



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
REPORT TO THE:

Joint City Council Housing Authority Successor Agency Oversight Board

April 10, 2018

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Regarding Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Grant Application.

- 1) Motion approving the submittal of a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy under the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) for \$1,875,000, to convert the natural turf baseball field at Pacific Park to artificial turf; and authorizing the City Manager or a designee to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, and documents to apply for, accept, and implement the funding.

COUNCIL ACTION

Public Hearing Ordinance Consent Calendar Action Item Report Only

Approved for April 10, 2018 calendar

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Submitted by:
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Prepared by:
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Approved by:
Yasmin K. Beers, City Manager

Reviewed by:
Michael J. Garcia, City Attorney

Robert P. Elliot, Director of Finance *mk*

Signature

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council approve the attached Motion authorizing submission of a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy under the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) for \$1,875,000, to convert the natural turf baseball field at Pacific Park to artificial turf; and authorizing the City Manager or a designee to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to apply for, accept, and implement the funding.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Proposition 1 Competitive Grant Program is a result of the Water Quality and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, codified as Division 26.7 of the Water Code. Proposition 1 authorizes \$7.545 billion in general obligation bonds for state water projects, including surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and drinking water protection.

The purpose of this program is to assist cities, counties and districts with multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects pursuant to Water Code Section 79731(h), and for projects to protect and enhance an urban creek pursuant to Water Code Section 79735(a). Projects funded by Proposition 1 must carry out at least one of the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan ("Water Action Plan") and meet at least one of the purposes of Proposition 1 as stated in Water Code Section 79732(a). Priority will be given to projects that meet the current challenges posed by drought and create a sustainable strategy for managing its water resources and supply.

After reviewing the criteria for the program and consulting with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC), staff is requesting \$2.5 million in Proposition 1 grant funds to convert the natural turf baseball field at Pacific Park to artificial turf. The field is currently used for both baseball and soccer, but is closed three months each year for renovation. By converting the field to artificial turf, the City will not only remove the need for over one million gallons of irrigation water per year, but also add an additional 1,380 hours of field availability each year. Conversion of the playing field to artificial turf will also eliminate the need to fertilize the field or to apply herbicides and pesticides to maintain the turf, which will reduce pollution and contamination of the county storm water system and restore natural system functions that contribute to water supply and water quality. Funding from the grant will also be used to add bio-swales around the perimeter of the playing field, eliminating even more turf and need for irrigation, fertilizers and pesticides. The bio-swales will be tied into the existing site drainage system to intercept water from the playing field, adjacent picnic area, paved parkways and the adjacent fire lane. The addition of bio-swales to Pacific Park will capture the first flush of storm water, reducing the amount of pollutants leaving the site and entering the county storm water system. Finally, the new bio-swales will be planted with native plants approved for local use by the Landscape Guidelines of the Los Angeles River Master Plan, creating habitat for birds and insects at a site where none has existed for decades.

The need for additional soccer fields is well documented and was repeatedly voiced by the community at the three Development Impact Fee meetings held in southern Glendale in late 2015, as well as at the Los Angeles County Parks Needs Assessment meeting held at Pacific Park in February 2016.

The estimated total project cost is \$2,500,000. The grant request is for \$1,875,000 and City's match will be \$625,000. Once funds have been awarded, staff will return to council to request appropriation of grant funds. This project is consistent with the City Council's priority, which is to develop and maintain facilities to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Glendale.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon successful award of grant funds, staff will return to council to request a Resolution of Appropriation of \$2,500,000, of which \$1,875,000 is the grant portion, and the remaining \$625,000 is the City match. The City match component will be appropriated from the Recreation Fund 501-601 and DIF Funds 405-601.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: The City Council may approve the attached Motion authorizing the submittal of the SMCC Proposition 1 grant application.

Alternative 2: The City Council may choose not to approve the attached Motion authorizing the submittal of the SMCC Proposition 1 grant application.

Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This report does not require Campaign Finance Disclosure.

EXHIBITS

None

MOTION

Moved by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, that the Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or a designee, to:

1. Execute and submit a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy under the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) for \$1,875,000, to convert the natural turf baseball field at Pacific Park to artificial turf; and
2. Execute all necessary agreements, certifications, and documents to apply for, accept, and implement the funding.

Vote as Follows:

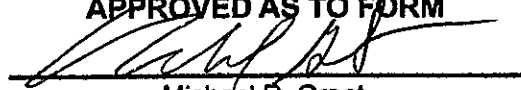
Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Michael R. Grant
Principal Assistant City Attorney

Date: 4-6-18

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