

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-387

DATE October 17, 2001

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR THE  
RESTORATION OF THE HAZARD WETLANDS

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board, subject to Council approval pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.7, authorize the General Manager and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to apply to the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Resources Agency, under the Urban Recreational, and Cultural Centers, Museums, and Facilities For Wildlife Education or Environmental Educational Grant Program, for funding in the amount of \$800,000 to implement the refurbishment of the Hazard Wetlands. Upon notification that the grant will be offered to the City, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation will be prepared for the project and the project will be resubmitted to the Board for consideration.

**SUMMARY:**

The 2000 Bond Act (Proposition 12) has a grant category, "Urban Recreational and Cultural Centers, Museums, and Facilities for Wildlife or Environmental Education." State Legislators nominated projects for this category. Four hundred and sixty projects were nominated, requesting grant funding in excess of \$410 million. Approximately \$8 million are available for this grant program. Only projects previously nominated by a member of the Legislature are eligible. Jackie Goldberg, the Assembly Member for the 45th District, nominated the Hazard Wetlands project. The grant was nominated in the amount of \$800,000 and is due November 1, 2001

This project proposes to determine water sources to the project site, assess baseline biological conditions and survey general wildlife, floral and fauna compendia and make a habitat suitability assessment. Based on these assessments, a restoration plan will be

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created and the restoration project would be implemented with funds provided by the grant. Wetlands are invaluable and need to be preserved as they provide erosion and flood control for the surrounding area. Any refurbishment plan would be integrated into current use and future plans for the adjacent Hazard Park.

The application requires a description of how the applicant will comply with CEQA. A preliminary environmental review has been conducted by the Environmental Management Section of the Department of Recreation and Parks. A Negative Declaration (ND) will need to be prepared for this project. Preparation of the ND will be conducted upon the development of the final scope of work, should the funding become available. As stated in the recommendation, CEQA documentation would be prepared, should the funding become available, and the project will be resubmitted to the Board.

This grant does not require a match.

Report prepared by Jane Kolb.