

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-375

DATE October 3, 2001

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUHTORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR THE WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE TRAILS PROJECT.

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Matthew
for General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

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 Recreational Trails Program, for funding in the amount of \$96,000 to implement the White Point Nature Preserve Trails Project.

SUMMARY

On April 3, 1999, the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Resources Agency (Resources Agency) announced the application deadlines for several Local Assistance Grant Programs. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) would like authorization to apply for the required funding to implement the White Point Nature Preserve Trails Project.

This project proposes 2½ miles of urban parkland trail development. These improvements will provide pedestrian access for the general public to enjoy the scenic, cultural, historical and wildlife resources of the recently dedicated White Point Nature Preserve, located in the San Pedro area of the City of Los Angeles. The project incorporates a self-guided interpretive program that will serve to enhance the park visitor's appreciation of the Preserve's resources. The project would also bring ½-mile of the trail system into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

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accessibility standards. The total cost for this project is \$115,200. We are requesting \$96,000 in order to complete these improvements.

The Recreational Trails Program requires that the Department provide a 20% match of the total project budget (\$19,200). The Department would fulfill this requirement with in-kind services provided by Department staff. A copy of the Recreational Trails Program Procedural Guide has been included with this report.

California State Assembly member Alan Lownethal, 54th District, California State Senator Betty Karnette, 27th District and the Palos Verdes/South Bay Sierra Club Group, supports this project.

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