

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-375

DATE November 6, 2002

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE - AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE STATE URCC GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445,000.00

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L. Barth _____

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Accept funds in the amount of \$445,000.00 from the State of California, Urban Recreation and Cultural Centers Program for construction of restrooms, educational panels, and signage at White Point Nature Preserve; and,
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the grant agreement, and any subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended, on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY

Over the past several years, the Department has been working with the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy to develop a framework for the creation of a nature preserve at White Point Park, which will provide environmental and cultural education to a broad spectrum of the public, including urban inner-city youth. The preserve will feature native vegetation and wildlife, and will include scenic trails, interpretive signage, a native plant demonstration garden, and other features.

In response to a request for projects from the State in 2001, a grant application was prepared to fund construction of the restrooms, signage, and educational panels at the nature preserve. On November 7, 2001, the Board approved submittal of a grant proposal for Proposition 12, Urban Recreational, and Cultural Centers, Museum, and Facilities for Wildlife Education or Environmental Education Program (URCC) for this project.

On October 4, 2002, the State Department of Parks and Recreation notified the Department that a grant in the amount of \$445,000.00 was awarded for the White Point Nature Preserve project.

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The Department prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the White Point Nature Preserve. The FEIR was approved by the Board of Commissioners on October 3, 2001, and by the City Council on December 12, 2001. The proposed project complies with the approved FEIR.

There is no match required for this grant program.

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