



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 25, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Financial Assistance Agreement For A Grant Amount of \$1,652,197 From The State Water Resources Control Board For Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration And Storm Water Management Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Director or Designee to Apply, Negotiate, and Execute a Financial Assistance Agreement, and Any Amendments Thereto, with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

DISCUSSION:

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama. This act appropriates additional economic stimulus funds for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and state and local fiscal stabilization. The California Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) received approximately \$280 million from this bill. The CWSRF modified their existing loan program to distribute a portion of these monies as grants to fund nonpoint source pollution control projects throughout the state.

Although competition was extremely high for these stimulus funds, the Creeks Division submitted a grant application for the Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration and Storm Water Management Project. This involves construction of vegetated swales, basins, and pocket wetlands that capture and treat urban storm water runoff from adjacent neighborhoods and the municipal golf course. This project was selected for funding because it creates jobs, builds green infrastructure, and is ready for construction within the required CWSRF timeline.

The CWSRF guidelines require a resolution authorizing the applicant's representative to apply, negotiate, and execute a financial assistance agreement. Council approved such a resolution at its April 28, 2009, meeting; however, since that time, SWRCB attorneys modified the required resolution format. The proposed resolution conforms to the new guidelines.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The total cost of the project is \$1,966,595. The SWRCB grant will provide \$1,652,197 toward the construction of the project. Matching Measure B funds in the amount of \$314,398 are included in the Creeks Division Capital Program.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This project is designed to reduce several types of water quality pollutants, including trash, sediment, nutrients, and metals, and also includes several acres of creek habitat restoration.

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SUBMITTED BY: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office