Citywide Park Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Program (GXXX), and 3) Appropriate these grant funds to the Citywide Park Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Program (GXXX).

**Contact:** Robert J. Fleming, Park Maintenance Manager, 808-6301;  
Syed Rizvi, Field Services Manager 808-1433

**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Departments:** Parks and Recreation and Utilities

**Divisions:** Park Maintenance and Administration

**Organization No:** 4511, 3311

**Summary:**

Staff was successful in obtaining a Department of Water Resources, Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency competitive grant program as part of an on-going water conservation program to fund irrigation improvements to city parks. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the actions necessary to establish an operating grant to spend and properly account for the grant funds.

**Committee/Commission Action:**

On February 24, 2004, the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation supported staff's recommendation to prepare a Proposition 50 Urban Water Use Efficiency grant.

**Background Information:**

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 water quality, water quantity, and in-stream flow and timing improvements.

The Water Use Efficiency Program is one of a number of competitive programs funded through the Proposition 50 Water Bond. Priority projects under this program included project/programs that focus on landscape water use efficiency and commercial, industrial and institutional water use efficiency.

On June 15, 2005, the City Council supported the preparation of a grant proposal under the Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Program. Funds will be used to renovate irrigation infrastructure that would result in the highest potential for water savings. The goal of this program is to ensure that each selected park location has at a minimum: a booster pump, backflow preventor, a fully tuned irrigation system, a central control system, a water meter and if necessary, a new isolated water tap where there may be multiple points of connection.

The proposed project was 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 (CIP: 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 the objective of centralized irrigation control.

**Financial Considerations:**

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant in the amount of \$754,000 into Fund 250, establish a multi-year operating grant for the Citywide Park Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Program (GXXX) and appropriate the grant funds to the proposed project.

In support of this project, the Department of Utilities will provide \$200,000 in-kind for water meters, backflow devices, and water taps.

Staff has determined that the most efficient and cost-effective strategy to implement a large part of this program is by completing the work with park maintenance irrigation crews. The labor and reimbursement budget for Park Maintenance Services (Org. 4728) will be adjusted in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to reflect the staff necessary to implement this program. This adjustment will include the addition of 1.5 limited term FTE (three new positions) for the new irrigation crew as follows:

	<u>Number of Positions</u>	<u>Full-Time Equivalent</u>
Park Maintenance Worker I	3	1.5 FTE (3 x .05 FTE)

FTE added as a result of this program will remain only until the conclusion of this program, when the grant funds have been exhausted.

**Environmental Considerations:**

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the action of accepting a grant does not require environmental evaluation and the authorization to establish an operating grant is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

**Policy Considerations:**

This project is consistent with and supports the City's Strategic Goals to improve and expand public safety and achieve sustainability and livability. In addition, this project is consistent with the Department of Parks and Recreation's policy to develop and rehabilitate existing parks consistent with a "sustainable park" concept to reduce the long-term costs of maintaining City parks.

**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.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Director of Parks and Recreation

Respectfully Submitted by:   
GARY A. REENTS  
Director of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

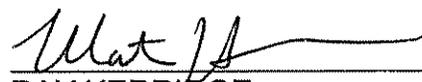
  
RAY KERRIDGE  
Interim City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

January 31, 2006

**ACCEPT PROPOSITION 50 URBAN WATER USE EFFICIENCY GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$754,000, ESTABLISH A MULTI-YEAR OPERATING GRANT FOR A FOR IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (GXXX) AND APPROPRIATE THE GRANT FUNDS TO THE CITYWIDE PARK IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (GXXX)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. On June 15, 2005, the City Council supported the preparation of a grant proposal under the Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Program to renovate irrigation infrastructure that would result in the highest potential for water savings. In Fall 2005, the City was awarded \$754,000 in grant funds.
- B. The goal of this program is to ensure that each selected park location has at a minimum: a booster pump, backflow preventor, a fully tuned irrigation system, a central control system, a water meter and if necessary, a new isolated water tap where there may be multiple points of connection.
- C. In support of this project, the Department of Utilities will provide \$200,000 in-kind for water meters, backflow devices, and water taps.

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

- Section 1. A Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant in the amount of \$754,000 is accepted into Fund 250.
- Section 2. A multi-year operating grant for the Citywide Park Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Program (GXXX) is established.
- Section 3. The Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant in the amount of \$754,000 (Fund 250) is appropriated to the Citywide Park Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement Program (GXXX).
- Section 4. The labor and reimbursement budget for Park Maintenance Services (Org. 4728) will be adjusted in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to add three FTE necessary to implement this program as follows:  
(three new positions) for the new irrigation crew as follows:

	<u>Number of Positions</u>	<u>Full-Time Equivalent</u>
Park Maintenance Worker I	3	1.5 FTE (3 x .05 FTE)

Section 5.     FTE added as a result of this program will remain only until the conclusion of this program, when the grant funds have been exhausted.